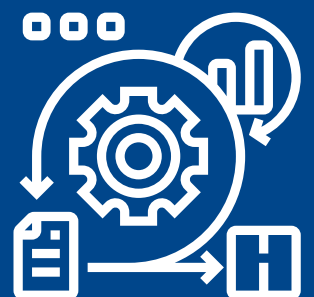




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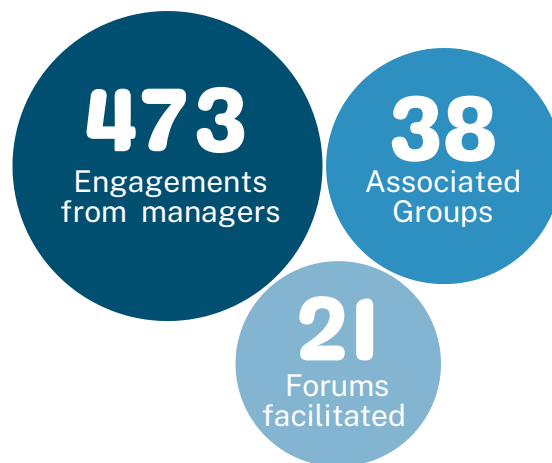
Connect

LAYC act as a link between Member Groups and wider youth and children's work services, sharing ideas, challenges and concerns.

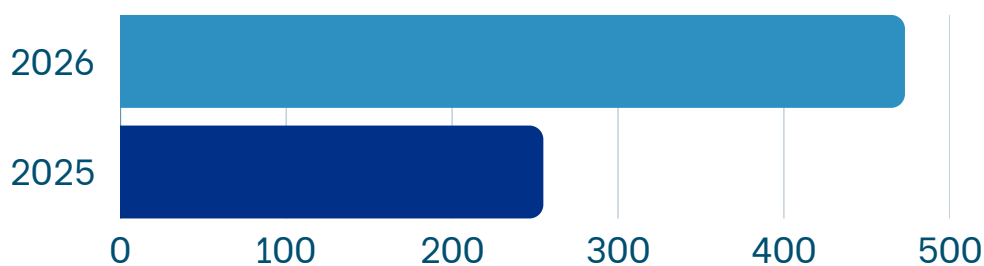
LAYC creates opportunities for Member Groups and other stakeholders to work together, increasing and strengthening partnerships.

How have we achieved this?

Facilitation of Membership Forums:



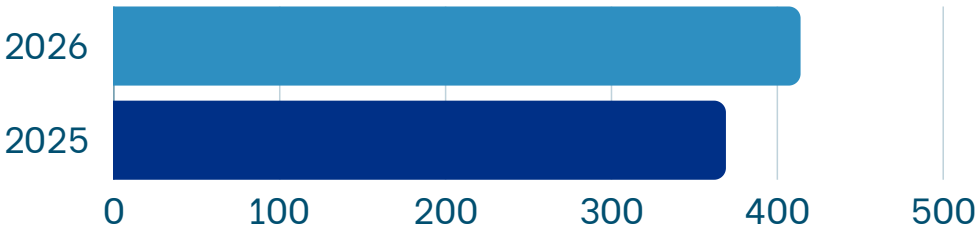
85% Increase in engagement from 2025



Engagement with strategic partnerships and working groups to represent Member Groups:



12% Increase from 2025



“ Thank you for all your support and for providing another year of fantastic opportunities to help support and improve out of school care. ”



Quote from after school club manager involved in LAYC forums.



Facilitate

LAYC provide advice, support, information and training to Member Groups on matters affecting youth and children's work.

The capacity of Member Groups is supported and increased, strengthening the delivery of local services.

How have we achieved this?

Delivery of our topical training programme:



These courses included:

Understanding Autism

Emergency First Aid at Work with Paediatric

Therapeutic play skills: how to respond to the emotional content of play

Child Protection Specific Workforce (formerly known as Child Protection Awareness)

Delivery of accredited learning opportunities:



4 participants

Benefited from delivery of SCQF 3 Ready for Youth Work.

9 participants

Benefited from delivery of SCQF 6 PDA in Youth Work.

Evaluation of the impact of training engagement:

Participants report increase in skills, knowledge and confidence



"The case studies and hearing how other people would deal with specific situations were very useful."

