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CELEBRATING YOUTH WORK WEEK



MANCHESTER

2024 Theme & National Campaign

'A RIGHT TO YOUTH WORK FOR ALL'

'Delivering positive futures for young people.'

'The Art of Youth Work' in safer and inclusive spaces, where young people can discover their talents, celebrate their identity and feel connected within their communities.

What is Youth Work?

Youth workers can play a significant role in the lives of young people. They bring fun, a sense of structure and a host of opportunities to those they work with, broadening horizons, boosting social skills and providing a place to simply be themselves.

By supporting young people at one of the most important periods of their lives they help them learn new skills, embrace their passions, develop a sense of identity and independence. And, because youth work is not confined to a single location and the curriculum is about the process of learning alongside end outcomes or products, it offers greater flexibility than formal education.

Youth workers build voluntary, trusted relationships with young people, away from many of the other pressures they may be facing in their lives. They primarily work with young people aged between 10 and 19, but may support young adults up to the age of 25 depending on their needs.

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Youth Work contributes to



Youth Voice
Engaging in the democratic process

YOUTH PROJECTS ARE NEEDED.

The Right to be heard

UNCRC

Article 12

Children & Young People have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

United Nations Convention Rights of the Child

Manchester



The National Youth Work Curriculum

Enables a greater understanding of youth work practice, provides an educational framework and acts as a reference tool to be used by decision makers, policy makers, commissioners, associated professions, youth workers, young people their families and communities.

<https://nya.org.uk/document/nya-national-youth-work-curriculum/>

Occupational Standards & Opportunities to be a Youth Worker

National Occupational Standards define the competencies required to be a professional youth worker. However, there are career stepping stones that are now possible in some Voluntary Community, Social Enterprise Sector youth organisations in the city.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds support youth work projects but these projects also employ people at a range of levels in part time paid jobs to full-time professional careers.

The 'tools' we use to do youth work are wonderfully varied including: arts, music and the general creative industries; sport, outdoor activity; discussion, debate and representation in decision making; developing new interests & hobbies, well-being & general life skills, challenges, adventure and fun guided by professional principles of practice & youth work values.

<https://nya.org.uk/national-occupational-standards-and-english-youth-work-policy-new-document-published/>

Do you know someone who has the potential to be a good youth worker ?

After too many years of austerity hits, we are working on solutions. Together, the VCSE organisations continue trying to grow and develop quality youth work in the city. Training support is available supported by Manchester City Council and others including the National Youth Agency and Youth Focus NW ...

A second Level 2/3 youth work course will start in January 2025

sponsored by Manchester City Council



YOUTH WORK VALUES

include:

Equality: Youth work is for all young people, and it respects differences between them.

Empowerment: Youth work helps young people develop the skills and confidence to make decisions and act on issues that affect their lives.

Participation: Youth work supports young people in becoming partners and leaders in their own learning.

Education: Youth work offers informal learning opportunities that can complement formal learning in schools and colleges.

Respect: Youth work is based on mutual respect.

Inclusion: Youth work promotes inclusion.

Safety: Youth work prioritizes safety and well-being.

Positivity: Youth work promotes positivity.



Manchester's ambition to become a UNICEF UK Child Friendly City



Manchester City Council is working with children's charity, the UK committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK), to become a Child Friendly City [Child Friendly Cities Initiative](#)

"We want to put children's rights into practice and Manchester to be a city where all children & young people, whether they are living in care, using a children's centre, playscheme, youth centre or visiting their local library, have a say, and truly benefit from, the local decisions, services and spaces that shape their lives."

Free Children's Right Introduction Training

Join child rights experts from UNICEF UK for a practical and interactive introduction to children's rights as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: click on link below.

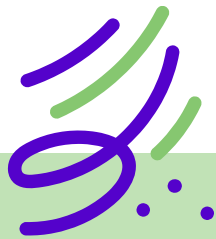
<https://forms.office.com/e/0aMWLkq86F>

For more information or to get involved or attend children's rights training, contact us at:

childfriendlycity@manchester.gov.uk

Please use hashtag #ChildfriendlyMCR

Visit the website www.childfriendlymanchester.co.uk



"A youth-led partnership of over 120 local non-profit organisations and groups supporting 15,000 children and young people in Manchester every week. With Manchester being the third fastest growing economy in the UK and 45% of children in Manchester currently living in poverty, we are dedicated to building a city where every child and young person can shape their city and reach their full potential through vibrant, connected and inclusive opportunities.

To ensure we achieve this mission, we work together with our partners to strengthen, connect and champion opportunities for children and young people, ensuring these reach the most excluded communities across Manchester."

For more information about the organisation or to sign up to the weekly newsletter, head over to youngmanchester.org !"

