

# National Youth Sector Advisory Board

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 2pm – 4.30pm

Held virtually via ZOOM

## ACTIONS ARISING

### Sector round-up

Youth Justice Board

Youth work is embedded throughout the mapping of the youth justice system.

- Mapping document to be shared with NYSAB ahead of publication
- Partnership working opportunities to be included as a future NYSAB agenda item.

### Girls Speak

[Presentation slides](#)

**Children’s Commissioner for England** - Guest speaker, Dame Rachel de Souza

The Commissioner is a strong advocate for youth work and outlined headlines from the [Big Ask survey](#) – the largest ever survey of children. She spoke about the key themes which emerged in The Big Ask: family, health, education, jobs and skills, children's social care, a better world, and most relevant here - community. Children spoke the desire for access to more youth workers and safe spaces to go.

On the back of the findings The Commissioner published a set of [policy papers](#) which:

1. welcomes YIF as this will help to increase provision for high quality spaces yet acknowledges this will not address all the delivery challenges faced by the youth sector
2. calls for an Enhanced statutory duty on LAs to deliver youth services locally including a minimum level of provision, unacceptable such variation across the country
3. calls for a duty on public bodies to provide spaces at cost to charity and community groups working with children young people

On the back of the [Social Care Report](#) The Commissioner recommends children and young people have the opportunity to work with other professionals (e.g. youth workers).

Questions from the sector:

- how adult volunteers at the Scouts (many family members) can be integrated into local youth services
- cost of living increases and impact on levels of participation
- finding a mechanism to actively facilitate youth work support for young people in and on the edge of care when the youth work relationship is voluntary (e.g. formal introduction)

If anyone would like to follow up on anything with the Children's Commissioners office, please feel free to get in touch: [samuel.howell@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](mailto:samuel.howell@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

### Education – schools with youth work

Interim findings and discussion from the cross-party expert panel review, co-chaired by Kate Green MP and Tim Loughton.

The panel are [reviewing the role of youth work in and with schools](#) almost a decade after the previous Commission.

Challenges include:

- Evidence and data gaps
- How people define youth work
- Finding a shared language

Panel have seen excellent examples of how youth work has been embedded within the education curriculum offer and its effectiveness in reintroducing excluded young people back into formal education.

Further exploration:

- how to amplify the Youth Work Curriculum
- the role for NYSAB to bring together different data sources
- the role of LA's in this space; COVID showed schools are working closely with LA's
- opportunity to create a funded programme, possibly aligned with HAF

Next steps:

- Top line findings to be shared over the Summer; with report to be published ahead of party conferences and an event in Parliament in October

#### **DCMS update and youth engagement**

- DCMS launched a [consultation to determine the broad social and/or environmental purposes for dormant assets funding in England](#) and encourages everyone to respond (closes 11:45pm on 9 October 2022).
- HAF coordinators have been asked to think about provision for older young people and to consider engaging local youth groups; changed how they collect feedback by year group to provide a baseline.
- Tender for youth work bursaries to be launched imminently.
- YIF will open in the summer and will have a rolling application process with a series of assessment panels with cut-off dates (likely quarterly).

Census

- Report to be published before Summer recess.

#### **Future Meeting Dates:**

Thursday 3 November from 2pm – 4.30pm via Zoom

#### **Useful Links**

- Our Bright Future is running an event on Young Trustees on 26 July as part of the launch of our young trustees guide, more info and sign up here <https://www.ourbrightfuture.co.uk/opportunities/>
- LGA Commissioned work on youth voice in local authorities which can be found on their case study page like this one from East Suffolk <https://www.local.gov.uk/case-studies/youth-voice-post-boxes-east-suffolk-council>

- City Bridge Trust in London to fund interventions with children and young people at moments of key transition <https://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/grant-making/what-we-fund/positive-transitions/>
- NCS Trust report on enriching education recovery: <https://wearencs.com/sites/default/files/2021-10/Enriching%20Education%20Recovery%20the%20role%20of%20non%20formal%20learning.pdf>
- National Youth Work Curriculum can be found here: <https://www.nya.org.uk/quality/curriculum/>
- Framework for outcomes for youth work <https://local.gov.uk/about/campaigns/re-thinking-local/re-thinking-local-children-and-young-people/re-thinking-local>
- [BeeWell survey covering 40k students exploring Mental Health.](#)
- <https://www.partnershipforyounglondon.org.uk/post/school-daze> (note this is out of date and no longer aligns with inspections)

## Events

[\*\*Members of Youth Parliament will gather for its 22nd Annual Conference at the University of Hull from Friday 22nd July 2022 until Sunday 24th July 2022\*\*](#)

[\*\*NYA and regional partners to host 9 in-person roadshows in September.\*\*](#) These are free events and encouraged early registration as numbers are limited.