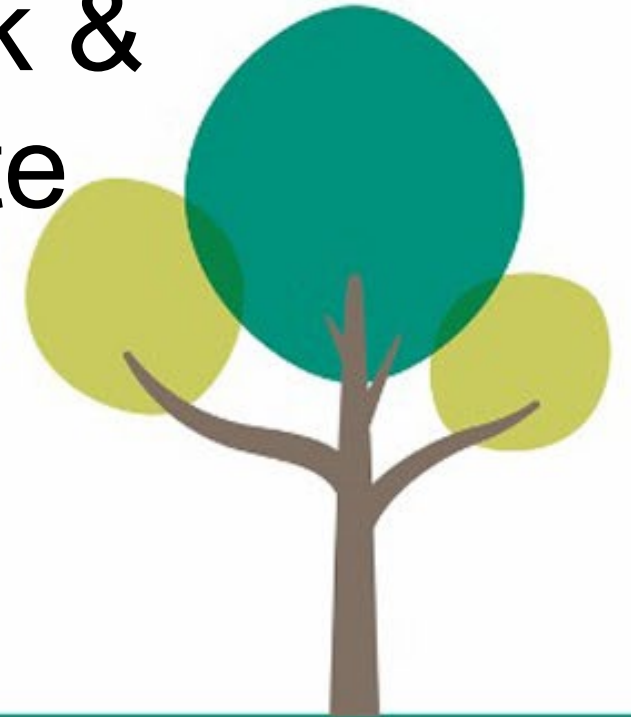




# Sandwell Youth Service

## National Youth Work Week & Statutory Guidance Update





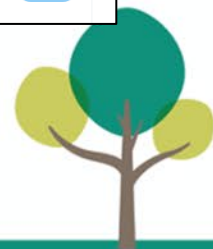
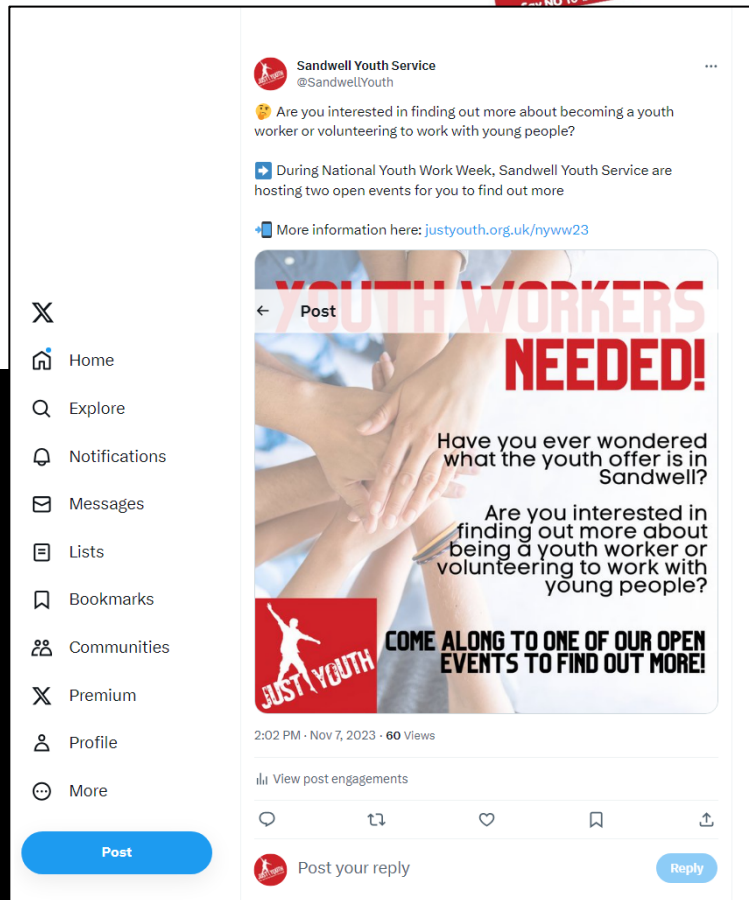
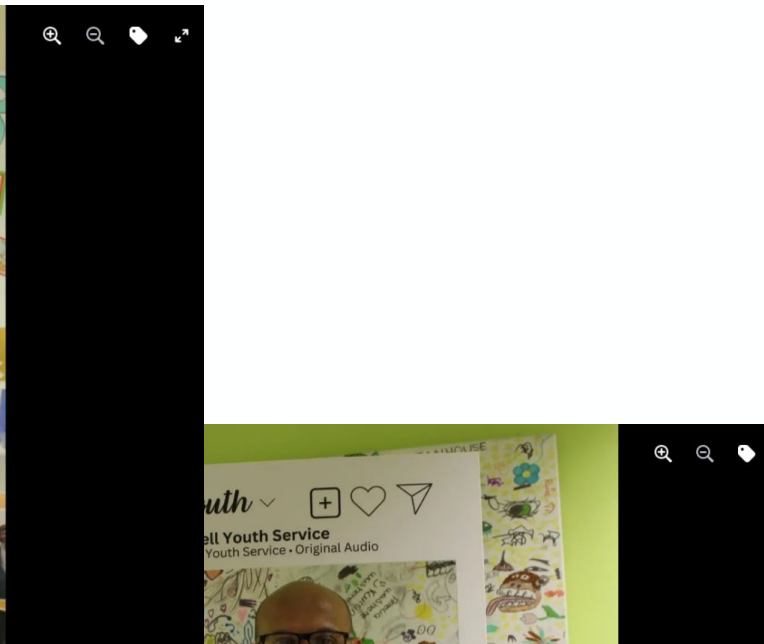
# Youth Work Week 2023

