

Essex Youth Service

The service is an informal education, personal and social development service which supports young people, predominantly aged 13 to 19.

The service has a very wide and diverse offer of direct delivery and supporting the local community to develop and grow sustainable local youth provisions.

We engage in any area or activity where a youth work solution may be an advantage.

Statutory Duties

Essex Youth Service is part of Education Directorate and performs the statutory duty functions

- **Participation & Tracking**
- **Young Carer Assessments**
- **Section 507B of the Education Act 1996 - Local authorities' guidance when exercising their statutory duty to secure, so far as reasonably practicable, leisure-time activities and facilities for young people aged 13 to 19 and those with learning difficulties or disabilities aged 20 to 24.**

Community Capacity Building Youth Work

Support and enable communities to develop and grow youth clubs and programmes

- Adult & young volunteer training and Youth Work qualifications
- Support with developing new youth clubs, policies and procedures.
- DBS (criminal record) checks, partnership agreements and licenses
- Access to funding
- Curriculum support, staff and physical resources.
- Access to youth center's
- Safeguard training & support and Health & safety guidance .
- Access to ECC mobile youth centres
- Mobile driver training

ECC Direct delivery of specialist youth work programmes

- Youth Work in Hospital project
- Detached youth work
- Youth Work in College
- Social Subscribers



Youth Voice & Participation

Youth participation encompasses the values of inclusivity, equality, empowerment, collaboration, social justice and democracy. It is guided by the principles of recognising the unique perspectives and experiences of young people, promoting their active involvement in decision-making, and creating opportunities for their personal and social development.

Young Essex Assembly

The Young Essex Assembly (YEA) are an elected youth council.

- There are 75 YEA members, representing all districts across Essex.
- They deliver on the priorities identified by young people, create resources, run campaigns and meet with adult elected members to influence decision making.
- They also represent Essex young at the UK Youth Parliament and the Youth Select Committee.

Good Practice Seekers

Local Youth Councils

Staff recruitment & interview panel members



Young Carers Service



- Supporting preschool – 25 year olds
- Personalised support for young carers and their families, developed with them around their needs which are identified through the assessment process.
- Completion of **statutory duty** for Young Carers Assessment of needs and a allocate a dedicated Key Worker if appropriate.
- Provide IAG and support to access other services including referrals to counselling, social care and universal youth provisions.
- Respite activities to give time away from caring role, to meet other young carers.
- Support with transition to adulthood and adult services.

Young Carers Schools Coordinators support schools to achieve the National Young Carer in Schools Awards and provide Young Carer training & workshops for professionals in education settings, Childrens and Adult Social Care and Healthcare.

Targeted Services

Targeted Youth Advisers deliver specialist career IAG support to young people and focus on removing barriers to engagement in EET. TYA's are L6 CIAG qualified

Aims include:

- Provide Impartial Careers IAG
- Improve school attendance
- Support transitions
- Identifying root cause of and address behaviour issues
- Emotional resilience and self-regulation
- Increase self-esteem and confidence
- Improve relationships with peers and adults
- Learning skills to overcome personal challenges
- Build aspirations and motivation to achieve their potential



The Youth Service maintained the DfE Matrix Award in recent inspection

Targeted Delivery

We offer bespoke targeted projects and support to individuals or groups who may struggle to engage with formal learning due to emotional issues, disruptive behaviors or engaging in low levels of crime. All work is lead by qualified Youth Workers or L6 IAG qualified Targeted Youth Advisers.

Programmes delivered:

- Enhanced Education Programme - EEP
- I CAN Project
- Managing Emotions Programme
- Goodman / Sisters In Strength
- Future Ready
- Pre Plan B
- Pathwayz
- Complimentary Education
- Work experience placements
- Refugee's, Asylum Seekers & Ukrainian visitors' assessments and support



This work is growing due to recently securing Levelling Up Funding

Duke of Edinburgh Award

- The Duke of Edinburgh Award is the world's leading youth achievement award for 13 yrs (year 9) up to 25year old.
- ECC holds the Operating Authority License issued by DofE Award central team
- Essex Youth Service undertake all functions of the license requirements.
- 82 schools & community groups deliver under the Essex DofE Licence
- Expeditions Leaders and approved assessors
- Summer programme to remove barriers to access DofE



The Multi-schools Council

The Multi-Schools Council (MSC) was created in 2012 with focus to challenge negative perceptions towards C&YP with SEND and mental health needs. In September 2022 the MSC become part of the Essex Youth Service

Currently there are **452** schools engaged with the MSC with a focus on raising awareness and best practice around:

- Improving School Attendance
- Speech, Language and Communication
- Behaviour in Schools

Every 3 years key priorities are set based on what young people are raising as concerns . The current priorities are:

- Racism
- Keeping Active
- Animal cruelty

The key priorities are driven by our **120** Ambassadors who not only driving change but also help other services become more inclusive.



