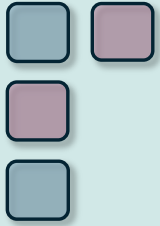


YFWM AGM & REGIONAL REVIEW 2026

Programme

10am	WELCOME & AGM	12.15pm	<i>Stoke LYPT and Youth Collective</i>
10.30am	REGIONAL UPDATES & REVIEW <i>Alice Higgins & Matt Hudson</i> <i>DCMS Regional Youth Voice</i>	1pm	LUNCH
11.20am	BREAK	1.45pm	<i>Birmingham Youth Work Partnership</i>
11.30am	<i>Shropshire LYTP</i>	2.30pm	<i>Workforce Development</i>
		3.15pm	Closing remarks
		3.30pm	FINISH



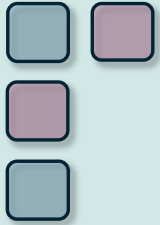


YFWM AGM 2026

- Welcome
- Chair's Foreword
- CEO's Overview: 2025/26
- Financial Report
- Elections & Appointments

Followed by Regional Updates & Review

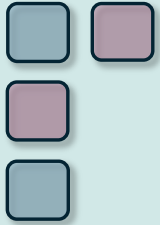




CEO OVERVIEW CONTEXT

- Consolidation of Governance & Operations
- Adaptation in an Evolving Landscape
 - Refining Team Roles & Relationships
 - Policy Context - Youth Matters





CEO OVERVIEW INFRASTRUCTURE

- Infrastructure - for Local Infrastructure - Within National Infrastructure
- Facilitator, Catalyst, Advocate
- Building form Grounded Grass Roots Energy & Vibrancy



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CEO OVERVIEW LOCAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS

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- Local Strategy in a Developing Landscape

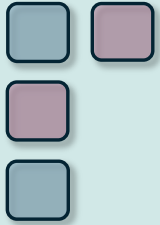




CEO OVERVIEW - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Core Purpose - Capacity Building
- Training Centre
 - Pathways, Platforms & Programme Support

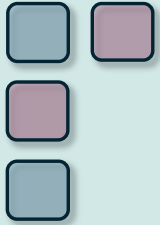




CEO OVERVIEW YOUTH VOICE

- Rooted in Building on the Voice of Young People within Local Communities
- Building networks linked local to national
- Promoting & Ensuring Reach & Diversity
- Support & Advocacy to Amplify Youth Voice

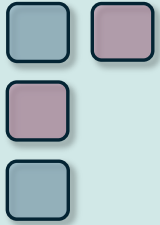




CEO OVERVIEW - CONCLUSIONS

- YFWM Local to National -> **STRATEGY** <-DCMS National to Local
- Size Matters - Staying Compact, Flexible, Adaptable
 - Raising the Profile of Developmental Youth Work
 - Enhancing Collaboration & Grass Roots Capacity



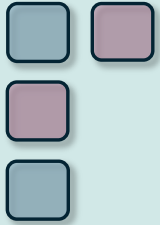


CEO OVERVIEW

TODAY'S REGIONAL UPDATE & REVIEW

- Creating opportunities, spaces and networks to share learning and practice
- A lived experience of our Annual report
- Enjoy and Engage





AGM AGENDA

Present

Apologies

Minutes of the 2024 AGM

Annual Report chair & ceo

Financial Report

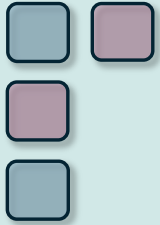
Adoption of the Financial Report

Trustee Election

**Appointment of Independent
Examiner:**

Date of next meeting





DCMS

Alice Higgins & Matt Hudson





Department
for Culture,
Media & Sport

YOUTH MATTERS

Your National
Youth STRATEGY

CONTENTS

- 1. Co-production and overview**
- 2. 'Youth Matters: State of the Nation'**
- 3. 'Youth Matters: Your National Youth Strategy'**
- 4. Delivery update**
- 5. Delivering change together**

OVERVIEW

The government has launched **Youth Matters: Your National Youth Strategy**, a 10 year plan created together with young people to boost youth power and support right across government.

New ministerial team at DCMS:

Lisa Nandy, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
Vicky Foxcroft, Minister for Young People

Two clear ambitions - by 2035:

- 1) half a million more young people to have access to a trusted adult outside of their home.
- 2) to have halved the participation gap in enriching activities between disadvantaged young people and their peers.



CO-PRODUCTION

Established a **Youth Advisory Group and Expert Advisory Group**. Engaged with close to **1,500 cross-sector experts**. Co-produced policies with young people across the country:

- Youth Survey: over **14,000 responses**
- Express Order: **980 responses**
- Focus groups: over **2000 young people** engaged
- **School assembly** and group session pack: **4000 young people** participated
- **Hacks** took place in Blackpool, Gateshead, Manchester, Ipswich and Bristol.
- Sector focussed deep dives - care experienced, young carers, SEND, arts, sports, culture, criminal justice, young asylum seekers.



YOUTH MATTERS: STATE OF THE NATION

Drawing on all the research evidence, the report identifies the following findings priority areas:

A generation under pressure: Young people report high levels of concern about money, mental health and wellbeing, friendships and social life, education and their future. These are confirmed across both the national survey and wider research.

Lack of local opportunities: A cross-cutting issue is the absence of local, in-person opportunities for socialising, engaging in activities, and forming supportive connections. This undermines young people's wellbeing, sense of belonging, and development.

