

Cash boost for the 'Y'

THE Cumbernauld YMCA-YWCA says it is happy to have received cash seized from criminals which is to be redistributed to help young people.

The 'Y' has been given a ten per cent share of the £56,000 redistributed across North Lanarkshire from the CashBack for Communities scheme, which helps youth groups and sporting bodies provide free diversionary activities for young people aged ten to 19.

Eleanor Campbell, chief executive of the Cumbernauld YMCA-YWCA, said: "The Association is very pleased to have been awarded a CashBack grant, albeit a relatively small amount.

"The funding will be used to support our programme development plans in a number

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of ways." These, she explained, including expanding the YMCA-YWCA's Include Me Programme and themed youth work and enabling young people from Motherwell to join and fully participate in its existing Youth Committee, which currently consists of young people from Cumbernauld and Airdrie.

The Include Me Programme is a 12 week groupwork based programme for S1 and S2 pupils who are referred to the YMCA-YWCA by North Lanarkshire Council School Partnership Officers.

The cash will also allow the expansion of 'Y' leadership opportunities and development for over-19s.



■ Members of the youth committee who were involved in the funding application obviously feel they have something to smile about