



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

The benefits of being a Partner Member of Surrey Youth Focus:

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 Alliance (the former Commissioning Partnership).
- **Opportunity to focus on issues:** 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. This enables you to raise issues of concern where the support of the sector is needed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **Networking and Information exchange:** Keep up to date with Surrey issues through our website and themed networking events for Partners, Associates and Patrons.
- **Access to Voluntary Sector members:** Open Forum discussion meetings of our members provide an opportunity to communicate directly with the sector.
- **Information gathering services:** We can provide a mechanism for consultations and surveys where data from the voluntary youth sector is sought.
- **Information dissemination services:** We can provide a mechanism to distribute announcements and policy initiatives on your behalf.

RESOURCES

- **Opportunity to access resources:** We can act as a partner in bidding for resources where appropriate.
- **Promotional resources:** We offer opportunities to promote your organisation and agenda through the Surrey Youth News, the Resources Directory, the Members listing on this website and the Celebration of Youth event.
- **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.
- **E-bulletin:** Regular bulletins offer express information on current youth news.
- **Surrey Youth Focus staff and Trustees:** We are an approachable team committed to helping our members.

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