Feeling unheard and unsafe: Many young people express a lack of voice in decision-making and anxiety about their personal safety, especially in public spaces and online.

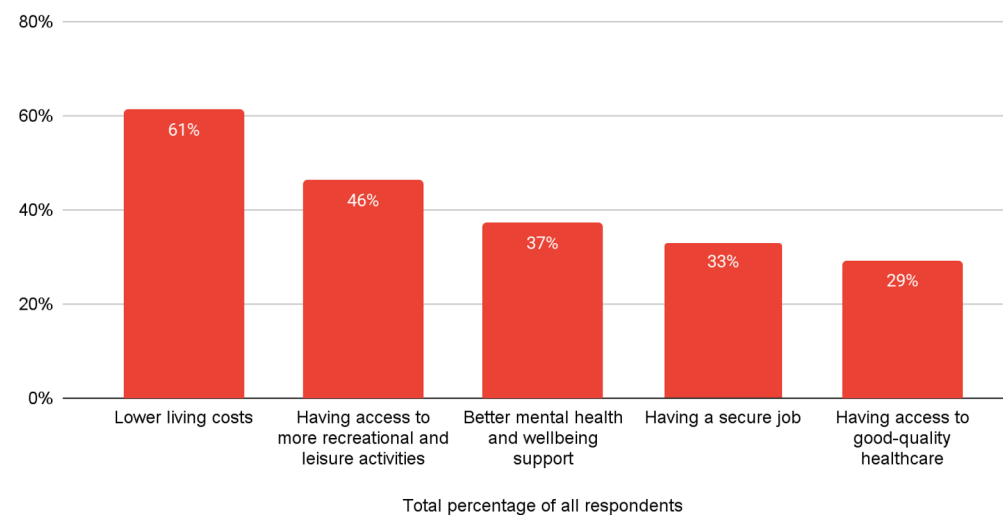
These challenges affect all young people, however some groups such as young people with SEN/D and those from lower socio-economic backgrounds, are more highly impacted.



YOUTH MATTERS: STATE OF THE NATION

- 76% of young people spend most of their free time on screens
- NEET 16–24 year-olds is approximately 946,000 (12.5%)
- Only one in five young people in England and Wales do not have a trusted adult outside their family.
- 16% of young people report feeling very unsafe or unsafe in their local areas.
- The UK as a whole ranks 21st out of 36 countries for child wellbeing. One in five young people in England (8-25) has a probable mental health disorder.

Which of the following things, if any, would most improve your day-to-day life?
/ Which of these things would make your life better?



THE VISION

Every young person – no matter where they're from – should have a safe place to go, someone who cares for them and a community they feel a part of.

The strategy will deliver on four key outcomes:

- Young people feel **safe, online and offline**
- Young people feel **connected** to people their own age and in their wider community
- Young people build **skills** and have **opportunities** at school, work and in free time
- Young people have better **physical and mental health** and **wellbeing**

IMPORTANT SHIFTS BEING MADE

We know that change needs to start with us. So we're making three big shifts in the way government will work:

- **From national to local:** We will use funding to empower local communities and increase place-based decision-making. We will work with local authorities and VCSE to build and strengthen their local offer for young people.
- **From fragmented to collaborative:** Helping to ensure services - from mental health support, to careers advisors and schools, councils and youth clubs - talk to each other and work together to help young people thrive
- **From excluded to empowered:** Giving young people the power to shape new policies and the tools to shape their community



CHAPTER 1: PEOPLE WHO CARE

Action 1: Trusted Adults

More adults around young people to talk to, from trusted adults in schools, clubs and communities, as well as more support for families.

Action 2: Supporting and improving the workforce

Investing in and providing training for the individuals and organisations who guide and support young people. More apprenticeships and pathways into youth work.

This is backed by **£15 million** for youth workers, volunteers and other trusted adults to better support young people and **£5 million** to support the youth sector infrastructure. .

Action 3: Friends and relationships

Making sure young people have more opportunities to connect with others, build friendships at school, in communities and providing support to address loneliness. Delivering a safer internet.

CHAPTER 2: PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO

Action 4: Richer lives

More high-quality, inclusive activities in and out of school, from cultural programmes to outdoor adventures and information.

Backed by over **£60 million** on a Richer Young Lives Fund, **£22.5 million** on the Enrichment Expansion Programme, and **£132.5 million** from Dormant Assets.

Action 5: Good work

Providing better careers advice, more work experience, opportunities to learn new skills and more support in schools to help every student thrive.

Including **£820 million** through DWP's Youth Guarantee.

Action 6: Keeping young people safe

Providing support for young people to stay safe, with restored policing in your neighbourhood.

Action 7: Places to go

Providing more welcoming spaces, including time to be in nature. Making transport more accessible to help young people reach these spaces.

£350 million to refurbish or build up to 250 youth facilities and **£70 million** to support 50 Young Futures Hubs.

