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Back to the Future – National and local support for Youth Services in the East Midlands

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- Focus:
- explore the current policy positions and priorities of national youth support agencies and future youth policy drivers. Summary of support available and identification of gaps around issues at local level. Ways forward through the work of EMVY and others

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- History – how did we get here – National Infrastructure support and delivery bodies in the Youth Services have derived from bottom up and top down initiatives!
- Ambition, NCVYS, UK Youth, NYA and others!
- Important, Relevant BUT Not the only players

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- Local CVYS's, By any other names,
- CVS's, NVYO units, Regional Youth Work Units.
- Workers organisations – trades Unions
- Lobbying – alliances – In Defence of Youth Work
- Teaching/social welfare dynamic
- Entrepreneurial

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- Government - - Oh Help Strength -----
Weakness
- Historic pattern of money to local authorities which is either used for Youth Services or vied within Education/Childrens Services budgets.

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PLANE.....! -

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BIG SOCIETY LOCALISM!



Focus on Youth Social Action

- I have provided some pointers below on our current focus and would be happy to discuss if useful. There are no specific issues we are currently consulting on but it is clear that **the focus at the minute in my team is youth social action and how it can be promoted and embedded in local communities across the country**. I'd also welcome thoughts on the barriers to this and whether there are opportunities to be seized.

- I wish you well for the meeting and the future.

- **Youth Policy priorities**

We provide high quality social action opportunities that help young people to build their skills and networks outside of school.

- We run the **National Citizen Service**, an inclusive, full-time programme that is delivering more confident, capable and socially engaged young people.
- By the end of this year, 200,000 young people will have participated in the programme and 3 million hours of volunteering have been donated to local communities.
- We support Step up to Serve to deliver the #iwill campaign, which aims to increase the number of young people taking part in social action by 50% by 2020.
- As part of our support, we are investing £1million into a youth social action fund in 2015/16 to provide more opportunities across England.

We support young people's voices to be heard.

- **We support the British Youth Council to deliver UK Youth Parliament and other youth voice activities.**
- **This includes the Make Your Mark campaign, where young people discuss, debate and vote on issues that matter to them.**
- **This year we have set a target of 1 million participants to vote in this campaign, making it the biggest ballot of youth views in the UK.**
- **The 2015 Youth Select Committee will focus on mental health services.**

We support the youth sector and local authorities to deliver high quality youth services.

- We provide grant funding for the **Centre for Youth Impact**, which works to increase the use of high quality evidence in the design, delivery, evaluation, funding and commissioning of services for young people.
- We help local authorities to access external experts to help them develop their youth service offer through the Delivering Differently for Young People programme.

- It is also worth noting **the Earn or Learn taskforce** chair by Matt Hancock, Minister for the Cabinet Office. Whilst this is in its infancy, the tone of this is set quite clearly in this [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) page <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hancock-every-young-person-should-be-earning-or-learning-from-april-2017>



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National Consultation

- Roundtable discussions: 1. The Youth Sector: over the past few years, the youth sector landscape has changed with different organisations involved in the delivery of young people's services. How would you describe the current landscape and who are the key national players? 2. The Youth Offer: from your knowledge of the wants and needs of young people, and given the changing landscape and limited resources, what should a youth offer look like now? 3. Youth Sector Support & Leadership: (i) What support is needed for providers and what would be your top 3 priorities? What kind of support do you currently access and from whom, is it accessible and what are the gaps? (ii) What should be the priorities for funders and commissioners? What should they be doing more or less of? (iii) What should be the priorities for policy makers? What are the top 3 outcomes on which they should be focusing? 4. Wider Partnerships: the youth sector has a strong partnership tradition. Who do we need to partner with now given our aspirations for young people? What alliances should we build locally and nationally to secure a strong future for youth services?

All the other youth work



Forward

- eastmidlands@cvys.org.uk 07818 434346
- Look for emvy website from January 2016
- East Midlands Youth, YDA Chambers,
1a/2a Beaumont Fee, Lincoln, LN1 1UU
- Meets 5 County Venues in rotation.