Participation Tracking

The Participation Tracking team ensure ECC adhere to all statutory duties concerning:

- **September Guarantee** - record all offers of learning for years 11 and 12 cohort, highlighting any without an offer who will require IAG for the up coming academic year.
- **Activity Survey** – record destination of all current year 11 leavers, IAG to be offered to all those that are NEET.
- **Stretch Target Period** - 3 months average statistical data provided to the DfE.
- **Tracking** - fully track all 16 -18 year olds throughout the year including college leavers, all NEET and EET situations and cross border referrals.



Partnership working

ECC Youth Service and ECVYS

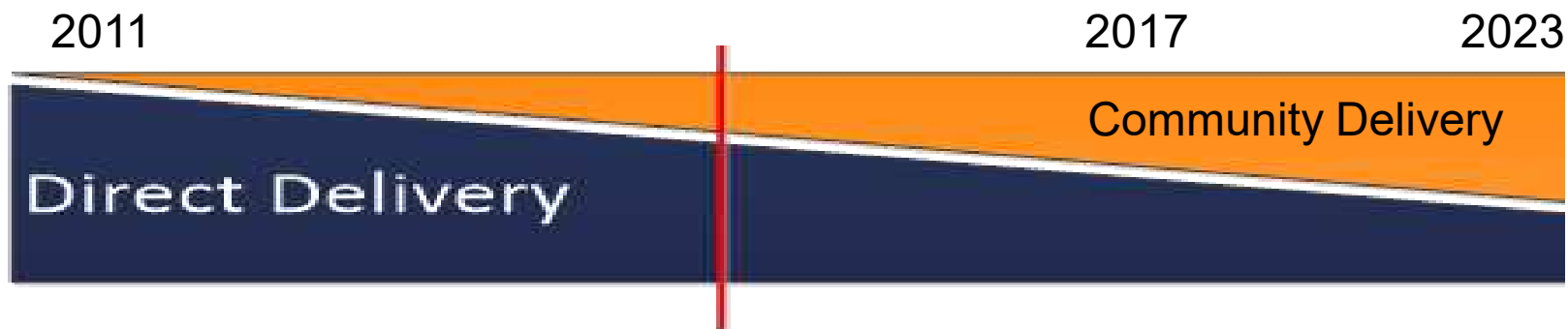
Violence and Vulnerability	Anchor Partnership
Essex Strategic Hate Crime Prevention Partnership	All Age Carers Partnership
Childrens Partnership	Social Care Resource Panel
Safety Partnership	Out of Court Disposal Panel
SETDAB	Stay Safe
Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE)	Essex Provider Network
ESCB Child Exploitation Sub Committee	District & Parish Councils
Skills Partnership	Regional Youth Work Unit

The Journey from Direct Delivery to Community Capacity Building

The vision of Community Capacity Building Model outlined in 2014/15 restructure
2011 2017



The model has been under constant review and adapted to enable specialist work to grow alongside the community development



Youth Service in numbers

Year	Number Participants	Staff FTE	Youth Service Budget
2017-18	41,723	82.5	£2.667,714
2018-19	52,693	104.64	£2,757,444
2019-20	54,957	125.18	£3,194,701
2020-21	62,629	126.13	£3,155,376
2021-22	73,452	121.70	£3,432,128
2022-23	72,819	121.70	£4,061,138

Highlights

- Youth Service staff aligned to other services – PFCC's Violence & Vulnerability Unit, Leaving and After Care, Social Care MDT, Youth Offending Service, Education Access, Economic Growth
- 3 year LU funds to increase reach and pilot new initiatives
- New Local Community Fund to replace the YSG's
- New Regional Youth Work Unit formed & chaired by Essex
- New PH funding to pilot a growth in Youth Work in Hospital model
- CYPN Awards – Youth Work in Hospital team shortlisted
- Young Peoples Healthy Relationships resource
- Multi Schools Council – regional work
- Rapid Response – Refugees and Ukraine Visitors
- Youth Voice – 20th anniversary of YEA

