

# YOUTH WORKER REPORT

December brought some wonderful events for our youth and school communities, alongside our regular primary school and high school assemblies which focussed on the Christmas message.

Our **youth night** in Portree, hosted by Skye Bible Church, saw us continue in the "Armour of God" series. Young people explored vital spiritual themes, learning how faith can equip and encourage them in everyday life. The evening was lots of fun with Winter Olympics themed games, yummy snacks and time to spend with other young people who want to learn more about Jesus too.

**Christmas Unwrapped** events took place in Glenelg and Kyle primary schools, whilst a beautiful **Christingle** service was held at St. Donnan's Episcopal Church for Auchtertyre Primary and Broadford Primary pupils joined us for a festive **Carol Service** at the Church of Scotland.

**We praise God that all of these events were able to go ahead as we had a lot of illness in the area towards the end of term and we pray that the seeds sown of the true Christmas message would remain and grow as it is watered in years to come.**



## COOL ANNUAL CELEBRATION

We are excited to be holding our COOL Annual Celebration again this February. This is an amazing opportunity to join together to praise God for the work He has been doing in our area over the last year. Details for the evening are below.

**Friday 6th February  
7pm Dornie Village Hall**



## CONTACT INFO

Thank you for your interest in our work and for your invaluable support. We thank God for you!

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# PRAYER POINTS

## GIVE THANKS FOR

The **incredible volunteers** who made all our Christmas events happen

The opportunities to continue to **build relationships** and **share the Good News** with our young people

Our recent **successful grant applications** which will help us continue the work of COOL in the short term



## PRAY FOR

Continued relationships to **grow and build** between our local schools and local churches

The young people who come along to the **Youth Nights** in Portree, that they would continue to be encouraged in their faith

The **Vision Day** we are having towards the end of January for Church Leaders and members of the Management Committee, that we would **God's wisdom and guidance** as we plan for the future of COOL

# THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

*Galatians 6:9-10*

As we begin 2026, we give **continuing thanks to God** for His goodness and faithfulness to us at COOL. We are so grateful for His providence over the years and we go forward into this new year trusting in Him to lead and sustain us. We are so grateful to everyone who have been faithfully supporting COOL over the years **in prayer, in volunteering and by contributing to the work financially**. You are a real blessing to us and we thank the Lord for you.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Lynne Kearns in December. Lynne worked tirelessly as Secretary to the Management Committee and as part of the finance sub committee. Lynne had resigned from her role in September 2025, as she and Andy had moved to Gairloch. We will miss Lynne's enthusiasm, warm humour and quiet efficiency in her work for COOL. Our thoughts and prayers are for Andy, who cared for her so selflessly and who will miss her most of all. May the Lord bring the comfort only He can bring to broken, grieving hearts.

2025 has been a **challenging year** for COOL.

Financially we have seen an increase in expenditure and a drop in giving. We have been successful in several grant applications, which has gone some way towards meeting the shortfall.

However, we need to encourage a long term, sustainable income stream if COOL is to continue running. Also, we have struggled to find enough volunteers to help with the activities and clubs we want to run. Turnout at COOL prayer events has been disappointing.

For COOL to continue to function as an outreach and support to local youth we need committed people to pray, volunteer and to contribute financially.

## Could this be you?

If you are not already doing so –

- **Could you commit to praying for the work of COOL and our young people across our local area and/or attending COOL Prayer for Youth meetings? (prayer notes are available)**
- **Could you give an hour, a half day, a day or a weekend of your time to volunteer as a helper at COOL run events and clubs?**
- **Could you contribute regularly to support the work of COOL? Or if you already do, could you consider increasing that amount in line with inflation?**

If the answer to any of the questions above is 'Yes' then please contact Heather on [heather@coolscotland.org.uk](mailto:heather@coolscotland.org.uk) for more information.