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Galvanise

To inspire, mobilise, stimulate, awaken, electrify, energise, motivate, move, prime, stir, vitalise, provoke





We would like you to help us make things happen

- The National Youth Reference Group (NYRG) is made up of young people aged 16-25 from England, who have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness.
- NYRG was set up and is supported by Communities and Local Government as part of the National Youth Homelessness scheme
- The group is available to assist National and Local Government and homeless agencies and councils to improve involvement opportunities for young people.





Membership





























Desserts

Benefits to young people

- Have your say and make a difference
- Influence professionals to create and develop opportunities for other young people.
- Meet new people, learn new skills and increase your confidence.
- Develop a personal "Success and Review Diary".

Benefits to organisations

- Experienced and accessible youth consultation group.
- Increase staff learning on youth Involvement including overcoming barriers.
- Raise awareness on Youth Involvement
- Develop and improve your involvement opportunities to maximise feedback and continuous improvement.

Getting It Right

For Young People











WHAT FACTORS MAKE YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL RESPONSIBLE

- > Themselves: Independent responsibility
- Communities: Getting Involved
- > Services: Youth Involvement, shaping services the 3 P's, Influencing people

What Kinds of organisations work best in achieving outcomes for Young people

YOUNG PEOPLE'S VIEW POINT

THE NYRG'S TOP TEN services

- 1. Connexions
- 2. Job Centre Plus
- 3. Brook Centre (NHS Centre)
- 4. Healthy Gay Life (HGL)
- 5. Childline

What Kinds of organisations work best in achieving outcomes for Young people

- 6. ST Basils
- 7. Princes Trust
- 8. Norton Foundation / Fenton Foundation
- 9. Student Union
- 10 The Rep

HOW ARE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED? HOW CAN WE GET THIS RIGHT

- Boards and panels made up of young people
- Being trained to train others
- Flexible training courses
- The right staff with the right skills
- More opportunities for youth to be involved
- Create a more relaxing and welcomed environment for young people

What ideas about changing behaviour inform the work of these organisations

YOUNG PEOPLE'S VIEW POINT

TOP 5 POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Stop Look Listen
- Adapting to the ever changing environment
- Plan ahead to tackle change
- Learn from your mistakes to strive for improvement
- "Every days a school day"

How have professional service providers had to change their way of working

- New Technology internet / Social Network
- Involving young people from the start
- Listening and Respecting Young people
- Creative Thinking

The NYRG Super Top 3

What makes a good service

- 1 Share Good Practice
- 2 Invest in the person, not just service
- 3 ETHOS back to basics