- National Youth Work Week is an annual event co-ordinated by the National Youth Agency to celebrate best practise and highlight the work of the youth sector in supporting young people.
- This year's theme was 'Youth work in every place and space' and took place between 6 - 12 November 2023.



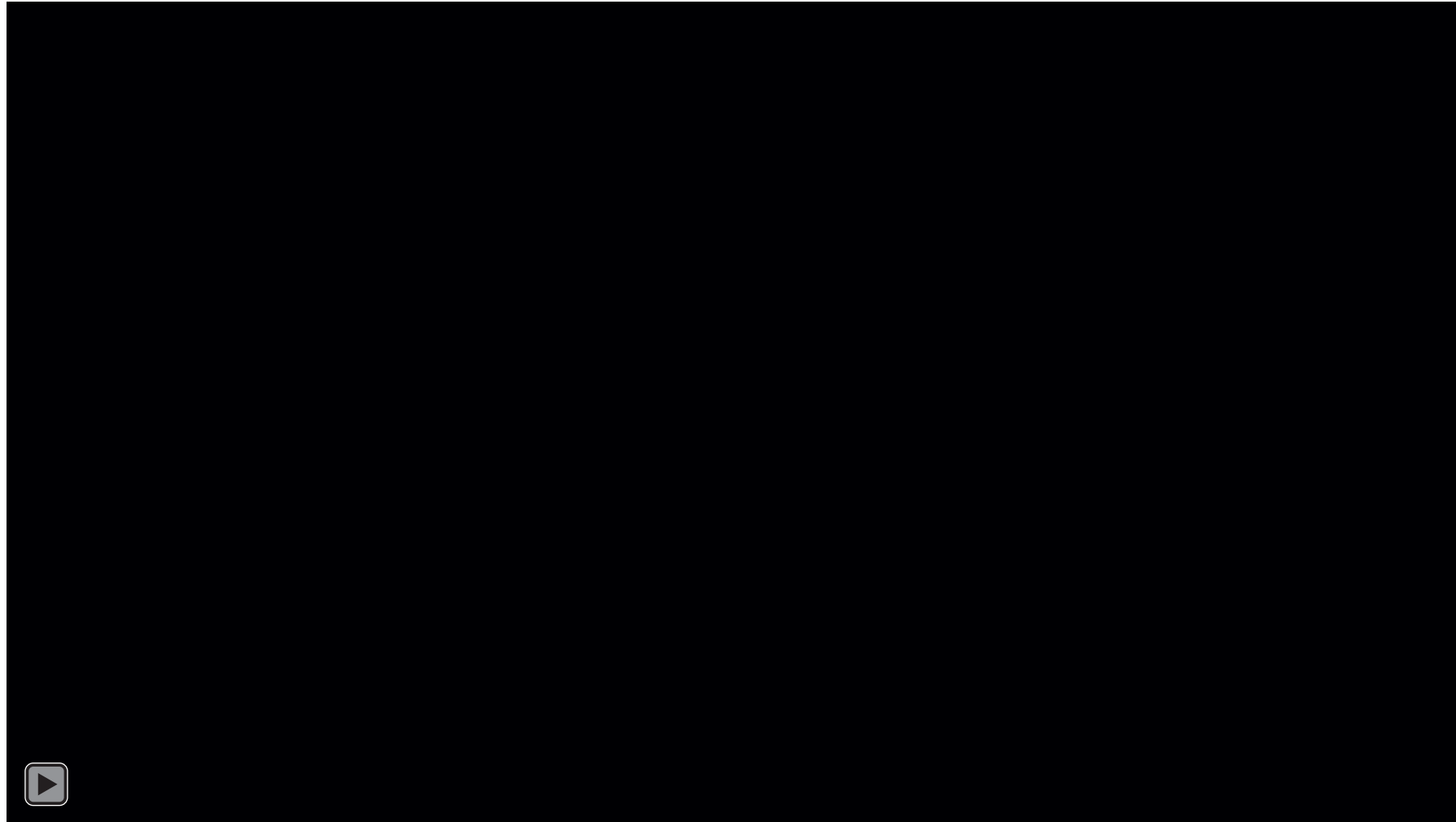


# Youth Work Week 2023 in Sandwell





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Case Studies from young people and staff





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## Youth worker pledges...



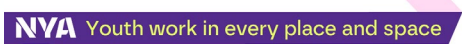
I / We pledge to...

Continue to give young women a safe space and voice



I / We pledge to...

Provide consistency to the young people of Sandwell and continued support



I / We pledge to...

Empower young people and encourage confidence and self esteem while delivering informal education



I / We pledge to...

Always give 100% and be the best mentor I can!



I / We pledge to...

Support young people with their substance misuse issues



I / We pledge to...

Support young people with more learning outcomes by talking to them & listening to them & encouraging them to participate



I / We pledge to...

Always endeavour and keep the needs of young people as the cornerstone of the work I do with a focus on progressive development



I / We pledge to...

Listen to young people, keep communicating and address the needs and keep building trust





# Youth Work Week 2023 in Sandwell



New warm hubs open up to provide welcoming place for young people in Sandwell

Sandwell Council's Youth Service has launched a number of warm hubs for young people, meaning that young people aged 11 to 19 and up to 25 with additional needs can access the warm hubs at their local youth provision, during normal opening times.



The warm hubs will be safe and welcoming spaces, accessible and open regularly and run by qualified and experienced youth workers and volunteers. Depending on facilities at each hub, young people will be able to get a hot drink, a snack or even be able to rustle up a hot meal.





# The Statutory Duty



Under section 507B of the Education Act 1996:

Local authorities in England have a **legal duty**, so far as reasonably practicable, to secure for qualifying young persons (13 - 19 years old or up to 24 for those with special educational needs) in the authority's area access to:

- sufficient **educational leisure-time activities** which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities; and
- sufficient **recreational leisure-time activities** which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities.

This relates to out-of-school hours and settings.







