

**What is Youth Work? “YCHLOW believes that good youth work practice is about creating a stimulating, supportive environment negotiated with the young people in which each individual may continue to grow ethically, morally, physically and emotionally and gain appropriate knowledge and experience, in order that they may find their place in society, whilst developing a positive regard for themselves and others.”**

(Extract from YCHLOW Strategic Development Plan for 2012-15)

We believe that youth work is a unique and valuable approach to working with young people that provides them with many positive benefits...

- A safe place to go
- Somewhere to socialise
- Fun and challenging activities
- Somewhere to develop and grow
- Someone to talk to
- A chance to learn new skills
- Opportunities to learn about themselves
- A support network
- Access to new experiences
- A sense of belonging and community
- A chance to practice teamwork
- Preparation for adulthood
- Positive role models
- Access to information to make positive lifestyle choices
- Challenges risk-taking behaviour



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# SUPPORTING YOUTH WORK

**Services for Existing  
Organisations**

**Start-Up Support**



**Youth Clubs  
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Isle of Wight**

Since 1942 Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight (YCHLOW) has been providing a continuous service across the wider-Hampshire area supporting young people, youth work, youth workers and youth organisations. We always strive for excellence in what we do and in what we are able to support other people to achieve.

We have supported fledgling youth organisations during their critical start up process as well as enabling more established projects to develop further what they are able to offer the young people they serve. We also provide access to high quality training and development.

Over the last 69 years we have maintained a workforce of between 70-150 paid staff and volunteers with all the management processes in place necessary to enable such a workforce to remain safe and effective and to achieve highly.

We believe our track record places us in a unique situation to be able to offer a range of support services to any youth work project, voluntary or statutory, that wishes to offer young people access to high quality youth work services.



Each situation where an organisation may need support is likely to be different and we can tailor a package to meet the needs of many different organisations.

Here are some examples of the different types of support that we can provide for your organisation:

- Professional Supervision of youth work staff
- Line Management of youth work staff
- Recruitment and Employment of youth work staff on your behalf
- Co-delivery partnership
- Full service management of an individual project
- Full service management of multiple projects
- Staff training and development

Don't forget, we can tailor our service to meet your needs. So if you're an existing youth organisation looking for additional support get in touch to find out what we can do for you and for a customised quote.



Starting up a new youth club, group or project can be a daunting prospect even for a team of experienced youth workers. Here at YCHLOW we can provide you with a tailor-made support package to guide you through from your initial idea to opening your doors to young people on a regular basis.

The Starting From Scratch Programme aims to provide comprehensive support for local groups wishing to start a new youth club, group or project so that a new generation of successful and sustainable clubs, groups and projects are established to deliver high quality youth work.

We will work alongside you to help ensure that a solid foundation is created on which to base your work with young people. This will include looking at a range of different areas:

- Needs Analysis
- Sustainability
- Safeguarding
- Training
- Funding
- Recruiting
- Staffing and Volunteers
- Programme Development

To find out how we can help you, get in touch with us for a chat.

