

"The Quality Mark underpins our standards, ethos and values. Undertaking the process was both rewarding and challenging" said **Dawn Henry, Chief Executive of Suffolk Young People's Health Project**

involved Youth Volunteering

Young Suffolk is funded through the involved National Youth Volunteering Programme to create new and exciting youth volunteering opportunities aimed at young people aged 16-25. involved teams have adopted a youth led model which places young people at the centre of developing youth volunteering. involved teams ensure that young people and organisations can access high quality support, advice and guidance. Young Suffolk's involved team champions youth-led action by:

- Creating new volunteering opportunities across all sectors
- Brokering young people into opportunities
- Championing youth-led action

If you know any young people or organisations who are interested to find out more then please contact us.



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"Young Suffolk is a pioneer for the voluntary children and young people's sector, and is delighted that the diverse and skilled voluntary sector it represents, is now widely recognised and considered a vital partner in the design, delivery and development of Youth Matters in Suffolk"

Rosalind Turner, Director for Children and Young Peoples Services, Suffolk County Council (2005 to 2009)



**The Independent Voice of the
 Voluntary Children
 and
 Young People's Sector in Suffolk**

Who are we?

Young Suffolk is the only county wide infrastructure organisation for the voluntary children and young people's sector. We were established in 1974 to promote and meet the needs and aspirations of children and young people under the age of 25, by strengthening and supporting the work of our very diverse and talented member organisations. We are a registered charity that is ever evolving, adapting and moving to meet the needs of our members and more importantly children and young people throughout Suffolk. Essentially we are a huge network of all the key voluntary, community groups and charities working with children and young people across Suffolk.

What do we do?

Young Suffolk helps to support and develop its member organisations by providing:

- Access to funding advice and opportunities.
- Representation at area and district based meetings across Suffolk with easily available feedback via our website.
- Training opportunities (many of which are free and if not we can often help towards travel and childcare costs).
- Professional guidance and practical help including support in setting up new clubs and organisations.



- Advice to members about new legislation and changes which may affect them.
- Events which members are welcome to attend to showcase their own organisation, skills and talents. Also conferences and seminars throughout the year and an AGM.
- Networking and consultation opportunities including the Young Suffolk Forum.
- Partnership working including sharing of information and resources.
- Help and support in ensuring children and young people participate in decision making within member organisations.
- And much more

Join us

For only **£25 a year** organisations working in Suffolk with children and young people can join Young Suffolk and add its own distinct 'weave' to the rich tapestry of talents and skills that make up our significant and influential membership of over 150 organisations (see our website for a full list). So if you would like to join Young Suffolk then please contact us.

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Our website has been designed to help you access information you may need such as Young Suffolk's *Accredited* Introduction to Working with Children and Young People Course, latest application packs for various funding opportunities and feedback to keep you up to date with what's happening from local area and district based meetings across Suffolk.

Communication

We offer members a network link across our membership and numerous other contacts including statutory, voluntary, community and charities with information you wish to tell everyone about! This could be fantastic funding opportunities, great new courses on offer or even job opportunities. Young Suffolk offers members this service for FREE! The Young Suffolk Area Co ordinators also keep members up to speed, as does the FREE email service for Young Suffolk Stop Press and FLASHeMAIL information. We also post out a quarterly Network magazine. [All of this for just £25 a year.](#)

Young Suffolk Quality Standard Mark

We have developed our own Quality Standards Framework that is supported and endorsed by Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Safeguarding Children's Board. The standards focus on child protection, health and safety, staff support (both paid and unpaid) and their development, and organisational management. Achievement of the award is recognition that an organisation has provided evidence that it is a well run and safe provider of services for children and young people. Working towards or attainment of our Quality Standard Mark is a prerequisite for qualifying for funding from Youth and Connexion's Small Grants Fund, as is being a member of Young Suffolk.

"...It's a real opportunity to take stock of how your organisation's doing, amidst the day to day demands of running a busy service for children and young people" said **Steve Allman, Chief Executive of Out and About**