
Overview

Facilitating and empowering the voice of young people is one of the values which youth workers are expected to know about and apply in their practice.

This standard covers working with young people to promote and embed their rights within youth work activities, and is suitable for all youth workers.

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 demonstrate an understanding and commitment to the rights of young people
 - P2 assess the effectiveness of own organisation in addressing the rights of young people, and determine whether this can be enhanced
 - P3 develop and agree with colleagues actions to enhance the promotion of young people's rights
 - P4 encourage young people to express their views and opinions
 - P5 encourage young people to present their ideas positively to others
 - P6 encourage and support young people to recognise their rights and that of others
 - P7 advocate with, and on behalf of, young people with peers, colleagues and other stakeholders
 - P8 identify and challenge constructively oppression and discrimination amongst and against young people within own areas of responsibility
 - P9 promote equality and the valuing of diversity
 - P10 act in accordance with relevant guidelines and codes of practice regarding the rights of young people

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 legal, regulatory and codes of practice requirements addressing the rights of children and young people including their local, social and political context
- K2 key national organisations and local agencies responsible for setting out and monitoring the rights of children and young people
- K3 the role of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and of The Committee for the Rights of the Child
- K4 the rights of young people
- K5 the importance of taking into account the views of others in relation to upholding the rights of young people
- K6 how to constructively challenge oppression and discrimination where it occurs
- K7 principles of effective communication and how to apply these to communicate effectively with young people, other agencies and stakeholders
- K8 the values and principles underpinning youth work

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Additional Information

Values

Working with representatives of the sectors within youth work, LSIS has agreed a suite of values and principles which distinguish youth work from other, sometimes related, activities involving young people. These values and principles are at the core of the work undertaken within youth work and underpin this standard. The behaviours required within this standard include those which reflect particular values and principles.

Behaviours

1. Actively seek to comprehend, encouraging questions and checking for understanding
2. Acknowledge positively the contributions and insights of young people
3. Are enthusiastic and motivated in your support of young people
4. Treat young people and their views with respect
5. Communicate clearly and in a style suited to the needs of your audience
6. Take personal responsibility for making things happen

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