

.....an interview with JAN DAMSON, working with FYT under the
Community Programme.

Question: Jan, where are you from?

Jan: From Braco, a wee village in Perthshire.

Q. Age ?

Jan: 21

Q. What's the title of your job under the CP project?

Jan: Youth Work Assistant.

Q. And you've been in the job how long now?

Jan: About 3 or 4 months.

Q. What did you do before coming into the job?

Jan: I was unemployed. Before that I was working with Scotroc music and drama with Church of Scotland evangelist Stephen Anderson. That was for a year. Before that I was with "The Company" at Glasgow Arts Centre.

Q. What kind of things does your job with FYT involve ?

Jan: I help with youth work in different places. It varies from helping with week-ends away, to helping in youth clubs, to running drama groups.

Q. Give us detailed examples of some of the things you've been doing so far.

Jan: Helping with a group from Glasgow at a week-end at Stroove House.

Helping at Church House Youth Club, Bridgeton on Friday nights.

Helping with a workshop on drugs at *The Pits*.

Running a drama group at the YWCA at Bridgeton, originally for a younger age group, but now also for an older (16-20) group. We're hoping to make a video soon.

Helping with a girls' club at the White Dove youth club at Royston. (And meeting glue-sniffers for the first time. Braco doesn't have any glue-sniffers!)

Q. What have you enjoyed most about your work, so far?

Jan: I suppose just being with and meeting young people. And learning things.

Q. Such as?

Jan: Patience, for one thing. How to be more responsible.

Q. What have you enjoyed least in the job?

Jan: Being put into situations where I haven't been sure what was expected of me - both in the office as well as out in clubs.

Q. Did you know much about FYT before coming into the job?

Jan: No.

Q. Any comments on FYT now?

Jan: I like its aims and what it stands for. I just wish it could be a bit more widespread.

Q. Any changes you think needed in the structure of your job.

Jan: A company car!?

Q. Are you finding the job worthwhile?

Jan: Yes, very much so.