



Youth work supports the personal and social development of young people through engagement, education, and empowerment. Young People are provided with support, encouragement, within safe spaces to build the capabilities they need for learning and the transition to adulthood. We achieve this through the voluntary engagement of young people in both universal and targeted provision, delivered by skilled and qualified Youth Workers at the times and locations that meet the needs of both individuals and groups.

Our team deliver Youth Work programmes across all 33 wards, delivering and diverting Youth Work intervention to Young People 11-17 (25yrs for those with additional and complex needs) and Communities who need it most. Issue based Youth Work is at the core of our delivery with sessions focused on emotional and mental wellbeing, positive decision making, risk taking behaviours, sexual health, substance misuse, physical health, peer pressure, sports, fitness, participation and empowerment to name just a few.

Our delivery takes the form of centre based youth sessions, detached, outreach, and mobile youth van provision. Through incorporating the Childrens and Young People’s Plan 2023-28, the Child Friendly 12 Wishes, and the Leeds Community Safety Strategy, the service blends a universal, holistic city wide offer that meets the specific needs of local young people and the communities in which they live.

Every programme is planned and delivered in conjunction with Young People, for Young People, ensuring the needs of both individuals and groups are met. Our Youth Work delivery is built upon the Leeds Vision For Youth Work, with the six elements of the Vision integrated throughout our strategic planning and operational delivery.

Leeds Vision For Youth Work		
Youth Work will be valued and understood	Participation and Empowerment	Collaboration
Respect and Positivity	Inclusiveness, Equality, and Diversity	Quality, Safety, and Wellbeing

The year 23/24 saw the service engage almost 8,000 Individual Young People, delivering 7495 Youth Work sessions with an accumulative session attendance of over 100,000. As Leeds Youth Service continues to develop the team welcome the opportunity to share further information with Young People, communities, and partners.

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