

UK YOUTH

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About UK Youth

Our vision

Young people are empowered to build bright futures, whatever their background or circumstances.

Our mission

Access to appropriate, high quality services for young people in every community.

Our goals

Young people can access support in their local community and online.

Young people become motivated, self-aware, receptive, resilient, responsible, confident and good communicators.

Young people can engage with training, volunteering and employment.

Our values

The UK Youth Social Development Journey

Work with young people. Work in partnership. Advocate for young people.

Our model

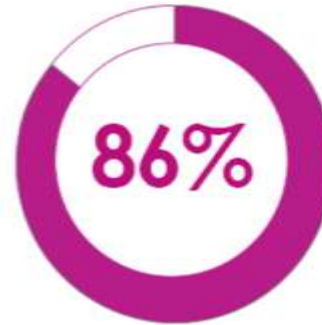
1. Understand and build on the strengths and needs of young people.
2. Offer support and advice to youth service providers.
3. Run world-class skills development programmes for young people.
4. Measure impact and share learnings.
5. Influence policy and funding to prioritise services for young people.

Who we reach

We work with young people across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland through our Nation Partners: Youth Scotland, Youth Cymru and Youth Action Northern Ireland. The majority of the young people we work with are aged 8-24, primarily from disadvantaged backgrounds.

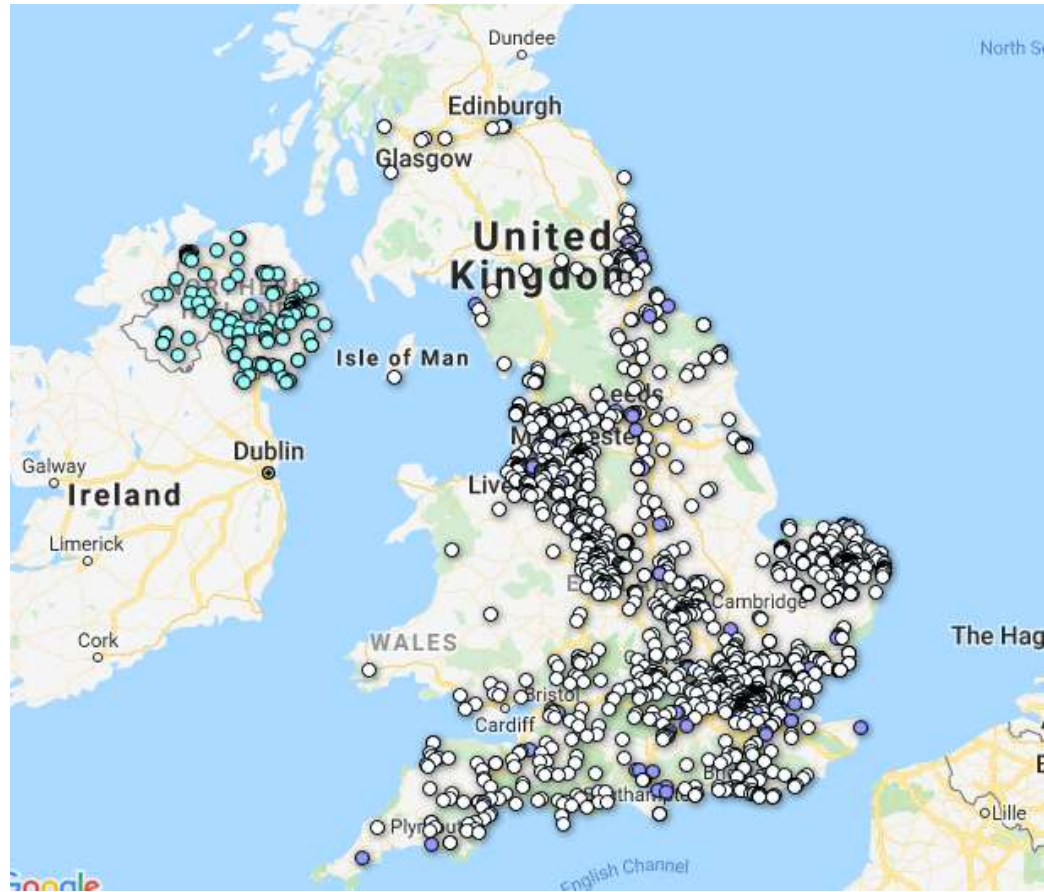


of our participants come from the 10% most deprived areas



of young people on our programme report at least one personal barrier

UK Youth movement



- **Free Collectives:** Belong: addressing youth loneliness / Tackling youth violence / Youth advocacy
- **Free Advice Labs:** Social entrepreneurial approach, governance, infrastructure support, harnessing impact, power of influencing and storytelling
- **Free Masterclasses:** Involving young people in decision making / Effective safeguarding / Youth work essentials
- **Free Webinars, Free Newsletters, Free Skills development programmes**
- **Offering Changemakers additional support** - Quality Frameworks / UK Youth Achievement Awards

The Youth Sector

Youth Sector



There are 11.6 million young people aged 10-24 in the UK - one in five of the population.

