

Leeds Youth Work Partnership

Provision of effective youth services in Leeds by voluntary and statutory sector partners

Terms of Reference

Definitions:

VCS – voluntary and community sector youth work providers

Statutory Sector – Leeds City Council Youth Service

Youth service – youth work delivered by partners from either sector

Aim:

The Partnership will form the basis for a strategic approach to the planning and delivery of youth work in Leeds.

Objectives:

- Identify the needs of young people.
- Focus on issues and services within each area of the city and how best to meet local need.
- Provide youth services to meet the needs of 11-25 year olds across the city.
- Inform the allocation of funding to deliver youth work according to Best Value principles.
- Identify and meet support needs of staff and organisations eg resources, staff development opportunities.
- Evaluate and quality-assure youth work provision consistently within an agreed framework.
- Develop and promote involvement and participation opportunities for young people.
- To be representative of the wide range of services and communities in the district.
- To be represented within city-wide and area networks, including Area Management, District Partnerships and CYPSP wedge meetings
- Put youth work at the centre of key agendas e.g. community safety, Connexions, Children's Trust, Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, Mental Health, the arts.
- Partnership work on strategic and operational planning.
- Explore, develop and share expertise and good practice.
- Celebrate and promote the value of youth work across the city.

Membership:

Drawn from Statutory Sector and VCS providers of youth services. Members should operate at a strategic, decision-making level. All member organisations will work primarily with young people to youth work principles and practice.

Procedures:

- **Chair** – rotating Joint Chairs – one Chair each from the VCS and Statutory Sectors, position to be held for 12 months, chairing alternate meetings.
- **Minutes** – serviced by the Voluntary & Community Youth Unit initially.
- **Venue** – rotating around the city initially.
- **Meetings** - to be held every 8 weeks, linked to the Key List meetings initially.