

## Stonehaven Flood Protection Scheme

### Community Benefits Report

### Work Placement/Apprenticeship

### January 2020

To help drive social value and maximise economic and positive impact the project offered work experience opportunities to the secondary pupils in the area as part of its Community Benefits. The aim was to enable students to help them develop job-specific skills alongside their studies and improve their chances of employability.

Local girl, 16-year-old Kayla Watson from Mackie Academy undertook a placement with the project twice a week from October to December. The aim was to learn about site administration, health & safety and community liaison with a view to a career in Construction #loveconstruction

Kayla successfully completed her placement and was offered a Modern Apprenticeship which she commenced on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. She is now enrolled with a fully funded place doing her NVQ in Business and Administration with QA Scotland.



Kayla and Sheila with the Project Therapet Paddy. Aberdeenshire Council have presented Sheila with recognition of Kaylas achievement

Kayla will be mentored by Sheila Tolmie, Community Liaison Officer throughout her apprenticeship assisting and guiding her until the project is complete.

Kayla says “this has been a great opportunity for me to see what kind of pathway I can take in the construction industry. My work experience helped me decide that this was the right choice for me as I can gain qualifications whilst working. I am excited about the future and learning new skills, this will help me going forward in my career choices. Thank you, McLaughlin and Harvey.”