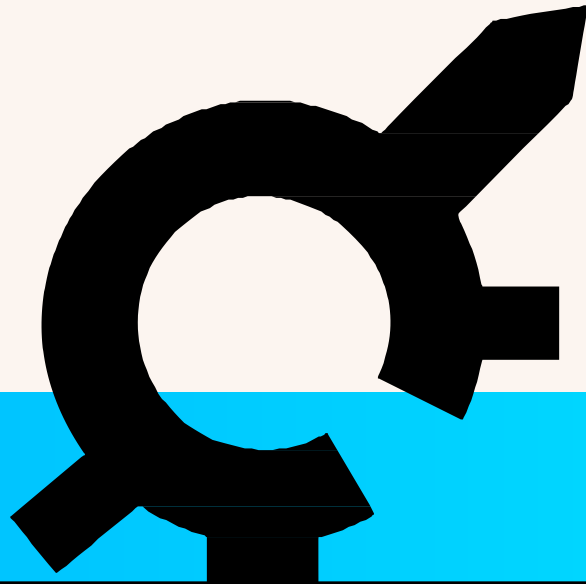
Action 8: Health and wellbeing

Making sure wellbeing support is part of everyday life through more chances to get active, wellbeing support teams in schools and colleges, and targeted support for those who need it.

CHAPTER 3: SEEN AND HEARD

Action 9: Delivering with young people

Putting young people in the driving seat of their own lives and empowering them to shape the solutions and decisions that impact them.



Action 10: Holding us to account

We have clear plans across our 10 action areas for the next decade and will make sure young people can hold us to account through:

Regular opportunities for young people to help shape programmes and policies and seeing updates online to track what we're doing.

Inviting young people to annual national hearings on our delivery.

Inviting young people to shape a report outlining progress on our delivery and impact.

Delivery update



Chapter 1: People Who Care

- Announced a **£10m match-funded investment in a partnership with the King's Trust** over 3 years to deliver a campaign led by Sir Gareth Southgate to reach 1m young people.
- Funded **two pilot programmes with Rugby League Cares** using sport to help boys build connections.
- Renewed funding for the **Tackling Loneliness Hub**, an online community for sharing good practice.
- Launched **Connections Through Gaming** pilot to test a programme that uses gaming-based activities to engage boys aged 11–16 experiencing loneliness, isolation, or low wellbeing.
- Ran a webinar to get sector feedback on a national **Trusted Adult Capability Standard** plans.

Chapter 2: Places to go and things to do

- Delivery partner competition finished for the **£400m Youth Matters Fund** and working at pace to set up the Fund this Autumn.
- Announced the £22.5m **Enrichment Expansion Programme** onboarding more than 400 schools from September 2026.
- New **Enrichment Framework** published to support high-quality school enrichment.
- As part of **Every Child Can**, a £132.5m investment of dormant assets, we have announced £12.5m for Libraries for Primaries, £12.5m for Music in Libraries and £10m for Creative Mentoring for Care Experienced Young People.
- **Additional 42 Young Futures Hubs** locations announced, building on learning from 8 Early Adopters
 - **Birmingham** is early adopter, **Stoke-on-Trent** and **Sandwell** are new locations
- Testing approaches with 20 LAs to improve **leadership in youth services** - the first 12 LAs incl Shropshire and Stoke-on-Trent concluding their projects in the Autumn.
- Working with DfE and the British Council to prepare the youth sector for **Erasmus+** applications from November.

Delivery update continued



Chapter 3: Be Seen and Heard

- DCMS has become the first central Government department to sign the **Power of Youth Charter**, Cabinet Office have also signed..
- The **Youth Matters Measurement Framework** has been finalised and will be published shortly..
- Developed **governance model for Youth Matters** to support cross-Government working including a **Youth Matters Portfolio Board** and Ministerial Group..
- We are continuing to **co-design policies with young people**, including our youth empowerment and democracy programmes, YFH and Youth Matters Fund We hosted a **Be Seen & Heard Co-Design Workshop**, bringing young people from different networks and regions across the UK into DCMS.
- Our [survey](#) and toolkit is live until 30th September - please share with your networks. If you have run a session with young people, please send the feedback to youth@dcms.gov.uk by 30 September 2026.
- Working closely with **online safety and social media regulation** teams to prepare for the U16 ban coming into force in Spring 2027.



OGD key policy and programme updates

- We are continuing to work closely with the Milburn Response Team which has been set up to respond to the **Milburn Review**.
- **Youth Guarantee** and **Jobs Guarantee** programmes are progressing, with DWP expanding support for young people into education, training, apprenticeships and employment, including fully funded jobs for eligible 18 to 24-year-olds. Almost **180 new Youth Hubs** announced in June.
- **Youth justice reform** published by the MoJ, with a focus on prevention, earlier intervention and better support for young people with complex needs.
- **SEND reform** engagement continues, with proposed changes aimed at improving inclusion and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
- DfE measures to **support children and families** include action to reduce school costs and ongoing reforms to family help and child protection systems.
- **Technical education** continues to grow, with DfE reporting record numbers of students receiving T Level results, highlighting increasing uptake of technical and vocational pathways for young people. Devolution of 14+ vocational pathways to Mayors.

Re-wiring the State: Devolution



The **"re-wiring the state"** agenda represents a strategic shift towards regional governance, aiming to create more joined-up, preventative, and locally-tailored support systems for young people.

01 Joined-up delivery

Services like health, policing, and education are intended to be joined up locally, moving away from fragmented delivery to a more unified approach.

02 Focus on prevention

The integration strategy prioritizes prevention, aiming to address issues before they escalate and ensure early, effective intervention.

03 Local authority influence

Mayors and local authorities will have more control over public services, including skills, education, and employment support, to better tailor decisions to local needs.

04 Strategic authority coverage

With every area in England expected to be covered by a strategic authority by 2028, there is a clear intent to provide consistent, region-specific support infrastructure.

Latest research



[#iwill Fund Impact Evaluation Interim Report](#) - looking at what we have learned about the Fund's impact on young people, communities and organisations.

