

Housing Associations' Youth Network [HAYN]

Terms of reference

Description – who are we

A structured network between Young People Services and Youth Teams from Housing Associations across the UK, whose shared aim is to provide quality services for young people aged 5-25 years old, within housing associations and their communities.

Purpose – what do we want to do

- Establish consistent and quality working practises across the network
- Work collaboratively on joint initiatives to have a greater impact in our communities
- Be a centralised specialist group on young peoples services within the Housing sector for internal and external bodies to consult
- Raise the profile of services delivered within this sector with both internal and external stakeholders
- Support young residents and those in the wider community to become successful citizens

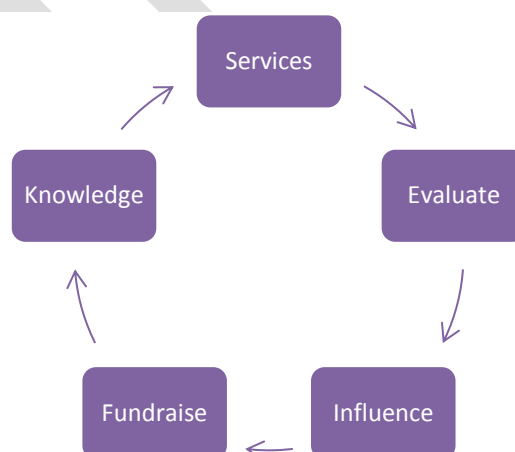
Background and rationale

The Housing Sector has provided support for children, young people and families in their communities of properties for many years. The prevalence of this practice has increased in more recent times due to the dual forces of decreasing public sector resources, particularly in youth work, and increasing demands.

Responses to demand have been met individually by separate housing associations in a variety of ways. A housing association youth engagement group initially convened to share good practice and now aim to create benchmarks for good quality youth engagement for the sector and to develop and deliver a range of quality services for their young residents.

This network will generate both individual and collective leverage to inform and implement change in areas highlighted below. It will create easier access to large scale support and resources. It will also provide quality frameworks for members to work within, ensuring consistency and financial and operational efficiencies across all participating organisations.

Approach- how will we do this



We will meet three times a year to discuss these topic areas:

- In order to maximise our time and impact, Sub-groups will be established in **Fundraising, Evaluation and Influence** to complete additional research and explore opportunities which will be fed back to the wider group. Each Sub-group will have a lead who will establish their aims for the year which will be recorded and monitored in the HAYN meetings.
- **Knowledge** will be developed through sharing information from conferences and other sources including Keynote speakers being invited to each meeting
- **Services** will be discussed and developed through sharing best practise at each meeting, joint delivery and a shared media platform

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Outputs & Outcomes – what we will achieve by March 2017

Theme	Outputs	Outcome
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a minimum of 3 successful joint initiatives • Develop a framework of best practise models of delivery 	The range and quality of services to young people is increased so as to further develop their positive progression
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A website/ shared media platform to share best practise and partnership details • Invite a keynote speaker to each meeting 	Knowledge of the network members is increased to ensure better quality provision and collaborative working within the network
Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report to collect a range of monitoring methods currently used by network • Agree a set of core monitoring outcomes / terminology to ensure consistent recording and joint impact monitoring 	The breadth of practice in housing association's youth engagement and delivery is robustly evaluated to then feed into and inform future practice and consistent delivery
Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint impact report to inform wider stakeholders of the results and outcomes of member's delivery • Attendance and presentation at a minimum of 3 conferences to showcase the work of the network 	The profile of housing association's youth engagement and service delivery is raised to then generate on-going support and resources from both internal and external stakeholders
Fundraise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted application for at least one <£100k joint funding bid 	External funding received to secure resources for service delivery across the network
Stakeholder support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support Facilitators group who will ensure quality delivery to our young residents • Create a young person group to inform internal and external learning across HAYN 	All stakeholders represented and feed into HAYN to ensure all voices are heard when developing quality services

Stakeholders

- Young people
- Internal depts
- GUAC; Nat fed; Housemark; CIH
- Local authorities; schools
- Community and voluntary sector

Exclusions

- Not lobbying on behalf of the core business of Housing Associations
- Not affiliated to any political agenda

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Current Membership

Chair – Joanne Rich, Affinity Sutton

Vice-chair – Lajaune Lincoln, Peabody

- Aldwyck
- Amicus Horizon
- East Thames
- Family Mosaic
- Foyer
- Genesis
- Guinness
- Hyde Housing
- L&Q
- Metropolitan
- Network Stadium
- Southern
- Wandle
- We Are Spotlight