

**RESPONSE TO THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE  
CONSULTATION PAPER:**

**YOUTHWORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

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**This strategy fails to offer young people choices. This strategy is about controlling young people not empowering them. This strategy fails to recognise young people's right to choose how, where and when they participate at any or all levels of society. This strategy attempts to mainstream young people through the consolidation of current, and creation of new, rigid local and national structures and institutions. This strategy will only serve to further alienate many of Scotland's young people. This strategy is a government reaction to the negative portrayal of young people. This strategy does not celebrate or promote the diversity of young people or the organisations that support them. This strategy puts young people in boxes. This strategy is safe (for the government), boring and dull (for young people). This strategy ignores both the views and actions of young people and academic thinking about participation. This strategy is a new ASBO – a new form of social control. This strategy is conformist, hegemonic and dehumanising. This strategy is about being a member of a club or an organisation or “volunteering” for a government programme. This strategy means I can be forced to take part in something I did not ask for - have no need for.**

**Choose this strategy? No Thanks!!**

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