# Updated Statutory Guidance

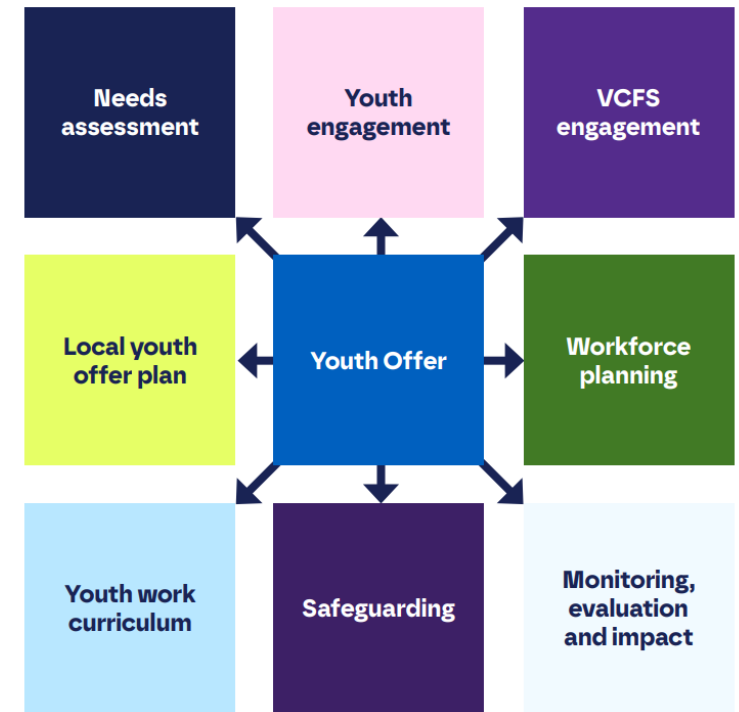


- Updated guidance was published in September 2023
- The revised guidance has gone from a 3 page document to a 19 page document. It includes a more detailed account of what Local Authorities should be striving to achieve
- There are a number of ‘musts’ that LA’s are legally required to deliver including:
  - Educational leisure-time activities and associated facilities which must include sufficient services which are for the improvement of young people's personal and social development (traditionally known as youth work)
