



AVON TYRRELL

The Activity Centre in the New Forest...



EXPERIENCE • LEARN • DEVELOP



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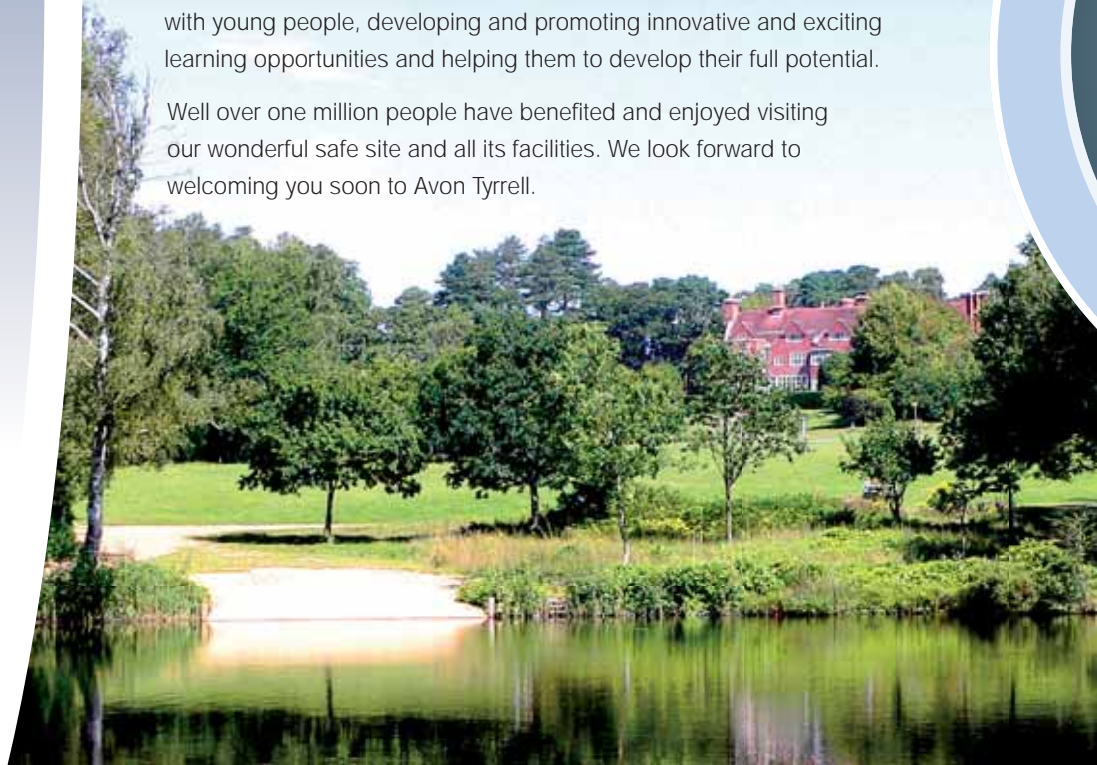
INTRODUCTION



In its stunning New Forest surroundings, Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre is the UK Youth Charity's outdoor centre that is the ideal venue for everyone, no matter what age, to experience the outdoors and provide a stimulating learning experience.

With 65 acres of private grounds, a huge range of adventure and environmental activities are available, with a selection of various types of accommodation on site; from full board and self-catering to camping in the grounds of our Grade I listed Avon Tyrrell House. Our flexible programmes and disabled access meet the needs of any age and ability. We have expertise in working with young people, developing and promoting innovative and exciting learning opportunities and helping them to develop their full potential.

Well over one million people have benefited and enjoyed visiting our wonderful safe site and all its facilities. We look forward to welcoming you soon to Avon Tyrrell.





We offer . . .

A variety of **residential and day visit based experiences.**

A range of **adventurous and environmental outdoor activity experiences**, many linked to National Curriculum Key Stages.

A safe and healthy environment for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

An exceptional opportunity to visit the New Forest National Park and surrounding area.