[Insights from the Local Youth Transformation and Young Futures Hubs pilots](#) - the NYA has published an [Insights Report](#) synthesising early findings from the 20 pilot areas for the Young Futures Hubs and Transformation Programme.

Further research published by DCMS

- [Youth voice in policy-making Guidance](#)
- [State of the Nation Report](#)
- [The Big Ambition Analysis for the National Youth Strategy](#)
- [National Youth Strategy Research Project](#)
- [Evaluation of NYA Core Grant and Worker Bursary Fund](#)
- [Uniformed Youth Fund Evaluation](#)
- [Multi-Agency working to support young people](#)
- [Barriers and enablers to participation in youth activities](#)
- [Evaluation of the National Citizen Service \(2023-2025\)](#)
- [Life Chances Fund Evaluation](#)
- [Impacts of public services being delivered by civil society organisations](#)
- [Research: Loneliness, isolation and social connection among boys and young men in England](#)
- [Young people and work: Interim Report \(Independent Report by Alan Milburn\)](#)
- [Summary report](#) of the insights gathered at regional roadshows after the publication of Youth Matter (Produced by NYA).

DELIVERING CHANGE TOGETHER

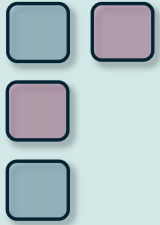
The launch of this strategy is just the beginning. We want it to spark a conversation that lasts, where young people help to shape their future, not just watch it unfold.

Join us on the journey to help deliver this strategy by:

- Signing up to the DCMS Youth team [newsletter](#) to be kept updated.







YOUTH VOICE

Amy Sharpe & Callum Parr

- Coordinating Regional Inclusion – Local & Sub-regional (inc Combined Authority)
- Regional Activities, Development Opportunities, Campaigns & Influence
- National Engagement – Events, Campaigns & Influence
- Impact & Value
 - Representative Voices
 - Policy Impact
 - Social Impact
 - Individual Development
- *Young people's Voices: Sienna Ahir & Tom Craddock*

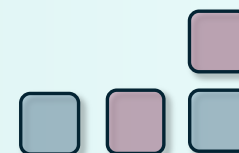


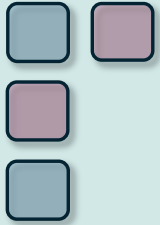


YOUTH VOICE

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Sienna Ahir



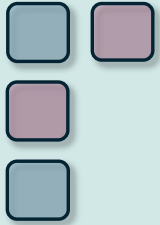


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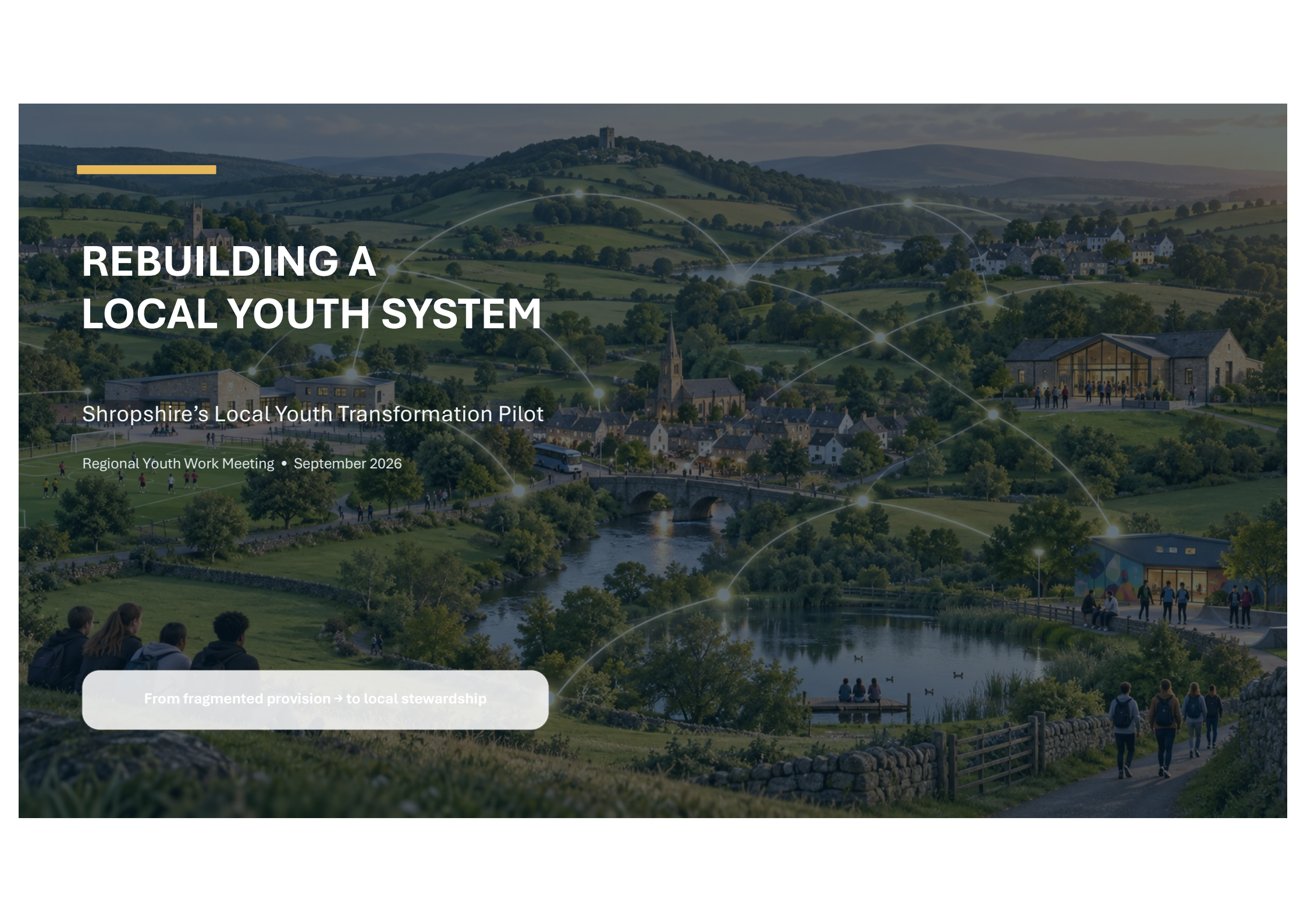




