

# Introduction to Community Matters

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# Community Matters

- Established in 1945
- Nationwide federation for community organisations
- More than 1162 member organisations across the UK
- The majority are multi-purpose community organisations
- Played a key role in promoting and supporting action by ordinary people in response to social, educational and recreational needs in their neighbourhoods and communities

# Community Matters

“Our vision is for active and sustainable communities in which *everyone* is valued and can play their full part”

- Advocate at local and national level for community sector organisations
- Services for community organisations:
  - Advice line 0845 847 4253
  - Affordable Consultancy and Training
  - Regional coordinators
  - Visible quality standard
  - Legal clinics
  - Publications (e-newsletter, magazine, reference manual and information sheets, issue based publications)

# Youth at the Centre Programme



“helping to improve and increase the engagement of children and young people in community organisations”

- Advocate at local and national level for community sector organisations
- Community Sector Partnership for Children and Young People – working with other national infrastructure organisations to create a stronger voice for community organisations working with children and young people
- Services for community organisations:
  - 121 with Community Organisations
  - Workshops
  - Advocacy and policy consultations
  - Publications with updates to changes that affect VCS organisations working with children and young people

# Youth at the Centre Programme



## Current Areas of work

- *Intergenerational Practice* - collecting good practice and providing support
- *Commissioning* - forthcoming publication
- *Children's Trusts* - Talking Trust Publication and workshops
- *Engaging with Young People* – toolkit, workshops and support
- *Leadership and Governance* - support and training for young people
- Policy and funding updates and advocacy – extended schools, myplace, youth crime, children's centre
- *And much more....*

# Youth at the Centre Programme



Please get in touch if you interested in any element of our programme

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