A safeguarding policy and procedure in place for all young people and vulnerable adults visiting our site.

Come and have a look . . .

98% of site visits have resulted in an immediate booking.



ACCOMMODATION

Avon Tyrrell's Grade I listed House offers full board accommodation and is suitable for groups of 12 to 110. The House is divided into three self contained accommodation areas, allowing your group to have secure keypad controlled bedrooms. There is free WiFi and there are plenty of meeting rooms available for use. The House still contains much of the character associated with a house built in 1891, but combines this with a practical environment, enabling groups of all ages and abilities to use this wonderful facility.

Safety is a high priority, so the House is fitted with a state of the art fire safety system and we conform to all the latest health and safety standards. On call staff are also on duty throughout the day and night to offer support and emergency assistance should you require it.

In addition to our full board accommodation, smaller groups and families may prefer the freedom and flexibility which comes with one or more of our self catering Scandinavian-style wooden lodges. These self contained lodges are fully equipped with their own kitchen and bathrooms and range in size from 6 to 14 berth.

The House and the lodges are fully accessible.



BEDROOM



THE DRAWING ROOM



THE DINING ROOM



THE LOUNGE



- Meeting rooms
- Secure keypad bedrooms
 - Member of staff on call at all times
- Automated fire system
- Discounts on activities for residential guests



LODGES

LODGE LOUNGE

LODGE BEDROOM



A large background image showing a person in a red helmet and black gear climbing a rock face with various colored holds.

A D V E N T U R E A C T I V I T I E S

- Adventure
- School Holi





Whether you are young or old, visiting for a day or a week, Avon Tyrrell has a wide variety of adventurous activities for you to choose from.

Safety is a priority. All activities are led by qualified and experienced leaders with ratios of 1:8, although we still require your group to provide an adult leader/teacher for each activity.

If you would like to focus on team or personal development, join us for one of our specially designed **scenario days**, which can be tailored to your requirements. Alternatively, we can design a mix and match programme of 90 minute sessions to suit your needs.



s • Educational • Personal & Team Development • Learn A New Skill
day Programmes • Birthdays & Special Occasions • Self Guided



If you are bringing a large group to us and you would like to book activities then why not let our experienced booking staff assist, or if you prefer, design a tailored activity package specifically for your group.

- Discounts on activities for residential guests





ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

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Set within the boundaries of the New Forest National Park, Avon Tyrrell boasts a wide variety of habitats (including Lakes, Wetland, Heathland, Coniferous and Mixed Woodland) as well as direct access onto the open New Forest. We have abundant wildlife around the site, including Fallow deer, Tawny owls, Grass snakes, Sand lizards and seven different species of bat, to name just a few. In addition, our newly built Strawbale 'eco-classroom' provides the perfect base for our environmental activities.

So whether you are young or old, visiting for a day or a week, we have something to suit your needs.

Safety is a priority, so all activities are led by qualified and experienced leaders and our ratios range from 1:8 for activities such as friction fire lighting, to 1:35 for curriculum based activities, although for all sessions we still require groups to provide an adult leader/teacher.

We also operate a Forest School programme; an inspirational process offering children and young people the opportunity to achieve through hands on learning experiences in our local woodland environment. This provides a unique way to build independence, confidence and self esteem as they explore and experience the natural world for themselves.

Special sessions

Join us for one of our specially designed topic days, linked to the National Curriculum and which can be individually tailored to fit your needs. Alternatively we have designed a mix and match menu of 90 and 180 minute sessions, from which you can choose environmental activities to make your perfect programme.







SCHOOL GROUPS

Following a number of recent government initiatives designed to promote healthy living and recognising the value of Learning Outside the Classroom, Avon Tyrrell provides a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop their personal and social skills in a completely different environment. Our flexible accommodation and activity options enable our dedicated team of advisors to build a residential package specifically designed to your group's unique requirements and budget.

