



Sandwell Youth Service

National Youth Work Week & Statutory Guidance Update







- National Youth Work Week is an annual event co-ordinated by the National Youth Agency to celebrate best practise and highlight the work of the youth sector in supporting young people.
- This year's theme was 'Youth work in every place and space' and took place between 6 12 November 2023.











Youth Work Week 2023 in Sandwell







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Case Studies from young people and staff







Tayyab Lodge Road Youth Club





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Youth Work Week 2023 in Sandwell Youth worker pledges...

South Work Week A WWW23 *YWW23

I / We pledge to...

Continue to give young women a safe space and voice

NVA Youth work in every place and space

Youth Work Week

I / We pledge to...

Provide consistency to the young people of Sandwell and continued support

NVA Youth work in every place and space

S Youth Work Week The #YWW23

I / We pledge to...

Empower young people and encourage confidence and self esteem while delivering informal education NYA Youth work in every place and space **O Youth Work Week**

I / We pledge to...

Always give 100% and be the best mentor I can!

NVA Youth work in every place and space

Youth Work Week 114 *YWW23

I / We pledge to...

Support young people with their substance misuse issues

NVA Youth work in every place and space **S Youth Work Week Main** #YWW23

I / We pledge to...

Support young people with more learning outcomes by talking to them & listening to them & encouraging them to participate

NYA Youth work in every place and space



I / We pledge to...

Always endeavour and keep the needs of young people as the cornerstone of the work I do with a focus on progressive development

NYA Youth work in every place and space

Q Youth Work Week

I / We pledge to...

Listen to young people, keep communicating and address the needs and keep building trust

NVA Youth work in every place and space







New warm hubs open up to provide welcoming place for young people in Sandwell

Sandwell Council's Youth Service has launched a number of warm hubs for young people, meaning that young people aged 11 to 19 and up to 25 with additional needs can access the warm hubs at their local youth provision, during normal opening times.



The warm hubs will be safe and welcoming spaces, accessible and open regularly and run by qualified and experienced youth workers and volunteers. Depending on facilities at each hub, young people will be able to get a hot drink, a snack or even be able to rustle up a hot meal.









Under section 507B of the Education Act 1996:

Local authorities in England have a **legal duty**, so far as reasonably practicable, to secure for qualifying young persons (13 - 19 years old or up to 24 for those with special educational needs) in the authority's area access to:

- sufficient educational leisure-time activities which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities; and
- sufficient recreational leisure-time activities which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities.

This relates to out-of-school hours and settings.









- Updated guidance was published in September 2023
- The revised guidance has gone from a 3 page document to a 19 page document. It includes a more detailed account of what Local Authorities should be striving to achieve
- There are a number of 'musts' that LA's are legally required to deliver including:
 - Educational leisure-time activities and associated facilities which must include sufficient services which are for the improvement of young people's personal and social development (traditionally known as youth work)
 - Engagement with young people to determine their needs
 - Sufficient level of activities and facilities to meet need
 - Publicise what is available and keep this up to date





Toolkit for local authorities

- To support local authorities to meet the duty, NYA have created a toolkit for local authorities.
 - 9 essentials for creating a local youth offer
 - Includes checklists for councils to work through







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NYA Workforce Strategy

- Promotion of youth work as a career and as a practice
- Training and Education of practitioners
- Links between training and practice
- Developing and supporting sector specific youth work
- Developing infrastructure
- Aim to have by 2032, 10,000 professionally qualified youth workers, 20,000 youth support workers and 40,000 trained volunteers

National Youth Agency

Youth Workforce Development Strategy – 2022 - 2027

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Youth Work Curriculum











Sandwell Youth Service - Theory of Change



CONTEXT	SETTINGS	INPUTS	ACTIVITIES	MECHANISMS OF CHANGE		SHORT TERM OUTCOMES*		MID TERM OUTCOMES	LONG TERM OUTCOMES	AIMS
We support young people aged 11-25 in Sandwell who have a range of interests, skills and life experience s and also have a wide range of vulnerabiliti es and needs, often multiple.	Youth provision is delivered in a wide range of settings, chosen by young people, such as: Youth Clubs Youth Centres Detached settings Schools Outdoor Education settings Young people's homes Targeted settings	Delivery of youth provision requires: Manage- ment Safe- guarding Health and safety Stable funding Skilled and qualified staff in correct ratios Appropriate places and resources	We offer a range of activities that interest and engage young people, such as: Youth Work 1:1 work Group work Issue based work Sport Creative arts Music Outdoor activities	Voluntary Trusting and positive relationships Warm and welcoming environments Unconditional positive regard Youth centred approaches, meeting the young people where they are at', offering them support to meet their strengths, needs and preferences Informed choices for young people A wide range of access and referral routes Partnership work often in multi-agency settings	Appropriate support and challenge	Increased socio- emotional skills Improved physical health Improved mental health Strengthened sense of self Reduced risky behaviours Increased access to youth workers	LINE OF ACCOUNTABILITY	Increased autonomy and decision making Improved relationships Healthier lifestyle Increased safety Increased safety Increased skills and capabilities Reduced anti- social behaviour Increased employment or education	To be able to look after self To successfully navigate transitions To experience socio-economic wellbeing To successfully navigate challenges	For young people to achieve their full potential.
DEMOGRAPHIC DATA Registration forms Referral forms Database information	SESSION DATA Session plans / forms Quarterly activity monitoring excel	POLICIES & PROCEDURES QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK	SESSION DATA Session plans / forms Quarterly activity monitoring excel	FEEDBACK DATA FROM YP OR STAKEHOLDERS Engagement data from session plan: Feedback / evaluation forms 90 second feedback Parent feedback Annual feedback survey	OUTCOME DATA YP Self assessment forms Testimonies Case studies Action plans and reviews Outcome Star		LONGER TERM OUTCOME DATA Partner data where possible Adhoc case study / testimonial data			





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