  - Engagement with young people to determine their needs
  - Sufficient level of activities and facilities to meet need
  - Publicise what is available and keep this up to date



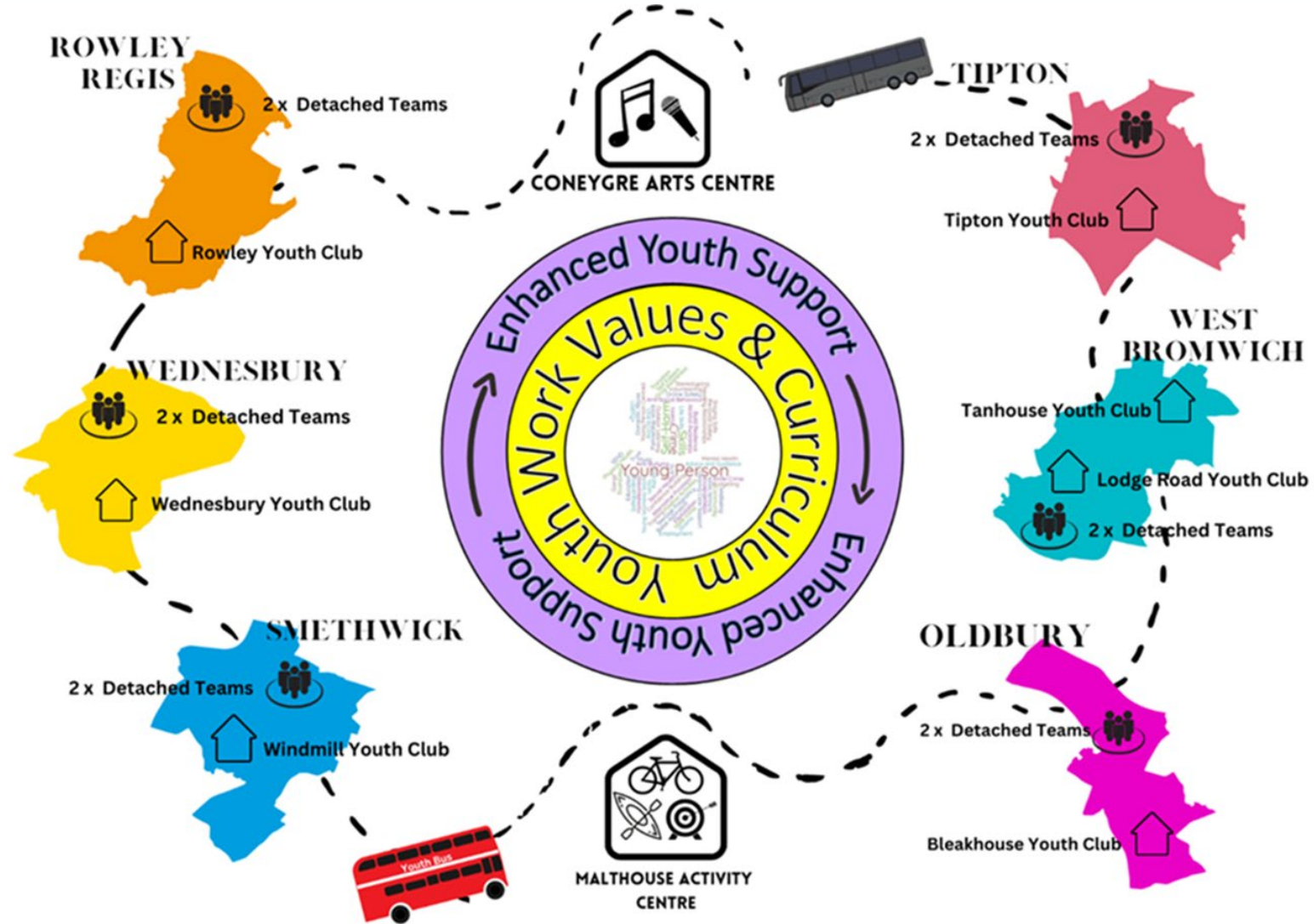
# Toolkit for local authorities

- To support local authorities to meet the duty, NYA have created a **toolkit for local authorities**.
  - 9 essentials for creating a local youth offer
  - Includes checklists for councils to work through





