

YPS & YOT  
Current Statements of  
Purpose/Values  
(2010)

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

**Our vision is to support young people to be safe, happy, healthy and involved so they can achieve and develop, and be valued and recognised for their positive contribution.**

The four main elements to YPS are:

- Universal Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG), including a statutory duty to provide careers advice to young people in partnership with schools and colleges. Counselling and intensive support for those who require specialist intervention is also provided.
- Access to a wide range of positive activities, including an appropriate offer of “places to go and things to do” that reflects the Government’s ambition for youth opportunities.
- Empowering young people to influence services and facilities that are available to them and facilitating opportunities to volunteer and contribute to their local community.
- Targeted support for vulnerable young people experiencing difficulties in their education, health, behaviour, or relationships, with specialist services for disabled young people or those from different ethnic backgrounds.

Whatever the setting, workers understand that the most successful and productive relationships take place with young people **when** the service:

**Is** centred around the needs of the young person

**Starts** where the young person is starting and recognise the values that are important to them

**Focuses** upon empowerment and the fulfilment of potential

**Is** based upon relationship building – relationships built between young people and workers, and between young people and their peers

**Offers** impartial information, advice and guidance

**Adopts** a holistic approach and responds flexibly to need – including collaborating with or signposting to other agencies when appropriate

**Ensures** confidentiality within agreed boundaries

**Provides** opportunities for young people to engage with our services on a voluntary basis\*

# York YOT

## YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

*reducing youth crime improving lives protecting the public*

Helping make York a safer, better place for everyone:

- Changing the outlook and behaviour of individuals we supervise
- Reducing youth crime by working in partnership to ensure that young people get the support and direction they need
- Ensuring that the voice of victims is heard
- Working with families and the community to help them promote positive change in young people
- Protecting the public through rigorous enforcement of sentences imposed by the court