

A guide to the Young Futures Hub



The Young Futures Hub provide both physical and digital dedicated services for young people aged 10 to 18 (up to age 25 with special educational needs and disabilities).

Available for children and young people without the need to meet entry thresholds for support

Focused on what matters to each young person

A voluntary relationship directed by young people. They aim to support individual young people while responding to considerable issues facing young people today:



A clear point of access with an integrated local system of opportunities and support



Embedded into communities and reaching those most in need



Where the voices of young people and families are heard



Delivering inspiring and engaging high-quality activities, opportunities, support and services

To promote children and young people's development

To improve mental health and wellbeing

To prevent young people from being drawn into crime

The Hubs run youth-led programmes through enriching opportunities such as arts, sports, volunteering, and skills-based projects. These will foster confidence, resilience, and belonging.

All Hubs deliver a blend of open access youth work, providing safe, welcoming spaces for all young people, and targeted support for those who may need more focused help.

They also act as central anchor points for partnership working, bringing together organisations across community safety, careers and employability services, DWP Youth Hubs, mental health provision, and a wide range of voluntary and community sector partners to offer coordinated, wrap-around support.

Young Futures Hubs build on, and integrate with, existing youth support infrastructure and expertise within local areas.

To provide opportunity for hyper local services to network together to coordinate support for young people. For all young people to have the opportunity to have access to local quality assured services that can help them navigate their present and future journeys.



Futures Hub Model

A city-wide reach, locally minded youth work approach to supporting young people in Leeds.

Futures Hub - a hub that will be the central point of contact for all Futures Hub work - triaging referrals, liaise with partners and stakeholders, and representing Leeds Youth Alliance Futures Hub at partnership meeting and events. This will be based in the West of Leeds.

Spoke - recognising the size of Leeds and the challenges to travel, two spokes will provide reach into the South and East of Leeds to extend the reach of the hub and the coordinated support that is on offer.

Neighbourhoods - there is a wealth of skills in LYA and a city that can be fragmented by systems, equity and risk. To offer hypo-localised and/or specialist support where it is needed most, Leeds Youth Alliance branches will provide support to young people when it has been identified that access into the hub and spokes would not be feasible.

Youth Voice is critical to the success of the hub model. The hub and spokes will work with both young people accessing their own organisation, the Youth Alliance Collective (city wide view) and young people who may not be represented (LCC Youth Service, Youth Justice, Leeds Voice and Influence Network, Leeds Youth Council/Mayor) to ensure this is central to all decision making.



Leeds Youth Alliance is established as a partnership of youth work organisations operating across the Leeds district, unified by a shared commitment to youth and community work as a distinct and effective practice. The Alliance seeks to highlight the transformative impact of youth work in addressing the personal and social development needs of young people in Leeds. Through strong networks and relationships among its members, the Alliance facilitates collaboration, mutual support, and the exchange of skills and training, ensuring the sector remains innovative and responsive to the evolving needs of young people and their communities.



Find out more about the Hub including our timetable of activities on the Barca-Leeds website: barca-leeds.org or contact us: 0113 255 9582, cypreferrals@barca-leeds.org

How a young person describes the Young Futures Hub

Who better to describe the Young Futures Hub than the young people who use it? We asked young people at our groups, activities and sessions what the Hub means to them. Here's what they said:

The Young Futures Hub is a place where you can **be yourself**, **get support**, and **discover new opportunities**. Whether you need advice, someone to talk to, help with a challenge, or a place where you feel welcome, the Hub is here for you.



Open to young people aged **10 to 18**, and **up to 25 for those with SEND**, the Hub offers a range of support, making it easier to get the help you need, when you need it.



It's a **safe and welcoming space** where **your voice matters** and **your views are listened to**. You can build confidence, resilience and a sense of belonging, while making new connections and learning new skills.



From arts, music and sport to volunteering and other fun activities, the Hub gives young people **opportunities to grow, try new things** and **reach their full potential**.



More than just a service, the Young Futures Hub is somewhere to **feel heard, supported and inspired**, a place where young people can **belong, thrive and feel positive about their future**.



For more information about the Young Futures Hub and our activities, please email cypreferrals@barca-leeds.org or call/text WhatsApp 0707938 002989