(ONS, 2018)



Funding available per child and young person for all children's services except schools and early education fell from £813 in 2010-11 to £553 in 2017-18

(Action for Children et al, 2019)



More than 1,000 children's centres have closed since 2009 and 760 youth centres have shut since 2012

(Unison, 2018)



The average local authority spending cut on youth services is 40% over the past three years

(APPG on Knife Crime, 2019)

The Rural Youth Sector

- **12%** of surveyed youth organisations are rurally located
- Rural youth organisations are typically small with an annual turnover **below £100, 000**
- Key reasons young people say they visit youth clubs or centres are to **meet friends, join initiatives** and go **somewhere safe.**

Skills and Employability

764,000

young people (aged 16-24) in the UK who were not in education, employment or training

(Office for National Statistics, 2016)



The number of apprenticeship starts for those aged between 19 and 24 fell 20% from 2016/17 to 2017/18 to 114,000 - the lowest level since 2006/7

(PwC/UK, 2018)



Real hourly pay for 18-29 year olds fell 9.2% between 2009 and 2014 (compared to 7.3% across the working age range)

(Rescue Foundation, 2015)



8% of 15-24 year olds in the UK lack Essential Digital Skills

(EY's Bank UK Consumer Digital Index, 2016)



16-24 year olds are also more likely than any other age group to be on zero-hours contracts, making up a third (36.8%) of this new workforce

(CML, 2016)



Eight in ten young people believe they will never be financially secure

The need



Serious Violence Against Young People



Areas suffering the largest cuts to spending on young people have seen bigger increases in knife crime

(WPP on Knife Crime, 2018)



Police-recorded knife crime increased by 71% between 2014 and 2018, and the number of murder victims aged 16 to 24 rose by 45% in the year to March 2018

(ONS, 2018)

36%

36% increase in hospital admissions for knife attacks for under-18s between 2013-14 and 2017-18

(NHS, 2018)

Education



Pupils receiving Special Education Needs (SEN) support are over 5 times as likely to be permanently excluded than pupils with no SEN

(Department for Education, 2019)



School exclusion is recognised as one indicator, among others, of a higher risk of exposure to and involvement in crime

(Lingon, 2019)



Pupils eligible for Free School Meals or in Alternative Provision are almost 4 times as likely to be NEET (not in education, employment or training)

(Department for Education, 2019)

Wellbeing



The overall level of happiness young people feel in their lives has fallen to its lowest ever

(Pew's Trust, 2019)

40%

of young people (26% of boys and 54% of girls) said that images on social media have caused them to worry in relation to their body image

(Mental Health Foundation, 2016)

65%

of young people aged 16-24 said they felt lonely at least some of the time and almost a third (32%) felt lonely 'often or all the time' (compared with 32% of 65+ year olds feeling lonely 'at least some of the time')

(ONS, 2017)

1.6m

children are in families with complex needs for which there is no national established, recognised form of support

(DASH's Commission's Office, 2016)



10-14 year old pedestrians living in deprived areas are 2.8 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured on the roads

(Public Health England, 2018)



In 2016 young people accounted for around 7% of all full car driving licence holders in Great Britain but 21% of car occupants fatalities are 17-24

(Department for Transport, 2016)



Of those who were bullied within the past 12 months, 34% had suicidal thoughts, 20% self-harmed, and 11% attempted suicide

(Childline, 2016)

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Rural vs Urban

- **Higher** levels of **risky behaviour**
- **Better** levels of **school exclusion** and emotional or mental health needs
- **Equal levels** of budget cuts on local authority **education** budgets
- Young people under the ages of 18 in rural areas make up **16% of all contact made with NHS services**
- **Significant variation** in mental health services to young people

Issues facing young people in rural areas

- Isolation
- Lack of Voice
- Employment opportunities
- Transport
- Lack of services and support

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