

UK YOUTH

EMVY Regional RELOAD

About UK Youth

With a history spanning **over a century**, UK Youth is a leading national charity committed to ensuring **all young people are empowered to build bright futures** regardless of their background or circumstances.

We sit at the heart of a **national network of youth organisations**, brought together through our merger with Ambition, to support an estimated **four million young people across the UK**. Together with our network, we offer support, advice and training to equip young people with the **vital life skills needed to engage in education, volunteering and employment**.

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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 young people on our programmes are from the 30% most deprived areas of the UK



of young people on our programmes face at least one personal barrier

“For many young people, their youth club is their only safe space. We believe every young person in every region, city, town and village should have access to a minimum standard of youth services, enabling them to access mental health services, citizenship education, social mixing and training”

Tracey Crouch MP, Minister for Sport and Civil Society

Merger with Ambition

- UK Youth formed in 1911 as National Association of Clubs for Girls followed by Ambition in 1925 as National Association of Clubs for Boys
- There have been several failed attempts and many discussions over many years, before we finally merged in September last year
- A combined organisation provides better benefits to both young people and members
- Lower central cost, offering the best of both models, decreasing confusion for members, funders and government and a stronger voice in national policy

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The greatest challenges for UK Youth members

1

Funding and sustainability of sector

2

Having a voice and influencing policy at a national level

3

Workforce recruitment & development
(affording staff, training and development
staff & volunteers)

4

Accessing networking & collaboration
opportunities

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Managing data & demonstrating impact

State of the Membership report

Scale and reach of membership

Current workforce trends

Changing financial position of members

Challenges facing members

Case studies of different delivery models

Suggested support to meet the changing needs of young people and the youth sector

State of the Membership report findings

- Over 4 million young people reached through the UK Youth network
- Workforce of approximately 16,000 people made up of 53% volunteers and 47% paid employees.
- Only 2% workforce are JNC qualified
- Overall, there has been a 41% reduction in gross expenditure on services for young people in England since 14/15

Reductions in targeted expenditure

Region	Reduction in spending since 14/15
East Anglia	31%
East Midlands	38%
London	11%
North West	28%
North East	23%
South East	29%
South West	2%
West Midlands	30%
Yorkshire and the Humber	50%



The impact of funding cuts has been felt acutely by young people with the closure of more than 600 youth centres and the loss of 139,000 places for young people in youth services between 2012 and 2016 .

How we offer support

Through our delivery model, we are able to strengthen and grow local services to offer advice, support and guidance to young people by:

- Understanding and building on the strengths and needs of young people

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- Offering support and advice to youth service providers

2 
- Running world class skills development programmes for young people

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- Measuring impact and sharing learnings

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- Influencing policy and funding to prioritise services for young people

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UK Youth Social Development Journey

The UK Youth Social Development Journey provides a framework to support and empower young people to develop life skills.





**It's our mission to provide all young people
with access to appropriate, high quality
services in their local community or online –
and it's only achievable with the local support
of our members.**

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