**Best Practise Shared at Adviser Meeting 10/09/12**

**Young Peoples Participation**

* YP locality champion for areas in LEP.
* Link with relevant groups eg: YMCA etc.
* Involved at each stage – social media.
* Tap into other networks, Myplace, Regional Youth Work Units.
* The right YP? Representative of beneficiary group.
* Ok to use YP who are in EET now if they have experience of NEET.
* Share ‘hooks’ used by other organisations eg: Colleges.
* Avoid token gestures for YP participation.
* Youth inspectors (NE)
* Shadow beneficiary steering group (Tees Valley)
* Key to success is suitability and genuinely empowered.
* Go to the YP (avoid the boardroom) linc’s.
* Residential weekend – quite a traditional youth work model

**Selecting Lead Partner**

* Process used in Liverpool will be circulated - In Tessa’s Expert Review Journal (ERJ).
* Know your area – especially potential conflicts, use best practice from other LEP’s.
* Capture emerging issues in ERJ.
* One page prospectus on what potential leads bring to partnership (SE).
* EOI process (NE).
* Cross sector and YP involvement.
* Steering group/core group.
* Fund needed Multi-stage process Shortlist.
* Consider capacity and experience vs indicative allocation - are they capable? Advisers can get early checks on Organisations Financial Health from funding team (London)
* Reach and support for potential lead in LEP.
* Strategic fit with longer term plans for area.
* Milestone for a decision on the lead? When this should be flagged as Red in ERJ: October 5th?

**Targeting Need and Hotspots**

* Online consultation - based on service gaps.
  + What’s already going on.
  + Types of YP not engaging.
  + Areas for growth/employment.
* Link up with Job Centre Plus.
* Ensure meetings happen to bring it all together, make the decisions and gain buy-in.
* Beneficiary groups – some LEPs are considering outcomes based on different demographics, communities, beneficiary types.
* Not confined by existing boundaries – hotspots are more natural and concentrating on wards/even streets
* Working groups to lead area(s) of research. Champions for localities (inc YP)
* Link up to other provision – especially troubled families (NB – consider appropriateness of LA’s influence)
* Promote evidence based approach!
* Ensure needs identified before delivery identified.
* LEP wide plan for prospectus– not individual LA hotspots.
* Looking at stats for 6-9 months as will be 12 when funding comes through.