

Why Youth Work?

KDYT uses a 'strengths based' approach to our work with young people, this focuses on the skills and potential young people have and work alongside them to help them identify solutions to the issues they are facing.

KDYT fundamentally believe that, with the right support and guidance, young people have the ability to reach their full potential despite significant issues and challenges in their lives.

Young people tell us that they appreciate the Youth Work approach as they are seen as individuals on a journey and are not defined solely by the issues they are facing.

In April 2020, Anne Longfield, Children's Commissioner for England said:

'It's so important that Youth Workers are mobilised to reach out to vulnerable young people to provide support and an essential lifeline during these turbulent times'.

Safeguarding.

All work undertaken by KDYT is governed by our Safeguarding Policy & Procedures. The KDYT Designated Safeguarding Officers are trained to the appropriate level required by Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Board.

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Youth Enquiry Service



**An early intervention Youth Work service
supporting young people aged 10-18 in the
Wyre Forest Area.**

YES - The 'Not New' Service from KDYT.

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery, **KDYT Young Leaders** have been working hard to plan how we can move forward during these challenging times.

The **Youth Enquiry Service (YES)** is not a new service, it is what **KDYT** has been doing since the 1970s, it is a free service for young people aged 10-18 years old.

Young people have created **YES** because they feel having all the **KDYT** support work under one project name, will make it easier for young people to identify and access the range of support on offer.

What Support is on Offer?

YES will support young people on any issue that is important to them, **no issue is too big or too small to talk to a Youth Worker about.**

KDYT Youth Workers are trained in a range of specialisms, where we don't have the skills in-house, we will support young people to get the help they need, topics identified by young people as being important, include:

Mental Health

LGBT+ issues

Relationships

Counselling

Sexual Health

Feeling Isolated and Lonely

Family Support

Domestic Abuse

Support for Young Carers

Unable to Cope with Things

Bullying

School/College Support

Education & Training

Young Parents

Leaving Care

Mentoring

Support whilst Waiting to Access Specialist Services

Support is not time limited, it is there as long as the young person needs it.

How do Young People access YES?

Young people can drop into **Kidderminster Youth House**, Monday to Thursday afternoons, contact us by phone (text or call), or send a message through social media, we aim to respond within 24 hours.

Agencies can introduce young people to Youth Workers and, with the young persons consent, will be kept up to date on progress.

There are no referral forms to complete, partner agencies can talk to us about young people who they feel may benefit from the services on offer.

YES is not an emergency service or crisis support, it is early intervention Youth Work, supporting young people when things start to go wrong.

How Does it Work?

There is no formal structure to **YES**, we work with young people in the way that suits them best.

Initially, the young person and **KDYT** will carry out a review of how things are and what support they would like, this can be done in a variety of ways.

Once the review has been carried out the young person and Youth Worker will develop and plan a way forward that best meets the young persons needs.

Youth Workers will support the young person for as long as they need it, **KDYT** recognise that the level of support needed may change during this time and we will remain involved until the young person no longer needs support.

Advisory Committee.

Key decision makers, and partner agencies, have been approached by young people and have agreed to be part of an Advisory Committee for **YES**.

This will be a two way process enabling young people have their voices heard on issues important to them, and enabling decision makers to speak directly with young people about decisions that may affect them. If you would like to be part of the **YES Advisory Committee** please let us know.