



Contact us

If you would like to find out more about the Young Advisors and how we could help you, do not hesitate to contact us at Sefton CVS where we are based.

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What can YAs do for you?

Youth proofing:

Supporting Sefton@Work with a campaign to support young people into employment.

Consultation:

Engaging with 300 young people across Sefton about safety in their communities and providing suggestions for improvements to the Police and Police and Crime Commissioner.

Training:

Working in partnership with MerseyCare and Alder Hey to support training on improving youth mental health services.

Service appraisal:

Carrying out various appraisals of services across Sefton including libraries, doctors' surgeries and sexual health services in the borough.

Recent awards and honors

- The team won the Best Partnership Award at the 2014 Young Advisors AGM.
- Richard Cheetham won the Young Advisor of the Year Award at the 2014 Young Advisors AGM.
- Joanne Lee won the Inspiring Woman of 2014 Award.
- Amy Irwin won the Young Hero inspiration to Sefton Award 2014.



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Sefton Young Advisors

Who are young advisors?

Young Advisors are young people aged between 15-22 who work in partnership with community leaders and decision makers to enable the voices of young people to be heard in community life.

What are young advisors?

Young Advisors are trained and employed agents of social action. Their role is to guide and support local organisations– local authorities, housing associations, CCGs, the voluntary, community and faith sector and other local partners - on what it is like for a young person to live, work, learn and play in their neighbourhood.

They speak out for young people, making sure their thoughts and feelings are considered in decisions that affect them, and work closely with adults to support them on how to best engage with young people.

In Sefton, the team of Young Advisors is commissioned by organisations across the borough to support them to better engage with, and involve, young people.

We make sure young people are being given the chance to be involved in decisionmaking and influencing change.



What do we provide?

Training

Young Advisors offer training for adults and young people on how to engage and communicate effectively. We can tailor our training to your specific project. YAs can also develop training for young people that is ASDAN or AQA accredited. Some of our training packages are recruitment and selection, managing meetings effectively, setting up youth boards or youth voice groups.

Service appraisal

We assess existing services, looking at how accessible they are for all people in the community (not just young people). We identify areas that a company is succeeding in and the aspects that need to be improved or changed. We then produce recommendations based on the results of this assessment.

Facilitation

Young Advisors use our skills and knowledge to facilitate meetings, workshops and events – for our own projects or to support other agencies and individuals that provide service users and participants with a meaningful role.

Youth proofing

Services, policies, procedures, activities or documents can be transformed by us into something more accessible, not only to young people but everybody. This way, you keep everyone involved.

Consultations

Young Advisors can support organisations on how to best consult with children and young people. We will design a consultation that will genuinely allow young people to have a say and get their opinions heard. From interactive workshops to online surveys and other innovative techniques, Young Advisors are able to consult in a variety of ways, reflecting the specific needs of the children and young people involved.

