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YOUTH **BY**

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SUPPORTING, EMPOWERING AND INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE



**BERKSHIRE YOUTH HAS BEEN
PROVIDING SUPPORT AND
SERVICES TO A RANGE OF CLUBS,
PROJECTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE
SINCE 1940**

ABOUT US

We cover the Royal County of Berkshire including the six local unitary authority areas known as Bracknell, Reading, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Slough, West Berkshire and Wokingham. As an independent charity we value the ability we have to respond, support and deliver local work which benefits the young people of our county.

We also recognise the importance of sharing a vision for young people to be part of a wider and more diverse community and that is why we support the work of UK Youth.



OUR SUPPORT



Club Guide A guide to setting up, running and developing a youth group or project, with model policies and good practice suggestions, events and activities. The club guide can be purchased by members at a discounted rate. Members can access our management information system to provide evidence when requesting funding.

Training We have a range of training available including mental health, First Aid, managing risk and leadership training to engage young people at risk of exclusion and those not in education, employment and /or training. We can offer workplace development opportunities and accreditation in Youth work.

Quality We are committed to promoting safe places for young people to go. Berkshire Youth will support clubs to access relevant Quality Assurance Awards.

Participation We offer training, support and advice to clubs, councils, organisations and schools about how they can effectively and meaningfully involve young people in the design, delivery and evaluation of services they deliver to young people; helping young people to have a voice in decisions that affect them.

Activities Through our programme of sports, arts and leisure activities we can provide or support a range of opportunities for young people to participate, engage and perform at a range of levels at local, regional and national events.

DBS We can access the Disclosure and Barring Service for affiliated members

Resources We have and continue to invest in a range of resources for the youth leader. Books, games and events are all available for clubs to access and share.

After School We have a range of services which are available for those looking to provide after school activities.

Website and Logos Groups who are affiliated to Berkshire Youth have access rights to the website and those who have achieved a quality standard can use the logos of Berkshire Youth and the awarding body.

Volunteer Support Following the huge success of the national youth volunteering programme we are able to support members in the recruitment recognition and celebration of volunteering in the community.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Berkshire Youth Open Award Centre for Duke of Edinburgh.

Youth Worker Development Training We offer a number of courses for club leaders, youth workers and volunteers. The courses we deliver are Universal Safeguarding Children, How to Run a Successful Youth Club, Working with Young Volunteers, An Introduction to Understanding & Managing Young People's Challenging Behaviour, Equality & Diversity. We can deliver these courses as bespoke training at your club, or you can enquire about attending a course at Berkshire Youth.

OUR AIM

To support clubs and projects throughout Berkshire, to deliver leisure-time activities and opportunities to young people so that they may fulfil their own potential and make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live.

We do this by direct support, by encouraging communities to get involved, providing clubs for young people and guidance on good practice, quality and safety. We can provide direct activities through our teams of Youth, Sport and Arts workers.

Most importantly we recognise the huge role the volunteer plays in making the local area a great place for young people to grow and feel safe. All our affiliated groups are recognised as diverse and talented with a range of expertise and skills which can be enhanced/supported by our teams.



WHY AFFILIATE?

Berkshire Youth recognises that many groups will want to affiliate for many reasons but no one service will meet the needs of the diverse communities and groups we serve.

If you are a community group looking to identify a solution to a local need for young people, or you are an existing youth club or project, or you are looking to build on or develop a volunteer scheme, we should be able to supply or develop a solution for you.

Each affiliated member organisation will have their own member of Berkshire Youth staff who can create bespoke solutions to individual needs.

This may include:

- The Sports Leisure and Activities Team, SPLAT
- Funding support
- Administration and document/model policies
- Access to activities for young people
- A range of training courses and opportunities
- Access to Disclosure and Barring Services
- Supporting and recruiting volunteers
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Membership of Berkshire Youth will also give you access to UK Youth as members, increasing the range of services available.



