



Detached Youth Work

SUMMARY

Detached youth workers can engage with young people in community spaces allowing for informal education and creating safer places

DESCRIPTION

Detached youth workers provide youth work provision in local community places such as on the street, in parks and around the neighbourhood. Within a detached model of youth work the activities are defined by young people rather than pre-determined as may be in the case of outreach youth work, for example targeting specific issues such as underage drinking. Detached youth workers can provide informal education by bringing youth work to young people, listening and hearing their needs and creating youth work that tailors to this. By being situated in the places young people spend time, detached workers can build an understanding of the issues that young people experience and the relationships they form and intervene in harmful contexts. Detached youth workers can create safer environments in the places they attend and provide important information to other agencies when developing contextual interventions. By building trusted relationships with young people they can provide advice and support and identify harm at earlier stages.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Commissioners

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Practitioner [briefing](#): 'The role of detached youth work in creating safety for young people in public spaces' available on the Contextual Safeguarding Network