



herefordshire voluntary organisations support service

youth @ hvoss

Creating a network of youth support services



Our mission is to create a quality sustainable network of youth and community support services, building the confidence, character and life skills of young people challenging them to be the best they can be. We will do this through collaborative planning, partnership working and provision of training.

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hvoss (Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service) supports the needs of the voluntary and community sector across Herefordshire.

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What is hvoss offering...

hvoss believe all young people in Herefordshire should be valued and respected for who they are and have access to quality safe opportunities to thrive through learning and fun.

hvoss recognises the lack of open access, early intervention and targeted youth work provision at market town level and has identified the need for such provision. The response has been to offer support to community groups and organisations through its operational unit MYLO (Mobile Youth Led Opportunities) using mentoring, training and networking to establish the most sustainable youth provision for these young people and the communities in which they live.

As a result of previous work, hvoss has proved it can deliver a comprehensive programme of youth and community development. Working in partnership with HALC, we invite Parish Councils to work with youth@hvoss to ensure that every child and young person should have the greatest possible opportunity to be the best they can. We offer professional support to local communities within the county and through our developed and unique method of informal and formal consultation we can work across the County to identify and establish the most appropriate youth provision to meet the needs, responsibilities and aspirations of young people. Over the past 4 years hvoss has established 7 new groups and is now supporting the market towns to establish their own youth groups where council provision has ceased.

Whatever your Parish Youth need is, youth@hvoss can provide a working solution. Please refer to our packages on page 3 or give the team a call to discuss further.

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Your package...

Package 1

- Initial consultation to assess needs
- Consultation session to engage community and young people
- 40 youth sessions per year
- Quarterly reports
- 10 hours grant funding support and guidance
- Link to youth service support providers **£7,850**

Package 2

- Initial consultation to assess needs
- Consultation session to engage community and young people
- 12 youth sessions per year
- End of year report
- 5 hours grant funding support and guidance
- Link to youth service support providers **£2,750**

Package 3

- Initial consultation to assess needs
- Consultation session to engage community and young people
- 4 mentored youth sessions
- Link to youth service support providers **£1,250**

Tailor-made Package

We understand that every community has specific needs. Please call us to discuss, as a tailor-made provision can be provided to suit.

Optional extras range from

- 3 day course 'Introduction to Youth Work'
- National Open College Network (NOCN) accredited Level 2 Award in Youth and Community Services
- Bespoke consultation for large grant applications
- One-off community events in partnership with external youth arts and sports providers

Case Study...

A Community Led Plan request with Young People facilitated by MYLO reported that the young people considered the new playground ideal for younger children and summer use but teenagers request a Youth Club. The Young people held a public meeting, resulting in the Village hall committee offering free use of the hall for a pilot 6 months. Recruitment of adult volunteers resulted in a team of 8 completing a Level 1 OCN course "Introduction to Youth & Community Work". MYLO staff were funded by the Parish Council for 1 year to mentor the volunteers whilst setting up and running a weekly youth club.

The outcome is now run by a team of volunteers with regular attendance of 20+, 8 to 16 year olds.

Mum, *"I now feel confident to let my 8 year old son go down to the village shop by himself, I realise the young people are not out to harm, they are just being lively meeting up with each other"*.

18 year old NEET volunteer, *"I wanted a youth club that offered opportunities that I never had when I was younger, to give the younger kids a better chance in life than I had"*. Runner up in the Herefordshire young volunteer of the year awards 2013.



Additional links

- Access to MLS (Minibus Link Scheme), providing one-stop transport for groups
- Work with other organisations such as Housing Assoc, the arts and sports providers
- Other specialist services



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