Key Stage 2 groups can also formally recognise the achievements made by their young people by including the nationally recognised **Junior Achievement Award** as part of their residential package, whilst using the activities and experiences gained during their stay to form a personalised learning portfolio.



*"If I could
sum it all up in
one word, it would be
AWESOME!"*

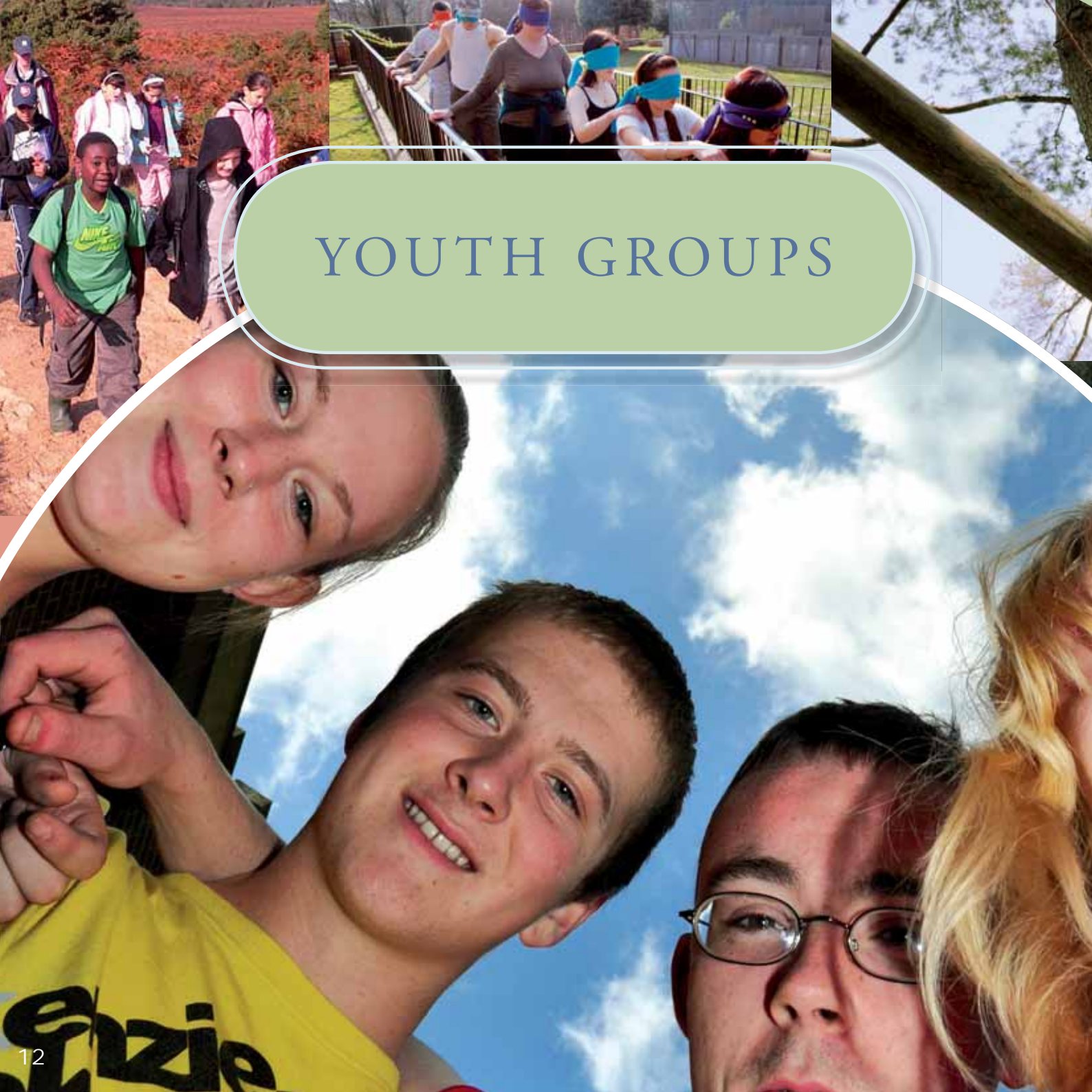
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Romsey

