
Local Youth Work Network

Introduction

Youth work networks serve as a means of supporting multi-sector youth work developments and developing coherence in the availability and range of services.

The networks are a means of supporting smaller voluntary, community and faith sector organisations and promoting availability and quality.

They are a means of breaking down barriers between different sectors and developing a partnership approach to service provision.

Networks are one mechanism of engagement, but to be effective they require to be supported in terms of structure , capacity and partnership approach with a common vision of working together for the benefit of Young People.

The Youth Service has over the last two years increased its support to this sector and begun to expand its direct commissioning of services. The development of the city wide partnership is one means of addressing these issues. At a local level networks can bring together providers, develop partnerships between them, and prepare and support them to tender for commissioned work.

East Area

No Network at present

West

No Network at present, however the Area Committee has funded for twelve months a Youth Development Worker post to work with voluntary organisations who are involved with work with young people 9-13 years. The aim is to provide support and training opportunities to existing organisations to set up new provisions. This post holder is to be managed by the Youth Service and has accountability to Area Management as well.

North East

Moor Allerton Partnership – A multi agency partnership working to address the issues faced in the area e.g. Health, Education, Employment, Crime, Housing and Environment. Membership includes

- LCC Youth Service.
- City Services.
- Community Safety.
- Social Services.
- Environmental Health.

- North East Leeds Homes.
- Developmental Department.
- North West Primary Care Trust.
- West Yorkshire Police.
- Education Leeds.
- Job Centre Plus.
- Leeds Voice.
- Northcall.

The frequency of meeting is monthly and is chaired by Area Management Team

North West

The main network in NW is now know as the NW Children & YP Activity Group and is now a sub group of Children Leeds NW. It was started as a summer activity planning group, as agencies to produce a holiday programme for Summer 2006. The Group is now aiming to co-ordinate 0 to 19 activities for all the holidays and in future throughout the year.

Present membership of the group is as follows:-

- LCC Youth Service
- Leisure Community Sports
- Positive Activities Young People / Out of Schools Activities
- Active 4 Life-Healthy living.
- Leeds Play Network.
- Extended Schools/Services.
- Area Service Manager Libraries.
- YMCA.
- Area Management.
- Leeds Sailing Activity Centre (The Tarn) attends intermittently.
- Menston St Mary's School.
- Education Leeds.

The Group anticipates a representative from the Childrens Centres to attend in future and membership will be reviewed at the next meeting. The group meets every six weeks.

There is also the INWYN. It may be considered in the future that there will be a need to split the Activity Group into Inner and Outer, and that we would approach INWYN for this.

The Membership of INWYN:-

- LCC Youth Service
- Youth Point.
- Community Sports.
- Active 4 Life.
- Burley Lodge.
- YMCA.

South

There are four Local Youth Work Networks in the South area. These networks are a means of supporting smaller voluntary, community and faith organisations - those delivering services to young people in their locality. The networks main functions are to help develop coherence, promote the availability of services and quality. The following networks exist and operate in the area.

Morley

Membership consists of:-

- LCCYouth Service.
- Morley Police.
- Gildersome Cricket Club.
- St Andrews Church Morley.
- St Peters Church Gildersome.
- Adwalton Cricket Club.
- Drighlington ARLFC.
- Churwell Lions.
- Drighlington Girls Brigade.
- YZUP Club.
- Morley Spurs Girls Football.
- Gildersome Spurs.
- Morley Brownies.
- Morley Camping and Adventure.
- Morley High School (extended school services).
- Sports Development.
- South Leeds Area Management.
- Morley Church of Christ.
- Morley MBI Cllrs.
- Morley Observer/Advertiser.

Ardley, Robin Hood and Rothwell

- LCC Youth Service
- Local football club.
- Karate club representative.
- Resident Rep from Carlton (Rothwell).
- Robin Hood Cllrs.
- Church representative.
- Area Management Team.

They have been every 2/3 months

Middleton Park

The Middleton Park Youth Network meets on average every 6 weeks. I took over chairing the meeting approximately a year ago. Youth Service workers take minutes, and as a team forward these, along with the agendas and relate information, to existing members of the group.

Members of Middleton Park Youth Network:-

- LCC Youth Service.
- Belle Isle Foundation.
- The Cupboard Project.
- LCC Community Sports.
- Belle Isle Family Learning Centre.
- NACRO.
- Middleton YIP.
- DAZL.
- Winrose Project.
- Groundwork.
- South Leeds Family Learning Centre.
- Positive Actions for Young People (PAYP).
- Middleton Marauders.
- Middleton Community Centre.
- Middleton Leisure Centre.
- South Leeds High School.
- Middleton Sure Start.
- West Yorkshire Police.
- St Luke's.
- LCC Libraries.
- South Side Arts.
- Groundwork.
- Breeze.

At some stage the following have attended:-

Beeston & Holbeck

It meets on average every six weeks. Area management chair and minute the meetings.

- LCC Youth Service
- Signpost.
- South Leeds Health for All.
- Surestart Beeston Hill.
- LCC Area Regeneration Team.
- Holbeck Primary School.
- Education Leeds Extended Schools and Services.
- Middleton Youth Work Network.
- Learning Partnerships.

- Hamara.
- ASHA.
- Leeds Play Network.
- Building Blocks.
- Groundwork.
- West Yorkshire Police.
- Youth Offending Service.
- DAZL/PCT.