

Andrew Finds Himself in the Hot Seat

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Following recent elections, Andrew Hanton, S5, has been elected chair of the Moray Youth Council.

The Youth Council is an organisation of young people led by youth workers who discuss relevant issues and make changes within Moray. The group meet every month in Elgin and have recently won £500 to fund their activities.

The group do a lot of good in Moray. Jack Slinger (S4), a member of the group, said, "It is great to think that I am having a say in the lives of young people in Moray".

Elections took place on 18 March and council members voted on five board positions. Ellie Pearce and Jack Slinger (both S4) stood for the position of Additional Board Member (ABM) and Andrew Hanton (S5), for the position of Chair.

Andrew was successful and is delighted with his new responsibility. "I feel well up to the challenge of leadership and I already feel supported by the rest of the council", he told me.

Organising meetings, creating lists of items for discussion and setting the agenda for meetings are just some of Andrew's new roles. There is a lot of work in the role of Chair but for Andrew it is very worthwhile. Even in his first week in the role he has successfully set up a new email address for the council enabling people to send queries and suggestions. This also allows surveys and applications to be carried out.

It is a big commitment, but Andrew is excited for the coming year. He said, "I look forward to this year in the Moray Youth Council and hopefully we will achieve amazing things which will help to improve the lives of young people in Moray".

If anyone wishes to contact the council regarding any issues the email address is: morayyouthcouncilmyc@gmail.com