Scottish Borders Youth Voice is the name we give to activities for young people (aged under 25 years) to get actively involved in decision-making and youth-led campaigns in the Scottish Borders.

**Opportunities for young people:**

- Youth Voice Teams
- Digital Voice
- Child Rights Ambassadors
- Inspire Awards
- YouthChex
- Scottish Youth Parliament

Scottish Borders Youth Voice was founded on the principal of Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This states that Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child’s day-to-day home life. We aim to promote this and the other Articles through our projects and support offered to schools and organisations that work with children & young people.

**UNCRC**

**Meet the Team**

Ceri Hunter
Engagement & Participation Officer

Pam Rigby
Youth Engagement Worker

Scottish Borders Youth Voice
Scottish Borders Council
Headquarters
Newtown St Boswells
Melrose
TD6 0SA
01835 824 000
Ext 8405 or Ext 5450
youth@scotborders.gov.uk

@sb_voice  Scottish Borders Youth Voice
The Child Rights Ambassadors work to promote Child Rights education and awareness to children, young people and adults. They do this by developing resources and delivering training to young people, parents, staff and volunteers through schools, youth groups, NHS Borders and organisations that work with children and young people.

The Scottish Young Parliament (SYP) is the democratically elected voice of Scotland’s young people. Members are committed to ensuring young people are heard by the decision makers of Scotland and are determined to campaign on the issues which matter most to Scotland’s youth.

There are three elected representatives in the Scottish Borders serving as MYSPs; Cian Gullen & Corran MacFarlane for Ettrick, Roxburgh & Berwickshire and Jack O’Hara for Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale. They were elected by their peer group and serve for a two year term. They are supported by staff from Scottish Borders Youth Voice to attend three sittings of the SYP a year and to deliver and develop local and national campaigns. To get in touch with your MSYP please visit: http://www.syp.org.uk/find_your_msyp

Interested in becoming an MSYP in 2017?

- Elections are held every two years, in which young people from all across Scotland stand as candidates to become MSYPs.
- MSYPs range in age from 14 to 25 and represent constituencies in all 32 local authorities throughout the country, and national voluntary organisations.
- In October 2016 we will be recruiting for candidates for the 2017 SYP election if you are interested in standing as a candidate and would like more information please contact the Team.

The Youth Chex group are a team of young grant makers. There are 9 Youth Chex groups around the Scottish Borders and each group has a grant pot of £550 to allocate to new and exciting youth projects in their area. There are 2 group grant awards of £250 and 1 Individual grant award of £50.

The Scottish Borders Youth Voice Teams are Youth-Led Campaign groups who work to raise young people’s issues and create positive action as a result! They are split into 4 teams:

- **East Team** - Based in Duns
- **West Team** - Based in Peebles
- **South Team** - Based in Hawick

**AND INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEAM**

An online youth voice team working to increase digital participation and digital skills in the Scottish Borders

The Inspire Awards Group lead on the planning and delivery of the annual Scottish Borders Inspire Awards Ceremony. The Inspire Awards recognises the achievements of young people in volunteering and the community.

This group meet in the Langlee Complex, Galashiels.

The Youth Voice Teams are Youth-Led Campaign groups who work to raise young people’s issues and create positive action as a result! They are split into 4 teams:

- **East Team** - Based in Duns
- **West Team** - Based in Peebles
- **South Team** - Based in Hawick

**AND INTRODUCING OUR NEW TEAM**

An online youth voice team working to increase digital participation and digital skills in the Scottish Borders

The Inspire Awards Group lead on the planning and delivery of the annual Scottish Borders Inspire Awards Ceremony. The Inspire Awards recognises the achievements of young people in volunteering and the community.

This group meet in the Langlee Complex, Galashiels.

The Inspire Awards Group lead on the planning and delivery of the annual Scottish Borders Inspire Awards Ceremony. The Inspire Awards recognises the achievements of young people in volunteering and the community.

This group meet in the Langlee Complex, Galashiels.