



DORSET YOUTH MEMBERSHIP



Does your organisation support young people in Dorset? Do you need some support or advice? Membership to Dorset Youth is for you!

MEMBERSHIP
IS FREE

ABOUT DORSET YOUTH

Founded in 1943, Dorset Youth have been providing support to youth clubs and groups since its inception. In the last few years not only has our membership offer changed dramatically, but the way we communicate, support and work with our members has too.

All of these changes have happened because we've listened to our members and their needs, responding to them, and growing together. Since March 2020, the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, we have identified the want and need to strengthen partnership working. We want to streamline support offered by ourselves and the Local Authority, ensuring there isn't duplication but more importantly that members are getting what they need, when they need it. This is an ongoing process that only works because our member organisations are honest and reflective with us.

OUR VISION

For all children and young people to be empowered, feel respected and know that they are valued.

OUR MISSION

Ensuring the development and recognition of a vibrant, strong and diverse voluntary sector with a focus on supporting those aged 0-25 and their families.

KEY PEOPLE



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CEO

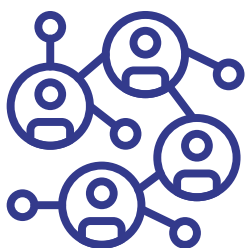


Debbie Shaw
Finance Officer



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Youth Development
Manager

BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS



**Networking, updates
and support**



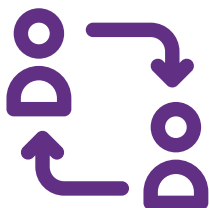
**DBS checks &
governance support**



**Advice & guidance
(incl for new provision)**



**Training &
development**



**Youth
Opportunities**



**Access to our
knowledge Hub**



**Access to a CRM
for data capture**

RUNNING A YOUTH CLUB?

Or do you want to be a member organisation? There are certain things we expect our members to have in place. Support is provided where needed - but we need member organisations to be honest with themselves (and us!). Our expectation is that each organisation has:

- ☐ A constitution (where relevant)
- ☐ A Management Committee/Board of Trustees (where relevant)
- ☐ A safeguarding policy
- ☐ A Level 3 trained DSL/DSO
- ☐ A Level 3 trained deputy DSL/DSO
- ☐ A safer recruitment policy
- ☐ An equality and diversity policy
- ☐ Staff & volunteers with current and valid DBS checks
- ☐ Staff & volunteers with up to date training
- ☐ Appropriate levels of first aid trained/fire warden trained staff
- ☐ Tenancy/ownership or rental agreement document(s)
- ☐ First aid kit(s) and an accident book/reporting form
- ☐ Risk assessments for your building, activities and any trips
- ☐ A job description & person specification for each role, or role profile for volunteers
- ☐ Current insurance that comprehensively covers your needs (public liability, cover against loss/fire/employer or for vehicles as required)
- ☐ Fire procedures - in date fire equipment, risk assessments, emergency evacuation plans & regular fire drills with young people
- ☐ Full club accounts
- ☐ Details of staff/volunteers kept on record

For some clubs, responsibility will fall with the owner of the building you use, but it is your responsibility to seek this information from them. Support is available for everything here!



DBS CHECKS

Many of our existing members have chosen to become a member for access to our DBS checks. We can provide you with all the forms necessary to undertake your own checks, or subject to capacity, can come and do your checks for you. You have complete flexibility with our offer of paper based forms or online DBS checks.

	PAPER BASED CHECKS	ONLINE CHECKS
Registration fee	FREE	£6 (ONE OFF)
Volunteer Disclosure	FREE	£11
Standard Disclosure (Paid Role)	£29	£29
Enhanced Disclosure (Paid Role)	£49	£49

Prices correct as of April 2023 and may be subject to change. All prices are at cost and will never make profit. If you are starting provision or are a small organisation, there may be help we can offer with paper based forms, depending on organisational size, income and total number of DBS checks required

GOVERNANCE

As a member of Dorset Youth, you have full access to our policy development support. We have template documents, but if you can't find what you need or require further support, we can provide help with all your policy needs.

Dorset Youth can come and meet with your Management Committee/Board of Trustees where capacity allows - support is not limited to the youth worker in charge

NETWORKING & UPDATES

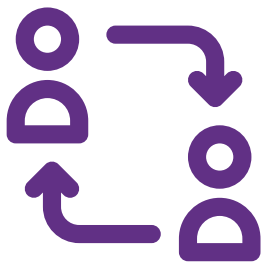


Dorset Youth can link your organisation with the Local Alliance Group (LAG), Youth at Risk meetings (YAR), Targeted Youth worker and any other locality-based networking opportunities that are local to you.

We send out bi-weekly e-newsletters with the latest news, important updates and funding/training opportunities

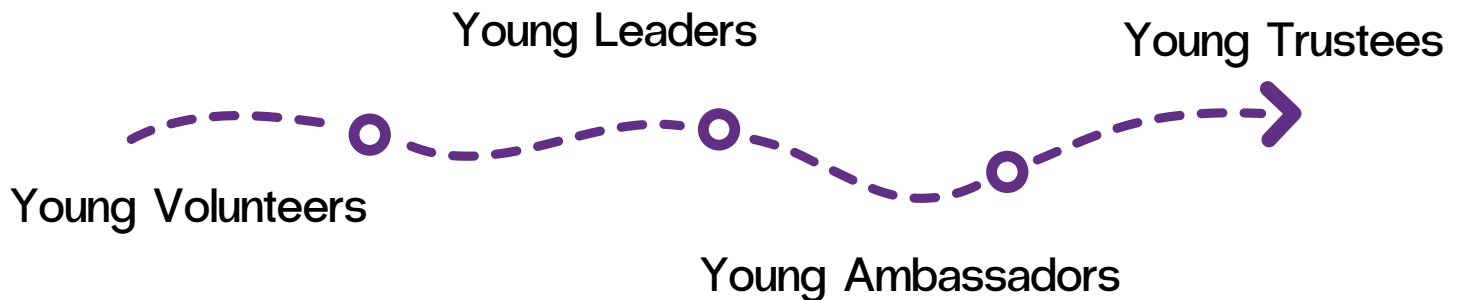
We have been encouraging partnership working between clubs to share resources - whether equipment, expertise, staff, buildings, contacts etc. There is a great example of this in the East where youth clubs there have created their own support network to tap into when required.

