



Surrey Council for Voluntary Youth Service
Supporting the Voluntary Youth Organisations of Surrey

The benefits of being an Associate Member of Surrey Youth Focus:

RESOURCES

- **Promotional resources:** We offer opportunities to promote your organisation through the Surrey Youth News, the Resources Directory, the Members listing on the website and the Celebration of Youth event. Surrey Youth News is published 5 times each year and has a distribution of 2600 across Surrey. Our website has high traffic from across the region.
- **Members-only area of website:** We offer a members-only area on our website designed to offer exclusive information. It includes items such as resources, funding information, a year calendar and special features. This will be a developing resource responding to the needs of our members.
- **Surrey Youth Focus staff and Trustees:** We are an approachable team committed to helping our members.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Communication:** We can provide opportunities to distribute youth sector focused messages to the Voluntary Sector.
- **Access to Voluntary Sector members:** Open Forum discussion meetings of our members provide an opportunity to communicate directly with the sector.
- **Networking and Information exchange:** Keeping up to date with Surrey issues through our website and the themed networking events for Partners, Associates and Patrons enabling you to track trends and see opportunities.
- **E-bulletin:** Regular bulletins offer express information on current youth news.

REPRESENTATION

- **Representation and Advocacy:** we represent the interests of our members and the wider voluntary youth sector at the regional level, through Board level membership of the South–East Youth partnership, and RAISE (Regional Action and Involvement South–East), and at the county level through close links to Surrey County Council and as a board member of the Surrey Children and Young People Commissioning Partnership.
- **Opportunity to Influence policy:** We hold quarterly meetings of the Children and Young People/Voluntary Sector Forum to discuss current issues – such as young people and homelessness, and young people and mental health issues. Reports of proceedings go up to the Commissioning partnership.

Our Vision, and that of our Members in the Voluntary Sector, is that all young people in Surrey have the opportunity to achieve their full potential and become responsible citizens through.

- belonging to a group
- staying safe and healthy
- enjoying fun activities
- being recognised for their achievement