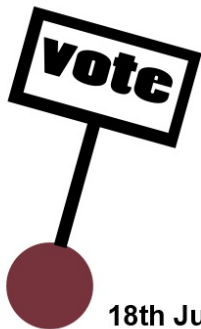


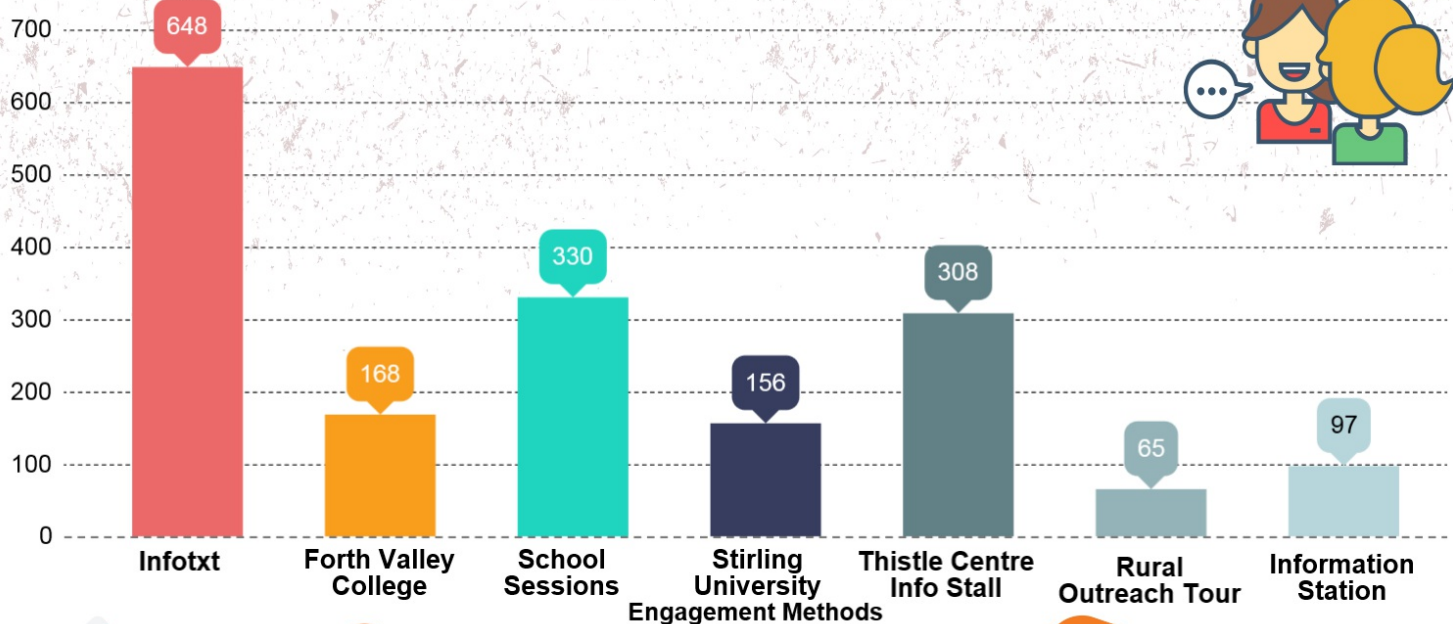
#Ready To Vote Stirling

As part of the Scottish #ReadyToVote Campaign and to fulfil our Youth Work commitment to empowering "Young people to express their voice and demonstrate social commitment" Stirling Council, Youth Services informed and supported young people to register to vote.



The Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill was passed on 18th June 2015. All 16 and 17 year olds meeting the criteria for the electoral register are now eligible to vote in Scottish Parliament and local government elections. This has been the first Scottish Parliament election in which 16 and 17 year olds were eligible to vote.

Young People Engagements February-April 2016



648 infotxts sent to 15-18 yr olds.

"its great to be able to vote but how do you decide"
S4 Pupil Balfour High School

"I didn't know I was able to vote, as I am originally from Italy"

Engaged with 424 College & University Students

12 young people were supported to vote at the Information Station as they needed registration help.

Youth Services engaged with 330 school pupils across our schools.

"The opportunity for young people to vote is a great one and I was pleased to do my bit in encouraging all young people to get out and vote!"
Kieran James McHale, Age 18, Killearn

Voter Statistics

Stirling Council -
The turnout was 61.5%
with a total of 34,318 votes
cast. The Electorate was 55,785 ,
rejected ballots 129

"only a handful of electors under 18's
in the whole of the Forth Valley area
contacted us on polling day to advise
they were not registered to vote"
Local Electoral Registration Office



2016 Scottish
Parliament Election -
Almost 290,000 more
people voted in the
2016 election than in
the 2011 election,
including those in the
recently enfranchised
16 and 17 year old age
group



Capacity Buidling

Youth Services contacted
local organisations to offer
information and materials
to support voter
registration for Young People



CYP
Young Carers
Corntonvale Prison
PLUS
Dunblane Centre
Barnardo's
Stirling Community
Enterprise
Big Noise
Tenancy Support
Through Care After Care

Stirling Mosque
Stirling Church Groups
Triangle LGBTi Group
Employability Groups
Streetworxs
Stirling Council MA's
Queen Victoria School
Beaconhurst School
Snowdon School
Ballikinrain School
7 Stirling High Schools



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