# Sandwell's Youth Offer

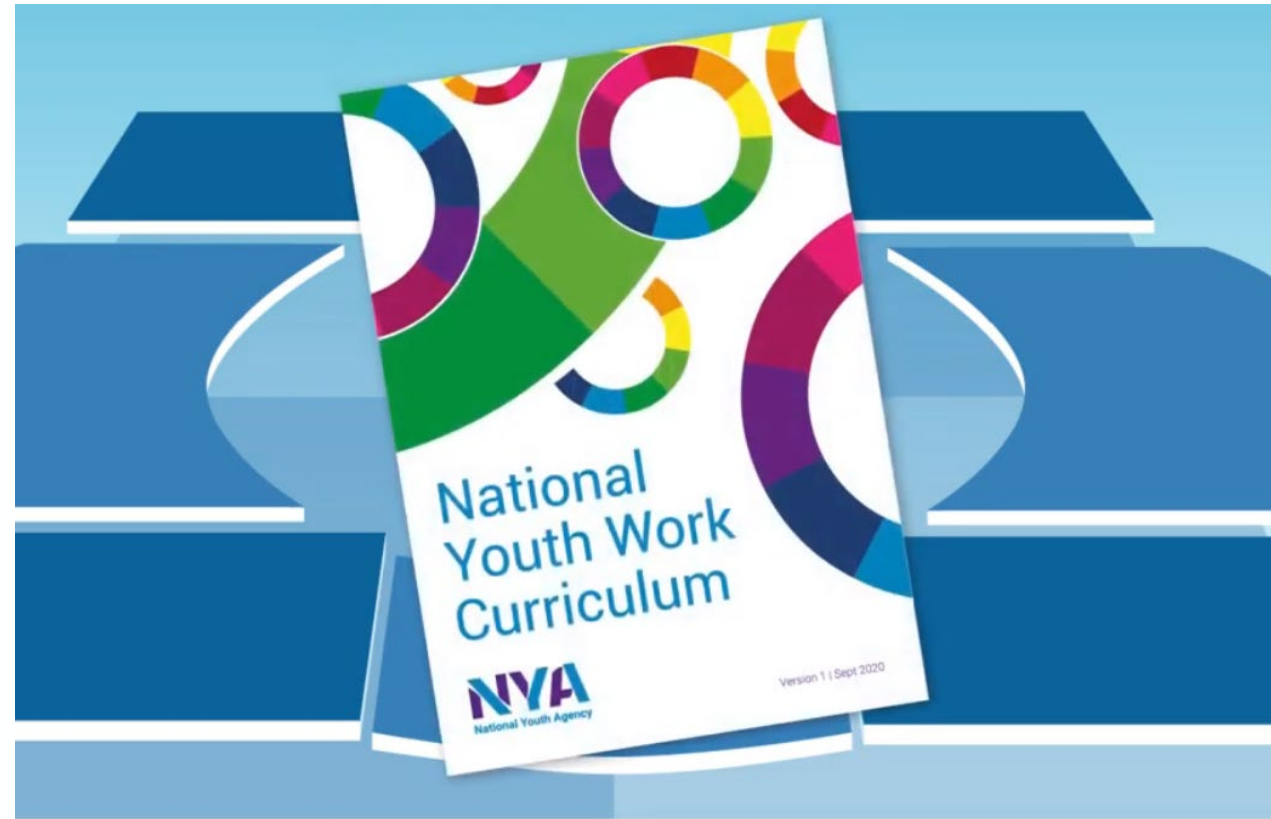


# NYA Workforce Strategy

- Promotion of youth work as a career and as a practice
- Training and Education of practitioners
- Links between training and practice
- Developing and supporting sector specific youth work
- Developing infrastructure
- Aim to have by 2032, 10,000 professionally qualified youth workers, 20,000 youth support workers and 40,000 trained volunteers



# Youth Work Curriculum





# Sandwell Youth Service - Theory of Change



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