

The Benefits

There are benefits to the volunteer, to the young people who use the service and to the .

Volunteers bring enthusiasm, new skills and a diverse range of experiences that enhance our work.

In order to achieve the best outcomes for all, we provide volunteers with:

- Appropriate training
- Regular supervision
- Reimbursement of agreed expenses
- The opportunity to influence future service development
- A reference on satisfactory completion of six months volunteering



Want to know more?

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Reach out
to young
people



Volunteer with Cumbria
Youth Offending Service



About the Youth Offending Service

The Youth Offending Service was established as a key part of Government strategy to reduce youth offending. The YOS works with young people aged from 10 to 18 years.



The YOS is multi-disciplinary and includes managers, administrative staff, education staff, police officers, restorative justice workers, probation officers, social workers, YOS officers and other specialist staff. It's aim is to minimise the likelihood of re-offending and enable young people to accept responsibility for their actions, understand the impact of the offending behaviour and directly or indirectly repair the damage done.

Reaching out and getting involved

Volunteers are vital to the Youth Offending Service.

We need people who are:

- Committed to engaging young people
- Willing to participate in ongoing training and supervision
- Able to display an open, honest and non-discriminatory approach

Panel Members

Volunteers who agree and draw up a contract with the young person and their family/supporters. The aim of the contract is to tackle the offending and the factors associated with it. Volunteers work collaboratively with other panel members to ensure that young offenders participate and get the most from their Referral Orders.



Mentors

Volunteers who aim to build relationships with young people and work with them to help them reach agreed goals.

Reparation Supervisors

Reparation is the name given to any activity/action that is taken to try to repair the damage caused by offending behaviour. Volunteers supervise young people as they undertake reparative activities in the community.

Group Facilitators

Volunteers who facilitate/co-facilitate group activities with young people. The aim of these activities is to engage the young people productively and reduce their risk of re-offending.

If you feel you could contribute and make a real difference, get in touch today...