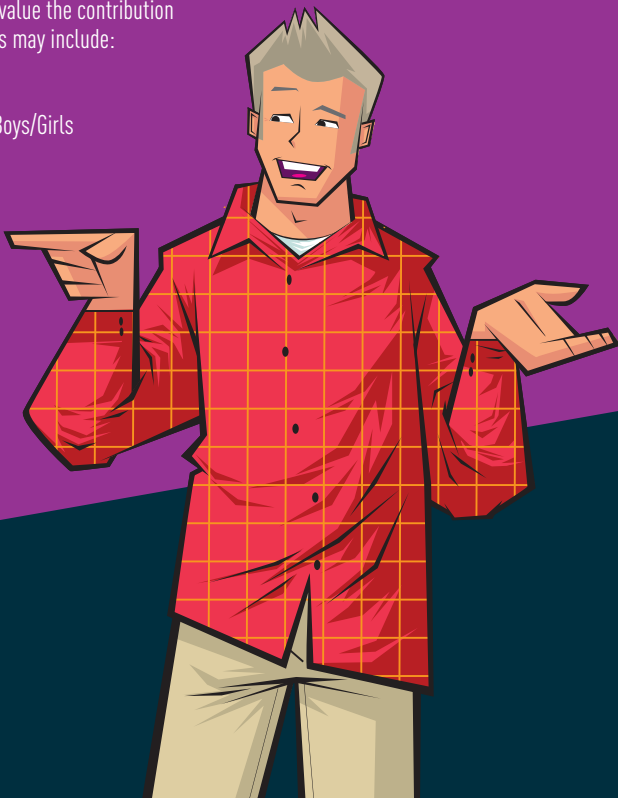
WHO CAN AFFILIATE?

Berkshire Youth has a strong tradition of supporting youth clubs and we continue to value what clubs mean for many young people, providing a safe place with positive activities.



We also recognise that this does not meet the needs of all young people, which is why we welcome membership from groups, projects or organisations who value the contribution young people can make to society. This may include:

- Youth clubs, centres and projects
- Uniformed groups (Scouts, Guides, Boys/Girls Brigade, etc.)
- Faith groups offering open access
- Detached and outreach projects
- Youth forums
- Housing Associations
- Specialist groups
- Community schools/projects
- Parish Councils etc





National Association of Boys & Girls Clubs



Opening Doors to Great Futures



National Association of Boys & Girls Clubs

A new National Association to reflect
traditional values and contemporary delivery

Mission Statement

To assist and support county organisations and local clubs
to provide safe and exciting places for young people,
where they can participate in a range of activities and
develop their potential through a range of experiences.

Our Core Beliefs

By supporting member clubs and county organisations,
together we will be able to provide young people with:

- * An attractive, affordable and planned programme of activities and events
- * A safe place to learn and grow
- * On-going voluntary relationships with local clubs and county organisations

Our Uniqueness

- * We encourage both single and mixed gender work believing there is value in both.
- * We promote and encourage club / building based youth work.
- * We promote and encourage activities as a tool for positive youth work.
- * There is commonality or uniformity in our work. We promote a common ethos, common set of values and common club based programmes across the country and into local Boys & Girls Clubs.
- * We respond to and support local need.
- * We value and seek to learn from our common history and heritage in the Boys & Girls Clubs movement.
- * We are a membership organisation.

Our Core Work

- * Working with and supporting the work of local county organisations or where there is no county organisation a local club who share our ethos, values and are committed to partnering with us in furthering club based work.
- * Providing a broad programme of activities in sport, the arts, outdoor activities, residential and challenge work that young people can take part in.
- * Helping volunteers through training, advice and general support services and being a voice for the voluntary Boys & Girls Clubs movement.
- * Encouraging links and building relationships at local, county, national and international levels.
- * Provide appropriate resources for developing and improving local, voluntary club based youth work.
- * Developing resources and programmes that will help to train future leaders.

UK Youth is a leading charity that exists to ensure all young people are equipped to thrive and empowered to contribute at every stage of their lives. We work with others to ensure that the youth sector is strengthened, supported, and that provision is youth-led, evidence-informed and delivers high-quality outcomes.

UK Youth plays a unique role in addressing; the lack of investment into the youth sector, the lack of cross sector understanding of how youth work makes a difference and the limited opportunities to embed effective solutions. These factors lead to mass inequality of access to youth services for young people.