We are focused on you and your local area, making meaningful links close to home, but we also need your help to strengthen those links countywide for the benefit of the sector - but more importantly, the young people you're working with!



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

We want Youth Opportunities to be delivered where young people are. We are committed to training youth workers out in localities to be able to deliver this training, to increase the capacity of being able to deliver this training. We are developing a pathway for young people.



To find out more information on this and how to get your young people involved email clubsupport@dorsteyouth.com

DATA CAPTURING

COMING
SOON



We spent a long time looking for the right CRM (Customer Relationship Manager - essentially a database to track everything youth club related) for youth clubs. None of them seemed quite right or did all the things we wanted them to, so we designed our own! Our CRM offers you the chance to track:

- Attendance at youth club sessions
- Safeguarding issues & health and safety/accidents
- Evaluation of the projects you're running
- Staff details and training
- Membership information of young people

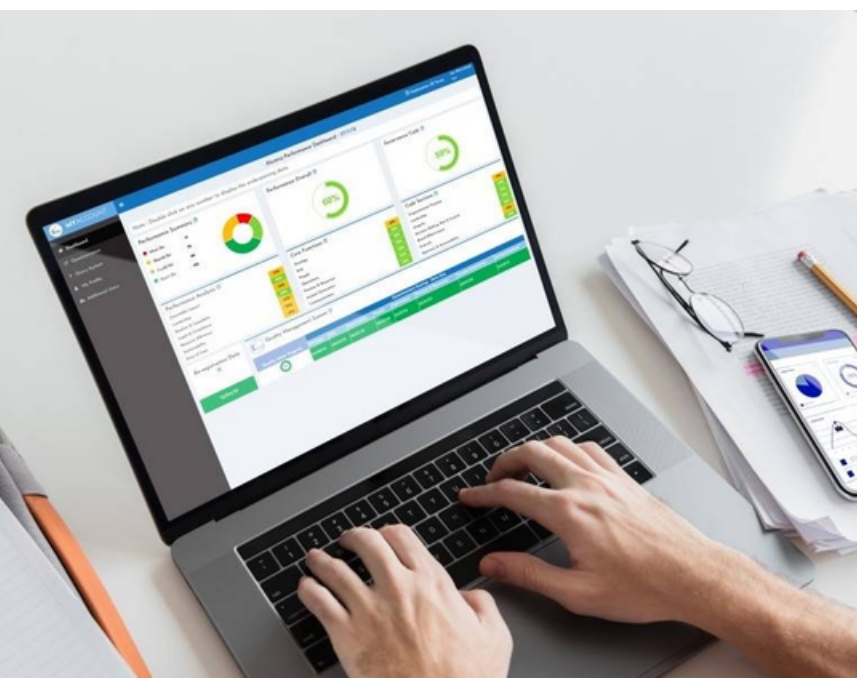
AND it provides a booking system for your events!

We have designed this CRM to reduce your admin time, freeing you up to do more of the things you love. Contact us for more info!

STRATEGIC PLANNING



Strategic what? This is a phrase we see a lot of and it can seem quite overwhelming - where are we as an organisation and where do we want to be? Doing this on your own can be intimidating - but don't worry! Those of you who are charities can access the Charity Excellence Framework and 1:1 support to complete it, for free! This framework will ask you questions and create an action plan for you, based on your answers. It even provides links to resources so you can easily complete each action point.



Not a charity? No problem! We've got our own document that our Youth Development Manager can work through with you - a fully personalised visit, creating an action plan together. Again, resources will be provided for you to fulfil your action plan - which

might be shorter than you think! Organisations who have already been through the Charity Excellence Framework process have told us it has been really good seeing their strengths as it gives a good foundation to build from.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

In partnership with Dorset Council, we are proud to announce a one-stop shop for all your training needs! For dates of current opportunities, head to dorsetyouth.com/training-support. Training is open to any organisation working with children and young people aged 0-25 in Dorset, regardless of membership status with Dorset Youth.

We want to move away from all training being provided in Dorchester and bring it to where you are. That's why, for each of our core offer courses, we will run **one of each course per year** in the rough areas of North, East, South and West. This does not apply to Level 3 Safeguarding which is organised by the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership.

CORE OFFER

- Safeguarding Level 2 full course, with Online Safety
- Safeguarding Level 2 refresher course
- Introduction to Youth Work (suitable for new staff/Trustees etc)
- Level 3 Safeguarding - (Multi Agency Working Together) - book on Dorset Nexus

CPD OPPORTUNITIES

- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Emergency First Aid at Work
- Behaviour That Challenges
- Programme Planning
- Talk About Alcohol
- Supporting LGBT Young People
- Sexual Health
- H&S/Fire Warden/Food hygiene

CPD training is subject to change and may incur a charge. Please contact us for the latest information. If you are starting provision or are a small org, a limited number of funded places may be available, depending on organisational size, income and total number of places required

SO... WHAT NEXT?

Not ready to become a member yet? No problem! Get in touch: clubsupport@dorsetyouth.com to ask any questions not answered here and for more information

Ready to become a member? Great! We can't wait to work together!





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