

Youth Service in Gwynedd



We asked....

Between January and March 2017, residents and local organisations were given the opportunity to have their say on the priorities for the future of the Youth Service in Gwynedd.

791 questionnaires were completed.

Why change?

Gwynedd Council provides its Youth Service for young people aged between 11-25 years old to develop their personal, social and educational skills which enable them to develop their voice, their influence and their place in society.

Gwynedd Council receives less money from the government to provide services to its residents and therefore must consider what is important to its residents, their needs, and how to make the best use of the money available. Gwynedd Council will have £270,000 less to spend on the Youth Service.

The challenge for Gwynedd Council is to make the best possible use of the money available in order to provide a Youth Service that meets the needs, and provides what's most important to the young people of Gwynedd.

You said...

Socialising

- Do you agree that it's important for young people to have opportunities to socialise through the Youth Service?

Yes - 98% • No - 2%

- How should the Youth Service provide opportunities for young people to socialise?

Main answers...

Providing a safe place for young people to get together
Through project work • Competitions • Various trips

Personal development

- Do you think that it's important for youth workers to be available to help young people with matters that could affect them as they grow up?

Yes - 97% • No - 3%

- What help would be most important for young people to receive from the Youth Service?

Main answers...

Dealing with emotions • Dealing with bullying
Using the internet safely



Skills

- *Do you agree that it's important for Youth Services to help young people to develop skills that could help with their education, or to prepare them for work and life?*

Yes - 95% • No - 5%

- *What type of skills should the Youth Service help young people to develop?*

Main answers...

Communications skills • Life skills • Working in a team • Lifesaving

Access to youth workers:

How should young people have access to youth workers in Gwynedd?

Main answers...

- Through a youth worker at school
- Through arranging meeting places for young people within specific Community locations

Contact with a youth worker:

The contact with a youth worker should be...

Most popular answer...

Through a combination of face to face support and through using Information Technology

Payment:

Young people should contribute financially towards specific activities

Agree - 67% • Disagree - 18% • No opinion - 15%

Travel:

It is fair to expect a young person to travel to attend a youth activity - up to 10 miles

Agree - 56% • Disagree - 30% • No opinion - 14%

When should the Youth Service be available?

The Youth Service should be available throughout the year

Agree - 90% • Disagree - 4% • No opinion - 6%

A young person should receive help and support at a time that is convenient for them

Agree - 79% • Disagree - 7% • No opinion - 14%

Next steps

Based on the feedback, the Service will be developing new ways of providing services for young people.