The Youth Work Network In MANCHESTER

with links across GM and the N.W

The Youth Work Offer to Young People is made by a wide range of organisations across the city.

Although it can be a struggle to find funding to deliver quality services, the reduced amount available comes from a variety of sources including: fundraising, individual & business sponsorship, trust funds, funding charities, housing groups, faith groups, the lottery and government departments both local and national...

The financial hit to youth work during the last decade was huge, so a massive 'big-up' to those organisations, youth workers & supporters that are here in 2024 'striving to offer positive futures to young people.'



In Manchester, the City Council directly supports a Youth Council and District Youth Forums who also connect with the Greater Manchester Youth Combined Authority & Youth Focus North West.

It commissions some VCSE organisations to deliver youth work activity to help achieve shared goals. Some are small, grass roots projects in community centres, mobiles, parks, community halls but a few are larger with good on site facilities. The latter also welcome youth groups on organised educational fun trips from other parts of the city. Some specialist organisations are also commissioned and usually offer a city-wide service.

There is a culture of cooperation assisted by Young Manchester and **Manchester City Council's** small team of professional staff in their 'Youth, Play & Participation Team, located in the Neighbourhoods Directorate with Libraries, Culture and Galleries.

M.C.C. meet with VCSE representatives both city-wide and in geographical districts to discuss and debate strategy and best practice. They now also support the partnerships, networks and alliances that make up the districts with small amounts of funding so that they can respond more effectively to needs of organisations, build capacity, improve practice through training and the sharing of skills and knowledge. We are working together to identify & address some of the issues that restrict youth work development including: appropriate accommodation, enhancing workforce skills... This all helps to realise the ambition of becoming a Child Friendly City. We have much still to do, even to get back to where we were. However, youth workers and supporters of youth work are resilient and generally optimistic which are useful traits to have in challenging times.

Government announce National Youth Strategy

On 17 October, during oral questions for Culture, Media and Sport in parliament, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Lisa Nandy announced the Government's commitment to co-produce a National Youth Strategy alongside young people and youth workers.

She paid tribute to the "youth workers up and down this country who have done incredible work being a lifeline for young people in what has been a very bleak landscape for too long".

The National Youth Agency's six-point manifesto calls on national government to ensure all young people have access to the youth provision they need, to create opportunities for young people where they live, to support local authorities to fulfil their Statutory Duty through new legislation and to rebuild the youth work workforce.



We need a UNIVERSAL Youth Offer in MANCHESTER

Get in Touch

We can't list here all the groups & organisations that make a Youth Offer. We have listed contacts for those that help to lead the partnerships across M.C.C.'s geographical district structure. They will be able to direct you to people & organisations who can answer your questions. You can also visit Young Manchester online.

Central District

Central East A6 Partnership

M13 Youth Project

helenem13youthproject.org.uk

Anson Cabin,

Levenshulme Youth Project

Hideout Youth Zone

enquiries@hideoutyouthzone.org

Central West

Moss side Power House

l.davenportmsmpowerhouse.org.uk

KYSO., Trinity House, Odd Arts

Brink Productions, Families Against Violence

Bahai Institute for Community Building

Hideaway Youth Project

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M13 Youth Project

Highway Hope

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Making Education a Priority, GIFT

42nd Street. The Proud Trust,

Yellow Jigsaw CIC

North West Media LTD (Unity Radio),

Groundwork, M.Y.L.



South District

South Manchester Youth & Play Network

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Old Moat Youth Outreach Project, Unity Arts,
Community Minded, WELSafe.

Barlow Moor Community Assoc. toni@barlowmoorca.co.uk

Water Adventure Centre, Groundwork

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Whalley Range Youth Opportunities Association

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Youth On Solid Ground majid@yosg.org.uk

North District

North Manchester Network

Manchester Youth Zone

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Moston & Collyhurst ABC

Reflecteen,

Equal Education Chances, Wai Yin Society,

Street League, Nurturing Foundations

MaD Theatre Company, Groundwork

GM Youth Federation White Moss YC.

North Manchester Network & Hope for

Cheetham - Young Manchester

Emma - e.sims@youngmanchester.org

Communities for All, MaD Theatre

New Testament Church of God

Abraham Warriors

 Rainbow Surprise

East Manchester Youth & Play Partnership

Y.P.A.C.

Chris.macintosheypacmanchester.org.uk

Water Adventure Centre, Manchester Settlement

East Manchester Youth Partnership

4CT claire@4ct.org.uk

East Manchester Community Champions

Skating Edge, Living Stones Education Trust

New Leaf Foundation

Wythenshawe Youth Alliance

WCHG kendra.brown@wchg.org.uk

City in the Community, Manchester Young Lives,

Wythenshawe Community Initiative ...

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