Working through networks of youth organisations and supporters, we galvanise a movement of people to support our shared vision. The UK Youth Movement is open to all and currently stands at over 7,000 youth organisations and nation partners, collectively reaching 4.1 million young people. Our mission is to work as a nationwide movement to deliver innovative youth services, grow effective practice and campaign to increase support for youth work.

As part of your membership with Berkshire Youth you will be able to access;

- Free access to policy, funding and sector news
- Free access on an online area providing resources, opportunities and networks
- Free access to a range of training opportunities including Introduction to Youth Work, Safeguarding and Building a Culture of Youth Engagement
- Free access to themed networks on youth loneliness, youth participation and tackling youth violence
- Access to Skills Development Programmes which provide you with resources and funding to develop life skills with young people
- Access to UK Youth Achievement Awards, a nationally accredited award that provides young people with a framework to develop their life skills.
- Access to Advice Labs and Events on topics such as governance, fundraising and leadership
- Exclusive activity deals and discount at Avon Tyrell Activity Centre.

For more information and to get access to these opportunities please visit
<https://www.ukyouth.org/get-involved/join-the-movement/>

UK YOUTH





Berkshire Youth Affiliation 2023 - 2024

	Member	Partner
	Free	Free
BENEFITS		
DBS Checks		
Access to DBS checks, subject to standing charges	X	X
Staff and Volunteer Training		
Access to a range of training courses including accredited courses such as First Aid, Youth Work and Youth Worker Development Courses	X	X
Access to Berkshire Youth Volunteer Handbook	X	
Discounted rates on all training courses	X	
Activities and Training for Young People		
Access to training for young people, including Young Leaders Programme and Open Award Centre for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	X	
Access to Activities programme & SPLAT.	X	X
Club/Group Support		
Access to pay roll service for paid workers, subject to standing charges	X	
Support for funding applications including 'Awards for All' applications	X	
Access to sector relevant Quality Assurance tools	X	
Advice and support to members from dedicated Berkshire Youth staff	X	
Affiliation to UK Youth and the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs (NABGC)	X	
Access to low-cost Club Cover insurance through Lockton	X	
Invite to youth leader networking meetings held across the county	X	X
Resources and Communications		
Access to online members section which contains template policy documents and other resources	X	
Regular Berkshire Youth 'Supporter' newsletter as well as news and opportunities from the wider youth sector	X	X

Membership 2023/24 - Terms and Conditions

By signing the membership form you agree to the following terms and conditions of membership – this applies to all representatives of your club or group.

General

- Schools are welcome to join to access a range of opportunities for their students and staff.

Training

- Places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.
- A contact email and phone number for each attendee must be provided in case of any last-minute changes.
- For all training courses, Berkshire Youth will provide a suitable venue, qualified trainers, resources where needed (such as projectors, flipchart and hand outs) and light refreshments.
- For certified courses, certificates will be sent by post to attendees by Berkshire Youth within 4 – 6 weeks after the course date.
- Course participants' details are stored by Berkshire Youth to record attendance on course and provide statistical information for our impact reporting. We do not share your details with any other organisation.

Activities

- All activity bookings are to be made through Berkshire Youth training@berkshireryouth.co.uk
- Activity bookings are subject to availability and appropriate facilities being available.
- Berkshire Youth actively works to identify additional funds to support our activity programme.

Payments and Cancellations

- For any payments to be made for training, events or activities, invoices will be sent by email 7 days prior to the event taking place. Payment is required within 30 days of the date of invoice. Payment can be made by cheque or BACS. No cash or card payments can be accepted.
- The following cancellation fees apply to any cancellation for any training session, activity or event hosted by Berkshire Youth (this does not apply to external activity providers who may have their own cancellation policy):
 - More than 7 days' notice given – no cancellation fee.
 - Within 7 days' – 50% of the fee charged.
 - Less than 24 hours notice – will incur the full charge or lose the free space if booked as such.
- Anyone booking an event or activity on behalf of another individual should make the attendee aware of the cancellation policy in place.
- If for any circumstance Berkshire Youth are required to postpone an event, attendees will be notified by the contact details provided upon booking and offered alternative dates. If less than 24 hours notice is provided, Berkshire Youth will offer to refund all monies paid or space on an alternative date/course.



Further information on projects, services and activities can be found on the Berkshire Youth website www.berkshireyouth.co.uk

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