

Working Group Terms of Reference

Youth Work

Working Group co-ordinated by: Young Suffolk.

This Working Group is accountable to the Suffolk VCS Learning Consortium Steering Group and will support the relevant Terms of Reference of the Steering Group.

Purpose

To ensure that the VCS (Voluntary and Community Sector) workforce working with children and young people in Suffolk is fully skilled and equipped to deal with the demands on their services, by identifying and developing strategies and practical solutions to facilitate their delivery of high quality, relevant services.

Objectives

1. to raise quality standards within VCS youth organisations
2. to develop good communication with a variety of youth networks and co-ordinating learning and skills needs information
3. to developing opportunities within VCS youth organisations to assist NEET young people
4. to providing training resources for VCS youth groups and developing learning ladders of qualifications for those with an interest in youth work
5. to support, and be supported by, the work of the other three working parties within the consortium, to ensure the effective communication of developments and to avoid duplication.
6. to identify processes and opportunities for future funding of VCS LSC and other partnership projects, encouraging collaboration, credibility, performing and competitive bidding

Membership

The Working Group shall be chaired by Bud Simpkin, or nominated deputy, who will report back to the Steering Group.

The Working Group shall initially consist of the following core members:

- CSV Media
- Heart Foyers
- Positive Futures
- Princes Trust Volunteers
- Rochford Trust
- SAFE
- SAVO
- SCA
- Suffolk Young Peoples Health Project
- Young Suffolk
- Youth and Connexions Service

In addition to the above members the aims of this working party will be supported through the existing Young Suffolk Quality Standards Panel, which will address the Objective of “to raising standards within VCS youth organisations”. The communication flow between these two complementary working groups will be the responsibility of Jacqui Wilkinson of Young Suffolk.

The following groups are represented on the Young Suffolk Quality Standards Panel;

- CYDS
- Diocese of Bury and St Edmundsbury
- Out and About
- Rochford Trust
- Suffolk Safeguarding Children’s Board
- Suffolk Scouts
- Suffolk Young People’s Health Project
- Youth and Connexions Service
- Young Suffolk

Members will invited / welcomed who are representative of the Voluntary and Community Sector, relevant educational and statutory organisations, funding bodies and individuals with relevant expertise.

SAVO shall provide the secretariat for each meeting.

Meetings

The frequency of meetings shall be quarterly and on dates agreed by the members.

Reasonable travel expenses for the attendance at meetings can be claimed. Although we cannot provide backfill funding for those who attend the meetings we can ensure that any specific work undertaken by a working party member organisation will be funded.