SHROPSHIRE - LYTP

Helena Williams
Rachel Symons



An aerial photograph of a village at dusk, featuring a river, a stone bridge, a church, and various buildings. A network diagram is overlaid on the image, consisting of glowing white dots connected by thin white arcs. The dots are positioned at various locations throughout the village, including the church, the bridge, the river, and several buildings. The arcs connect these dots, creating a web-like structure that suggests a network or system. The overall scene is illuminated by the warm glow of the setting sun, with the sky transitioning from orange to blue.

REBUILDING A LOCAL YOUTH SYSTEM

Shropshire's Local Youth Transformation Pilot

Regional Youth Work Meeting • September 2026

From fragmented provision → to local stewardship

STARTING POINT

Why transformation was needed

98%

reduction in youth service spending since 2010

£3

net spend per capita in 2023/24 — vs £34 England average

8 in 10

young people surveyed had never attended a youth group or club

The issue was bigger than “more sessions”.

Provision had become fragmented across the local authority, VCSE, schools and town/parish councils. The review concluded that Shropshire needed to rebuild the strategic foundations around youth work — not simply add delivery into a weak system.

“A radical reimagination of the wider system is required.”

Sources: Shropshire LYT Youth Service Review (July 2025); LYTP grant application.

The key shift: from delivery to stewardship

The local authority does not need to own every service — but it does need to hold the system together.



“Steer, not row” For us, transformation means rebuilding the functions of a local youth system around a mixed economy of provision.

Source: Shropshire LYT Youth Service Review (systems leadership and “steer not row” framing).

What is now in motion

01

Culture & leadership

s507B narrative, senior leadership learning and cross-council ownership

02

Youth governance

Hear by Right, Youth Advisors and an emerging participation framework

03

Local Youth Partnerships

testing genuinely local coordination rather than one large county structure

04

Workforce development

skills audit, qualifications, apprenticeships and professional stewardship

05

Youth work in schools

relationship-based prevention, Insight Groups and practice toolkits

06

Evidence & learning

sufficiency, community profiles, provision mapping and MEL

Place matters in a large rural county



Youth systems need to be close enough to feel local.

Town & parish feedback

60%

said current local provision was not adequate to meet need

3 themes

transport • places to meet • things to do

What we are learning

- Sufficiency is not a county-wide inventory.
- Access, transport and identity of place matter.
- Partnership boundaries have to make sense to communities.
- Local youth voice needs a route into investment decisions.

Source: Town & Parish Councils: Youth Offer and Community Profiling Feedback Report (Sept 2025).

Participation: from consultation to influence



The change we are trying to make

CONSULTATION “What do you think?”

PARTICIPATION Young people shaping the process

INFLUENCE Young people affecting real decisions

ACCOUNTABILITY “You said / we did” and feedback loops

Hear by Right

Youth Advisors

Participation framework

Source basis: LYTP youth governance workstream; current Shropshire implementation learning.

What we have learned so far

01

Rebuild the architecture, not just activity

Governance, workforce, infrastructure, participation and evidence are part of the youth offer — not extras.

02

Sufficiency is about gaps as well as assets

The question is not only “what have we got?” but “is it enough, accessible, appropriate and used?”

03

Place has to be genuinely local

In a rural county, one partnership geography can easily become too big to understand relationships and access.

04

Protect professional youth work

Youth work contributes through voluntary relationships, informal education, trusted adults and community presence — not by becoming another casework service.

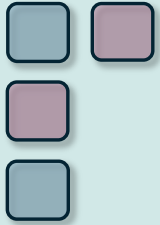
THE SHROPSHIRE YOUTH WAY

An emerging way of describing the local youth system we are trying to leave behind.



The test for us: when the pilot ends, can the system still understand need, listen to young people, support quality practice and make better local decisions?

REGIONAL DISCUSSION



STOKE - LYTP

Arran Northmore





Stoke-on-Trent Local Youth Transformation Pathfinder

YFWM
22nd September 2026



Our LYTP Investment

- c. £600,000 revenue investment secured
- c. £40,000 digital capital investment secured
- Revenue investment focused on 5 strategic pillars
 - Staffing, Governance & System Leadership
 - Developing the Local Youth Offer
 - Developing the local Youth Work Workforce
 - Youth Voice, Participation & Leadership
 - Quality, Safeguarding & Evaluation
- Digital capital investment secured a shared Monitoring & Evaluation platform (UpShot) to enable greater understanding of participation, retention, and impact.

Our Youth Strategy

A 10-year, whole-system strategy — built with young people and the sector.