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- Discounts on activities for residential guests

*Young people
have an instinctive urge
for adventure, excitement and even
risk-taking in their lives. Residential trips
incorporating outdoor and adventurous activities
offer huge potential for the personal development
of young people. The outdoor environment provides a
setting that can both inspire and challenge those within
it, which makes an exciting platform for learning and
simply having fun!*





YOUTH GROUPS



*Young people
can benefit significantly
from a visit to Avon Tyrrell:
Individually, in terms of personal,
social and emotional development;
and as a group, in terms of respect for
each other, greater team work and
bonding through shared experiences
and challenge.*

- Discounts on activities for residential guests

As part of the youth work charity UK Youth, Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre is well experienced to provide a venue for youth groups. We have a selection of accommodation options from full board, in the main House (minimum group size 12), to self catering in our self contained lodges, and we always look to give you value for money.

By coming away on a residential, young people have the opportunity to live and work together in a new environment. This allows them to experience life away from home, be more independent and develop new friendships, often resulting in significant development on both a personal and social level. This intensity is accentuated by the addition of adventurous outdoor activities which provide challenge and shared experience.

In taking on challenges young people are required to look within themselves and find 'something extra' in order to overcome that challenge. They are able to discover more about themselves; testing their limits and boundaries by stepping outside their comfort zone - perhaps for the first time. In testing their own capabilities they expand their capabilities. The experiential nature of learning in the outdoors often appeals because it is simply 'learning by doing'.

Reviews add value to experience and facilitate the transfer of learning to a wider context. By doing this young people can realise that what they achieved in one setting can also be applied and achieved in another, i.e. the perseverance it took them to overcome a fear of heights can be used to help them in other areas of their lives. This realisation can result in a significant behaviour change and give them an increased sense of purpose, particularly those who perhaps do not flourish in a classroom environment or are more active learners.



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES



UK Youth have become experts in delivering powerful development and learning programmes. You will find Avon Tyrrell the perfect location from which to run a Residential Programme with the support of the Avon Tyrrell Team.

We operate to strict safety standards and our aim is to give groups an enjoyable learning and development experience within a safe and secure environment.

Focusing on team development and learning new skills, our activities can effectively create new found self belief where personal goals can be achieved.

Our adventurous activities demand encouragement which in turn creates confidence and team spirit.

Our problem solving activities teach individuals within a team how to trust one another.

Here, communication is the key which can lead to improved social skills and enhance the ability to interpret difficult situations.



youth
achievement
award



All of our activity staff are NGB qualified and have developed their skills to get the most out of young people. Our staff have extensive experience in encouraging young people to reach their potential.

It is part of our ideology that groups are reviewed when they have finished their sessions. Our instructors help this process by encouraging the group to discuss their own interpretations constructively to the rest of the group as a whole and enthuse a general feel good factor to spur the group on to the next activity or phase of their programme.

Development Programmes are very much written to group requirements. We take the time to understand needs, aims and objectives to ensure we deliver what groups really want.





C O R P O R A T E G R O U P S



Personal and Team Development

Avon Tyrrell Corporate Development Days are aimed at groups looking to improve and explore their team dynamics.

Our programmes are all individually tailored to meet your needs. Whether you are looking for a shared group experience or more advanced training focusing on specific goals and objectives such as change management, or advanced communication skills, Avon Tyrrell can provide something for you.

Our development-training offers a diverse range of activities that are challenging, involving and educational. Successful development programmes are delivered by creating and maintaining a safe and supportive environment in which to explore the dynamics and interaction of teams and individuals.

We have found that by creating and maintaining a safe environment where teams can explore and build confidence, their personal development advances. By facilitating this learning and identifying successful behaviours our Development Days provide enjoyment, insight and lasting value.

For companies, organisations, however large or small, our professional team will create a programme **specific to your needs and aims.**

- Our meeting rooms are available for reviews, discussions and to consolidate the days event.







