A BIT MORE ABOUT US…

Established in 1942, Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight (YCHIOW) has a wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in the area of informal education delivered through youth clubs, groups and projects. YCHIOW is a membership organisation, not a point of direct delivery, and currently has a membership of over 130 youth clubs, groups and projects.

YCHIOW has decided that supporting its members is the most effective way that it can achieve its organisational aim:

"To help and educate young people especially, but not exclusively, through their leisure time activities so to develop their mental, physical and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as members of society, that their condition of life may be improved"

(Extract from Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight's Constitution)

With this in mind YCHIOW strives to support the delivery of excellence in all aspects of work with young people in a youth club/group/ project setting through a range of different methods with the safety and wellbeing of young people as the foundation of its work.

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STARTING FROM SCRATCH

A TAILOR-MADE SUPPORT SERVICE FOR THOSE SETTING UP A NEW YOUTH CLUB, GROUP OR PROJECT

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WHAT IS THE STARTING FROM SCRATCH PROGRAMME?

Starting up a new youth club, group or project can be a daunting prospect even for a team of experienced youth workers. Here at YCHIOW we can provide you with a tailor-made support package to guide you through from your initial idea to opening your doors to young people on a regular basis.

The Starting From Scratch Programme aims:

...to provide comprehensive support for local groups wishing to start a new youth club, group or project so that a new generation of successful and sustainable clubs, groups and projects are established to deliver high quality youth work to young people.

What is Youth Work?

"YCHIOW believes that good youth work practice is about creating a stimulating, supportive environment negotiated with the young people in which each individual may continue to grow ethically, morally, physically and emotionally and gain appropriate knowledge and experience, in order that they may find their place in society, whilst developing a positive regard for themselves and others."

(Extract from YCHIOW Strategic Development Plan for 2008-11)

WHAT SUPPORT DO WE OFFER?

We will work alongside you to help ensure that a solid foundation is created on which to base your work with young people. This will include looking at a range of different areas such as:

Needs Analysis: Initial and ongoing consultation with young people and the local community to ensure their needs will be met by the new youth club, group or project.

Sustainability: Setting up a suitable infrastructure to support your new organisation.

Safeguarding: Creating a safe and suitable environment for work with young people.

Training: For workers, volunteers and your management group to ensure your team have the right tools for the job.

Funding: Support to access the resources you'll need to run your project.

Volunteers and Staff: Recruiting, vetting and inducting staff. We can also provide professional supervision.

Programme Development: Identifying suitable activities for the young people you work with to take part in and looking at how to plan, run and evaluate the work you do with young people.

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

Any group that is looking to set up a new youth club, group or project such as parents, community associations, community development teams and housing associations.

IS THERE A CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE?

Starting From Scratch is a tailor-made service, we will put together a bespoke package that will meet your specific support needs. This means that the cost of using the service will vary. Please contact us for a quotation.

We will work with you to help secure the funding you need to pay for services we provide.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

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