

## Highlights of the Imagineers story so far...

### 2016

#### May

- Following their school-based projects the 20 nominated children get together with the Children's Parliament team for a week based at Harlaw Academy where they create their amazing Mural and Film.

#### August

- Launch of 'Imagining Aberdeen: The Film' at the Belmont Cinema to an invited audience of parents and professionals. Followed by school screenings for peers.

#### September

- Imagineers meet with Aberdeen's primary and secondary school head teachers to discuss how they can make their schools joyful and happy places.
- At the Aberdeen City Service Awards the Imagineers win the title of Children and Young People's Champions.

### October

- The Imagining Aberdeen Mural tours the local communities of Tillydrone, Torry and Northfield as part of Locality Planning events.

### November

- At the Integrated Children's Services conference, the Imagineers are guest speakers on the opening discussion panel. They also facilitate a session for professionals on their role as child rights duty bearers.
- The Imagineers and Mural are part of Aberdeen City Council's Celebration of Children and Young People; staff and visitors at Marischal College are asked what they can do for children.
- Imagineers take part in the City Centre Masterplan consultation on Union Terrace Gardens.

### December

- A winter themed party sees the Imagineers celebrate 2017. They write some New Year's Resolutions for adults and share them on social media; 748 adults view the post!

### 2017

#### January

- Imagineers meet Aberdeen City Councillors sitting on the Communities and Housing Committee and the Education and Children's Services Committee.
- Imagineers meet with Education Scotland's CLD Inspection team.

#### February

- Imagineers meet NHS Grampian Board.
- Imagineers take part in the filming of a NHS Health Scotland commissioned film on a children's rights approach.

#### March

- Imagineers meet at Hazlehead Park to explore what changes they have made to Aberdeen and how being an Imagineer has changed them.

#### April

- Imagineers design a poster called 'Acts of Kindness'. This illustrates how kindness can change communities.

#### May

- Imagineers take part in the induction of newly elected Aberdeen City Councillors.

- Bramble Brae Imagineers meet with local MP Kirsty Blackman and then travel to London to visit the Houses of Parliament.

#### June

- Imagineers write and publish an open letter to their communities: 'Dear Community' captures progress made and the challenges that remain to help children live their lives with dignity.
- Gayle Gorman, Director of Education and Children's Services, hosts the children and their head teachers for a celebratory lunch in their honour.
- Imagineers receive the Anne Frank Award for their "active participation and extraordinary involvement in the promotion of Equality, Diversity and Human Rights".

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**"The best bits were getting to meet other people and becoming confident. And talking to adults, and they listen."** - Imagineer

## What's next? 2018 and the Year of Children and Young People in Aberdeen

Children's Parliament will be working with the Imagineers for another school year. Some Imagineers are now in High School and so a number of new Primary School Imagineers are joining us. Our new, larger group with children from P5 to S1 will be at the heart of plans to celebrate 2018 as the Year of Children and Young People. Plans are being made to continue the high-level influence children have. Watch this space!

## More about Children's Parliament

Children's Parliament is Scotland's centre of excellence for children's participation and engagement. Through our projects, programmes and consultations we work with children, the adults who love and care for them, and the wider communities in which they live. We work across the domains of **home, school and community**. Our purpose is to promote understanding of, and commitment to, implementation of **the rights of the child**. We do this by helping children and adults to learn that rights-based relationships are built on the core idea of **human dignity** alongside empathy, kindness and trust. We emphasise the need to address the needs and rights of children as distinct from young people or adults, but remind every individual citizen and Public Body that **children's rights are human rights**.

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