DISABILITY ACCESS

Without Barriers


We have a great belief that all activities should be accessible to everyone, regardless of ability and we strive to make this possible so all can enjoy this unique centre set in the heart of The New Forest. We hope you will come and see for yourself.

We can provide full board accommodation in our Grade I listed House and self catering accommodation in our lodges - specifically designed for full access. We have a lift in the House to assist with accessibility to our accommodation floors and we have various types of equipment to support different needs, all of which are housed on site and are available on request.

We provide a range of adventure and environmental activities that will be exhilarating and challenging, but safe and we operate a '**Challenge by Choice**' system which means we will never make you do something you are not happy doing – we see any step as a positive step. The facilities and equipment are designed to give you an opportunity to participate in most activities and taking part can be a whole lot of fun! You could uncover a hidden enthusiasm for adventure that you never realised you had.

All our activities help you build your self confidence, gain further skills and friendships and introduce you to new adventures that you may wish to pursue further.

The Activity staff have been trained to work with varying abilities of participants and they hold national governing body awards where necessary.



If you would like to talk to our **Customer Services Team** with any queries you may have regarding your group taking part in all activities, please call us on: **01425 672347** and we will put you at ease.

Discounts on activities for residential guests.





THE HISTORY OF AVON TYRRELL



In 1881, Lord Manners made a bet that he could buy, train and ride the winner of the 1882 Grand National.

He bought a horse called Seaman and spent the next few months training and preparing him for what turned out to be the most gruelling of races. Due to the extreme cold and bitter snow, a lot of the runners dropped back and although Seaman became lame just before the end, Manners beat the favourite to the winning post.

Lord Manners married Constance Fane in 1885 and her eldest sister, Evelyn, let him build Avon Tyrrell on her land with his winnings. It was designed by the Arts & Crafts architect W.R. Lethaby as a calendar house; the original House had 365 windows, 12 chimneys, 52 rooms and seven ground floor exits. It was completed in 1891 and is now registered as a Grade I listed building.

The House was requisitioned by the Army during the Second World War as an intelligence gathering post and hospital. The family didn't move back in and in 1949 Lord Manners donated Avon Tyrrell to the 'Youth of the Nation'. The building was officially opened by Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth II).

Now as the registered charity UK Youth, we offer holidays, courses, personal development and activities for young people and adults of all ages and abilities.







For 100 years **UK Youth** has been enabling young people to develop the skills necessary to tackle the important issues and challenges they face in life. Our programmes use our unique social skills based curriculum model that assists young people to develop the resilience, skills and competences necessary to make successful transitions to adulthood.

We research, develop and trial innovative accredited youth work programmes and have provided learning opportunities for youth groups, youths clubs, projects, schools, Local Education Authorities, Pupil Referral Units and many other groups working with young people.

Recent specific achievements include:

- the development and growth of **The Youth Achievement Awards**
- the launch of a programme to develop the **Youth Achievement Foundations**, small independent schools that provide an alternative approach to full time education for young people at risk of exclusion (one of which is based at Avon Tyrrell)
- the development of our **Peer Education programmes** including **Movers and Shapers**

Avon Tyrrell
is UK Youth's
Headquarters in
the New Forest

All of our programmes engage young people at the heart of their development and delivery.

We address issues which are important to young people such as financial awareness, employment, health and mobility through programmes such as our **Peer Education programme, Young Mothers Learning, First Gear and Bike Club**.

Our work with young people makes a lasting impact by encouraging them to take responsibility and become involved. It gives a voice to people who are too rarely heard and builds skills that will remain useful throughout their lives.

Young people are at the heart of everything we do through our national youth forum, **UK Youth Voice**, who volunteer their time for the organisation. We have recently extended this group to include an e-Voice group through our programme "**Hearing Unheard Voices**", which enables the participation of a far larger group of young people.