OUR VISION

**Safe spaces.
Trusted adults.
Positive opportunities.**

For every young person, in every neighbourhood.

FOUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



**Safe & accessible
places for young people**



**Youth leadership,
volunteering & social
action**



**Education,
employability & skills
pathways**



**Mental health,
wellbeing & belonging**

2026–36

A 10-year strategy, approved by
Cabinet

c.3,000

Young people engaged in the
consultation that shaped it

10

Recommendations from young
people, all adopted

10

Shifts that create the conditions
to unlock last impact

Developing System Leadership

The Leading for Youth Network: stewarding the Youth Strategy together.

SESSION 1

Commitment & energy

Stewards and leaders from across the sector in the room

SESSION 2

Understanding & a decision

A shared picture of the Strategy, and agreement to lead its delivery

SESSION 3

Understanding to action

Mindsets, roles and accountabilities of a shared leadership framework

SESSION 4

A collaboration continuum

How we work together across the system

STEWARDING THE CHANGE MEANS...

Understanding

Advocating

Signalling

Enabling

Removing blockages

Not what the city delivers — how it works differently.



OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

Collective principles, values and commitments
— with our LTYOs now connected in.

Youth in all Policies

Youth work as a connector across the whole system — not a standalone function.



Developing the Local Youth Offer

Investing in structure, place and practice — so the offer responds to need.

COORDINATE



£80k

Stoke-on-Trent Youth Collective

Our Local Youth Partnership

Sector-wide coordination & collaboration
Breakfast Meetings & Working Groups
Introduction to Youth Work courses

ANCHOR IN PLACE



£100k

Locally Trusted Youth Organisations

8 priority neighbourhoods

Map local provision, assets & gaps
Convene neighbourhood Youth Partnerships
Embed youth voice in local planning

SHAPE THE OFFER



3

Frameworks that respond to need

Built through investment in capacity

Child First Practice

Youth in all policies

Youth Social Prescribing

Linked to health and Public Health

Mentoring Young People

Relational, in community settings

A youth offer built from need, place and practice

Tested through 19 Youth Delivery Pilots across 14 organisations

The Stoke Model

A place-based approach: youth work rooted in every neighbourhood.



THE SHIFT

Fragmented provision



Coherent local offers

Postcode lottery



Equitable neighbourhood provision

Cold spots



Trusted support in every neighbourhood

No cold spots by 2029

Trusted adults and relational youth work, in every neighbourhood

8 PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOODS · EACH WITH A LOCALLY TRUSTED YOUTH ORGANISATION

● **Burslem**

● **Norton & Ball
Green**

● **Blurton**

● **Abbey Hulton**

● **Meir North**

● **Hanley**

● **Chell & Chell
Heath**

● **Bentilee**

Workforce Development Plan

A skilled, confident youth workforce, rooted in local communities.

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



50+

enrolments on accredited Youth Work qualifications



Delivered with **Youth Focus West Midlands**

SPECIALIST PRACTICE WORKSHOPS

- **Detached Youth Work**
- **Mentoring Young People in Community Settings**
- **Safeguarding Young People**
- **Therapeutic Approaches to Youth Work**

THE PLAN

Aligned to our 3-Year Youth Offer Plan

Next: sustainable pathways — bursaries and aligned investment

Young Ambassador Programme

Young people as change makers — not simply recipients of the youth offer.

THE HEADLINES

 **20**

Young Ambassadors embedded in local youth organisations

 **300+**

young people engaged through Youth Days led by Ambassadors

THE AMBASSADOR JOURNEY

RECRUIT

First cohort of 20, supported by YMCA match-funding

EMBED

Paid roles in local youth organisations, mentored by experienced youth workers

LEAD

Peer research, youth social action and Youth Days

INFLUENCE

Parliament, MPs and the Leader of the Council; podcast interviews

In partnership with **YMCA North Staffordshire**

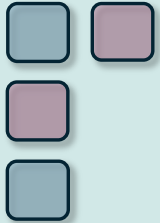
A pathway into youth work: Ambassadors join Introduction to Youth Work courses.

Successes & Learnings

- LYTP was never going to be the solution – but...
 - ... it helped us identify new ways of working
 - ... it helped us develop new relationships across the Council, Youth Sector, and partner organisations
 - ... it helped us integrate youth work into wider system thinking
 - ... it helped us unlock new investment from across the system to grow, expand, and innovate
 - ... it helped us unlock the capacity and commitment to be intentional about future development
- Investing in local youth organisations as trusted partners (LTYOs), not just delivery agencies, created the conditions for enhanced collaboration, meaningful youth participation opportunities, and forward planning
- This is a people business, so invest in people – not just training & workforce development, but relationships, leadership, and co-production
- Invest in young people as change agents – we listened to their priorities, their hopes, and their ideas; then we invested in them to mobilise their own local responses
- Setting a Youth Strategy bound the work together – it moved it from being a programme of work, to an approach – a way of working together – that builds the foundation for future opportunities, investment, and impact

The Stoke Model – a neighbourhood approach

- 1km access ambition – no cold spots by 2029
- 8 Locally Trusted Youth Organisations (LYTOs)
- Trusted adults and relational youth work
- Shift from fragmented provision to coherent local offers
- Somewhere to go; safe, accessible local spaces
- Something to do; co-produced activities and opportunities
- Someone to trust; consistent, skilled youth workforce
- Visible, trusted support in every neighbourhood