"Everything was excellent, and I am completely satisfied with the training!"

"The resources provided great. I'm determined to delve deeper to consolidate my knowledge."

Recent feedback regarding training courses at LAYC.



Champion

LAYC encourages interest in youth and children's work and are a voice for the sector in Lothian.

The interests of Member Groups are strategically represented, ensuring a voice for youth and children's organisations to be included in decision making.

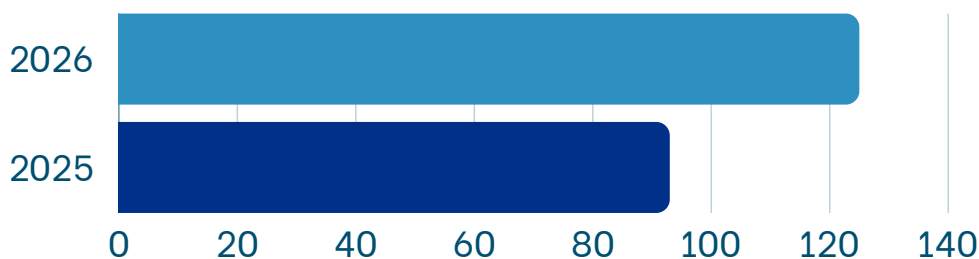
How have we achieved this?

Implementation of a social and digital media strategy, including Meet the Members, training impact, and local opportunities

125

Training impact social media posts

34% Increase from 2025

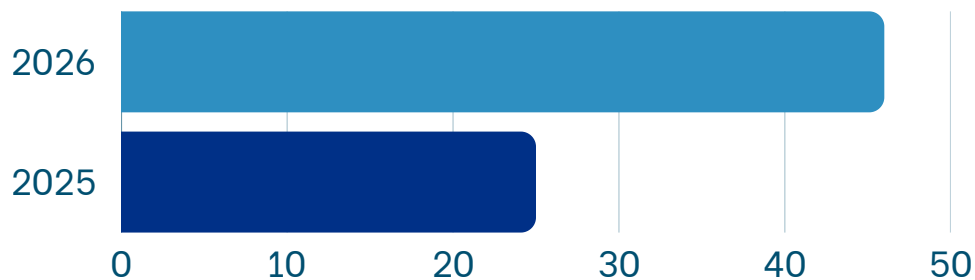


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Member Spotlights

84% Increase from 2025

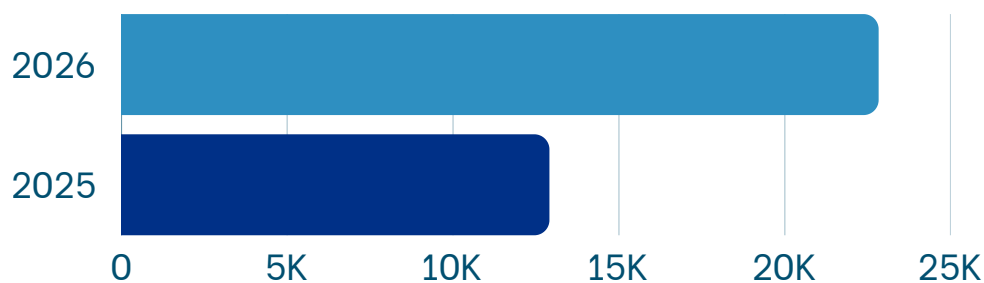


22,829



Website views

77% Increase from 2025





Good Governance

LAYC are committed to meeting fair work criteria and facilitating self-evaluation and governance health checks.

Staff and volunteers are supported and listened to making LAYC a good place to work.

How have we achieved this?

Board of Trustees programme of self-evaluation and governance health check



Strong governance action plan devised



Governance health check undertaken

Implement Fair Work Sub-Committee reporting to Board of Trustees



Fair Work Sub-Committee convened with Terms of Reference underpinning this Committee.

They met on **8** occasions with suite of LAYC policies and procedures under review.

Governance support to Member Groups, including annual governance health checks

12



Member Groups supported with a governance health check.



51

Member Groups supported by LAYC with PVG scheme.

131



Member Groups supported more generally with advice and information relating to governance, policy and procedures.

“

Thank you so much for all of your hard work and support. It's been, and I'm sure will continue to be, absolutely invaluable.

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Quote from manager of a member group.

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