We deliver all of our programmes and training through our network, which is made up of:

- **750,000** young people.
- **40,000** volunteer and part-time youth workers.
- **7,000** youth groups, clubs and projects.
- **40** autonomous metropolitan and country based associations.
- **3** autonomous national member organisations in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales as well as Local Authorities, Schools, Extended Schools and many other settings



Youth Work Team • Projects • Programmes • Products



UK Youth Voice • UKYV – a youth led, self governing group within UK Youth, comprising of 25 talented young people from all over the UK, who are dedicated to giving a voice to our nation's youth as well as planning and delivering an Annual National Youth Conference and overseeing participation projects.



Movers and Shapers • Supporting 95 disadvantaged young people aged 13 - 19 to work in small groups to survey the views of 1,000 young people. The young people use these views to develop new models of collaboration with 24 service providers leading to improved health, parenting and UK Youth services across England.



Hearing Unheard Voices • Helping disadvantaged young people aged 11 - 18 to have their voices heard through media and campaigning activities across all 9 regions of England - resulting in more approachable and understanding workers, managers and policy makers delivering better services to young people.



Youth Achievement Foundation™ • Motivating vocational and activity based curriculum of personal and social development for students excluded from secondary school at Key Stage 4 or at risk of exclusion. The Foundation is based at Avon Tyrrell and acts as a hub for referrals from the surrounding communities.



Healthy Young Adult Transitions • Supporting young peer volunteers aged 16 - 25 to identify gaps, strengths and weaknesses in local Health Service provision; enabling them to deliver workshops to inform the Health Service, Managers and Policy Makers about the findings made through the project.



Bike Club • Using cycling-based activities to improve the lives of children, young people and families. Bike Club aims to engage with 10 - 20 year-olds in all sections of the community, of all abilities, backgrounds, social and ethnic groups, ensuring widespread opportunities for learning and development.



Youth Achievement Award • A nationally recognised accreditation where young people are able to build a portfolio based on their voluntary activities and develop personal and social skills, resulting in a certified award, giving a sense of self confidence, empowerment and accomplishment. The Youth Achievement Awards have over 1000 operators across England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.



Junior Achievement Award • National award scheme for children aged 7 - 11 (Key Stage 2). The JAA uses a peer education approach to helping children plan and review the learning gained in an almost limitless range of activities that interest and motivate them and are designed to develop a range of personal and social skills.



First Gear and On Two Wheels • UK Youth's Vehicle Education programmes. They aim to encourage young people aged between 14 - 17 to develop positive attitudes towards the responsibilities inherent in the safe use of motor vehicles.



Peer Qualifications • These qualifications (available as an Award and a Certificate) are aimed at young people aged 14 plus who are engaged in practical, hands-on peer mentoring and/or education projects in non-formal or formal learning environments, enabling them to become confident and effective peer mentors and/or peer educators.



Young Mothers Learning • Young Mothers Learning is an accredited learning programme for young women who are caring for children. The programme addresses young mothers' personal support needs, whilst also delivering credibility through accreditation.



Education Training and Development • Training and supporting agencies to deliver quality accredited youth work throughout the UK.

The Source • The Source is UK Youth's monthly online resource, packed with information, features, updates and more. This interactive magazine and directory is a practical resource for anyone working with young people and reaches over 17,000 people.

Resources • Over 50 publications, posters, CDs, DVDs etc covering a whole range of topic areas in practically useful formats. These essential resources have been developed and trialled by those who work with young people.

Training Calendar • Over 100 training days/events offering a wide range of training across the UK for all those working with and for young people. All courses are facilitated by qualified and experienced trainers.

Conferences & Events • The Youth Work Team run a number of conferences, seminars and events across the UK every year to coincide with their many projects.

European Confederation of Youth Clubs (ECYC) • The Youth Work Team represents UK Youth at ECYC - a European network of youth work and youth club organisations that practice and promote Open Youth Work and Non-formal Learning. Today, ECYC has 28 member organisations in 27 European countries and its member organisations reach more than 2, 2 million young people in Europe.



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