BIRMINGHAM YOUTH WORK PARTNERSHIP

Michelle Thompson



TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2026

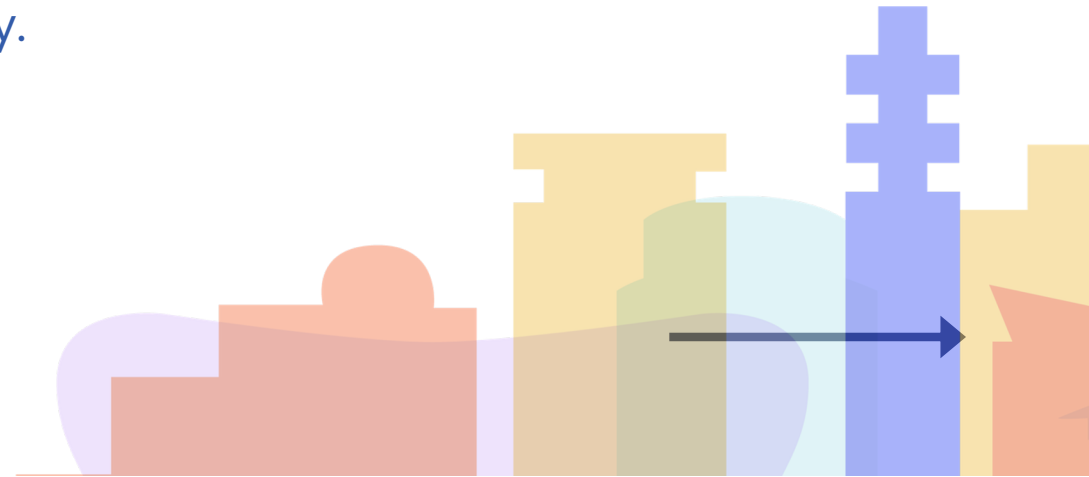


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“Supporting Youth Work Across Birmingham”

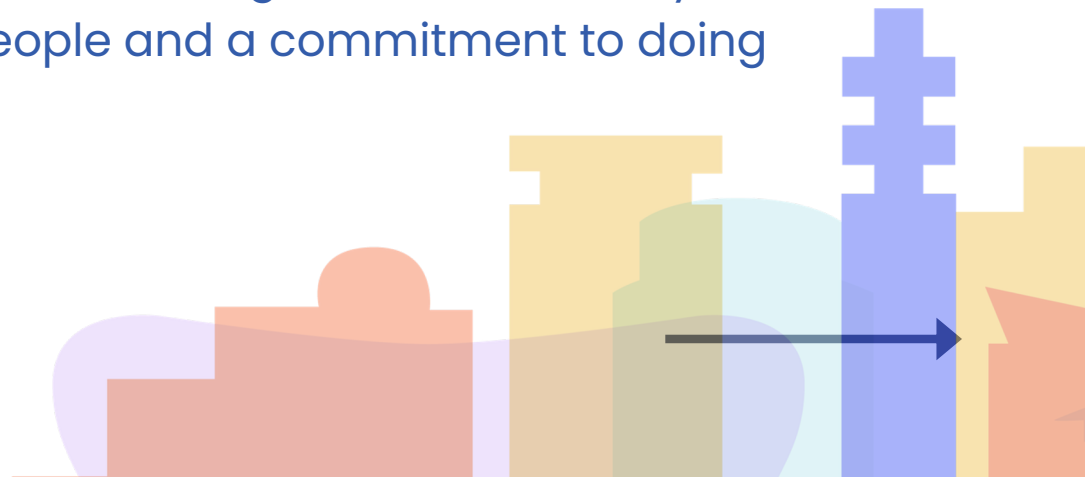
Who are we?

Birmingham Youth Work Partnership is an independent network of youth workers and organisations, deeply passionate about the young people of our city.



Governance

Birmingham Youth Work Partnership steering group is made up of practitioners, academics, faith organisations and Youth-Led Community Groups (Voluntary and 3rd sector) across Birmingham united not by contract, but by a shared passion for young people and a commitment to doing youth work well.



Values



PARTNERSHIP



LOCAL ACCESS



**WE LOVE YOUTH
WORK**



**WORKING WITH
YOUNG PEOPLE**



What are we?

We are...

- ...Birmingham focused
- ...an independent organisation
- ...a strategic voice to champion youth work
- ...working together to raise the standard of youth work in Birmingham
- ...facilitators of collaborative opportunities and spaces

We are not...

- ...a funder
- ...a youth work provider



Terms of Reference Outlined:

- **Purpose**
- **Objectives**
- **Members / membership**
- **Appointment of incubation**
- **Elections of members / Declarations**
- Conflicts of Interests
- Gifts and Hospitality
- **Public activity**
- Political Activity
- **Media Activity**
- **Meetings**
- **Support arrangements**
- **Fees, Expenses and**
- **Funding**



Who's Involved:

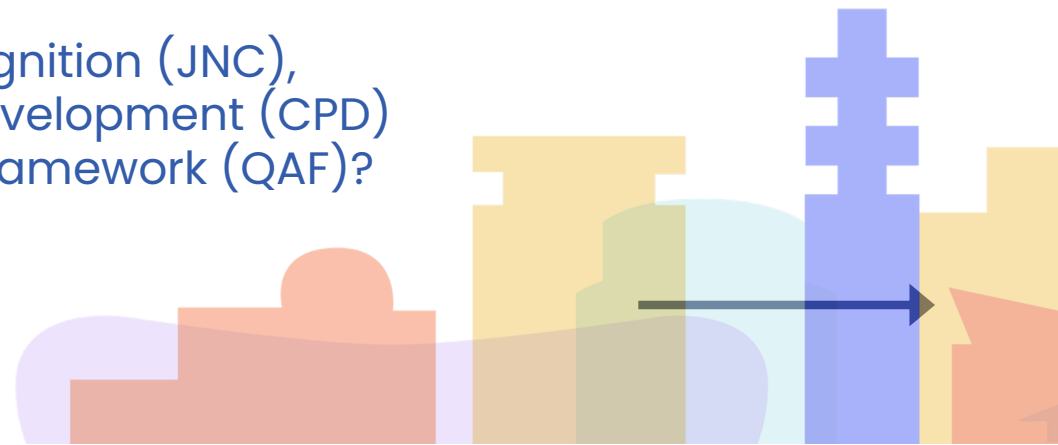
Thrive together
Newman University
BCU
Birmingham Association of Youth Clubs
The Church of England
Worth Unlimited
Safe Spaces
Urban Devotion



Main Focus



1. Introduction to BYWP
2. 'My vision for youth work across Birmingham is...'
3. What this is the core level of QAF and What do you think are the advantages, disadvantages and opportunities for Birmingham having a Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) for Youth Work?
4. How do you envisage professional recognition (JNC), training, and continuing professional development (CPD) contributing to our Quality Assurance Framework (QAF)?
4. Early adopters pledge



Next Steps

Birmingham Youth Work Partnership News-letter
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The first cohort of 20 participants begins Wednesday 30 September 2026. Sign up or register your interest by emailing:
[**info@birminghamyouthworkpartnership.co.uk**](mailto:info@birminghamyouthworkpartnership.co.uk)

Governance development will continue through 2026 - 27

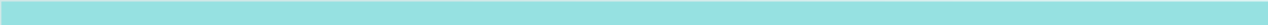
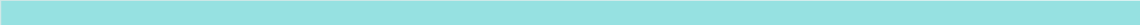




Thank you Any questions.....
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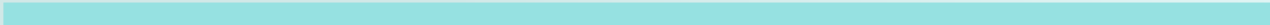
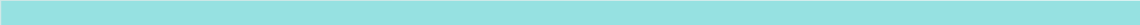
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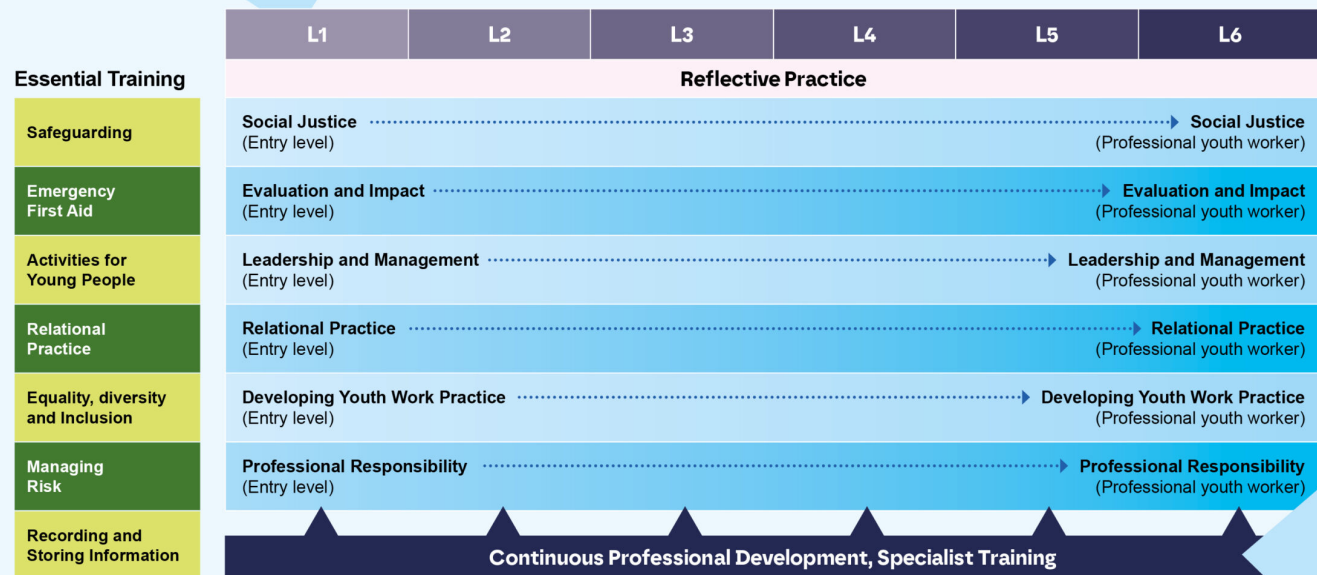
Re-mapping & Locating Professional Pathways

Initiatives, consultation and proposals linking
strategy to grass-roots needs & reality.



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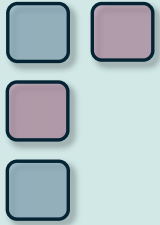
Standard qualification framework





WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- What are the current workforce challenges for you?
- What is the level of demand?
- Are local workforce strategies being developed?
- Are there any substantial *projects on the horizon* for which appropriate staffing capacity (quantity & quality) is already identified as *critical issue*?



CLOSING SESSIONS

- Questions
- Closing Remarks & Thanks
 - ❖ Paul Finnemore – Chair
 - ❖ Ruth Rickman-Williams - CEO

