



YOUTH FOYER

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About the Youth Foyer Network



The Foyer Federation is a **national network of over 50 Youth Foyers** providing a transformational supported housing offer for young people aged 16-25 who are experiencing homelessness.

Youth Foyers are more than a place to stay: they are thriving communities, with people - not circumstance - at the heart. They work with young people to build on their strengths, share power and create holistic development opportunities.



I value being a member; the networking, resources and accreditation give us a focus and direction.”



The Impact of Foyers

The Foyer model takes an Advantaged Thinking approach, starting with young people's aspirations and assets and creating an offer to help grow them.

Young people tell us that, while living in a Foyer, there are seven key areas of life in which they want to progress. Here you can see the percentage of young people who made progress in these areas in 2023-24.



Personal Development: 80.5%

Indicators include progressing personal development goals, growing confidence and/or feeling in control of their life.



Financial Capability: 82.1%

Indicators include paying rent more reliably, being able to budget, being debt-free and/or having an appropriate source of income.



Social Skills: 82.7%

Indicators include developing positive social relationships and/or actively participating in the Foyer community.



Health: 82.4%

Indicators include joining healthy living activities and/or increasing physical activities, nutritional habits or mental wellbeing.



Housing: 80.7%

Indicators include identifying 'move on' as a goal, moving on in a planned way and/or having a pathway that they were in control of.



Work: 57.4%

Indicators include developing a CV, applying for jobs, working part-or-full time and/or volunteering while waiting to secure a job.



Learning: 48.7%

Indicators include taking up a new learning programme, achieving a qualification and/or planning to progress learning beyond Foyer.

The Advantaged Thinking Approach



The Foyer Federation developed the Advantaged Thinking approach to challenge and take action against the prevailing deficit-based culture and services commissioned and delivered to young people.

Advantaged Thinking is at the heart of Foyers, promoting young people's strengths rather than defining them by their circumstances.

It's all about taking a positive view through positive action: understanding ability, recognising qualities, promoting achievements and inspiring what is possible.

Find out more about Advantaged Thinking at advantagedthinking.co.uk



Youth Foyer Network Membership at a Glance

Through the Youth Foyer Network, you can access a wealth of opportunities, resources and connections to develop your service, enhance your offer for young people, and strengthen your impact. As part of the network, you can:

Gain Youth Foyer Accreditation and support to embed Youth Foyer Quality Standards into your service.

Harness data, including detailed reports on your service's strengths and areas of development, as well as benchmarking reports across the Foyer network.

Attend in-person and online events with peers to develop your practice, explore sector challenges, and share learning and insights.

Receive a 30% discount on our suite of training packages, including Advantaged Thinking, Coaching, Restorative Practice and Powering Up Youth.

Access the online Advantaged Thinking Hub, including our full library of resources, courses and toolkits and digital learning for young people.

Gain opportunities for young people to have new experiences, grow their confidence and leadership, access small grants and influence systems.

Benefit from peer support from a network of over 50+ Foyers and other aspirational youth supported housing services.

Receive a monthly newsletter to connect you with opportunities and insights from the network and beyond.

Enhance your service's quality through Youth Foyer Accreditation



The Youth Foyer Quality Standards have been developed over 30+ years of working with youth supported housing services across the UK and Ireland to describe the fundamental principles and key characteristics of a Youth Foyer.

By meeting the standards and gaining Youth Foyer Accreditation, services prove that they deliver a truly high quality, transformational service.

Through Youth Foyer Accreditation, you will be supported and guided to embed the tried and tested Quality Standards into your service.

- Participate in honest self-assessment of your service and create an action plan to **embed and strengthen the Youth Foyer Quality Standards** throughout your service.
- **Be awarded a Youth Foyer Accreditation**, validated by an independent panel, and receive a digital Youth Foyer logo and a plaque to prove your commitment to high quality service for young people.
- **Get access to rich data and insights**, including detailed reports on your service's strengths and areas of development, and network benchmarking reports.



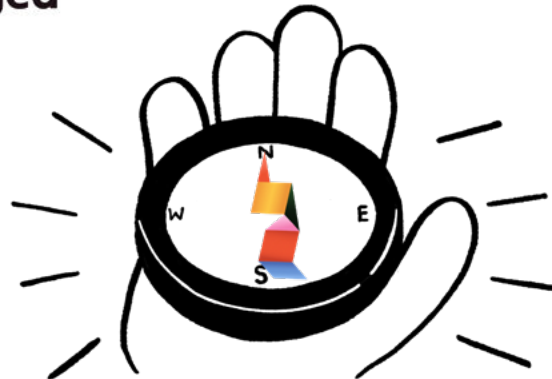
[Youth Foyer Accreditation] keeps us at the forefront and pushes us to constantly review what we do... It is young person focused, involving our young people in making decisions and having an input into shaping our service."

Reimagine learning in your service through the Advantaged Thinking Hub*



The Advantaged Thinking Hub (ATHub) is an online platform that draws together the expertise of Foyers and young people to create a rich 'living curriculum', packed full of accessible and engaging learning materials that are crafted and curated by the people who use them.

Enhancing your existing learning offer, the ATHub provides a space for young people to not only learn but to create and share their own content, take ownership of their progress, and become active participants in the community.



- Access a varied library of relevant youth-driven, **high quality learning materials**, freeing up staff time and strengthening your existing learning offer.
- **Capture impact, data and insights** from young people through the online platform's reporting features.
- **Deepen your connection to the Foyer network**, with resources, events and collaboration opportunities available through a staff-only space.
- Receive a **Quality Assured Learning Framework** to guide and support you to develop new learning resources.
- Provide **opportunities for young people to innovate** by creating, shaping and feeding back on learning experiences.

**Launching in autumn 2025*

3 Connect with the national Foyer community

- Benefit from peer support from a **network of over 50 Foyers** and other aspirational youth supported housing services.
- Attend **in-person and online** events to develop your practice, explore sector challenges, and share learning and insights.

4 Build your skills and resilience

- Get **30% off our suite of training packages**, including Advantaged Thinking, Coaching, Restorative Practice and Powering Up Youth.
- Receive **Advantaged Thinking training** for new staff three times a year.
- Access to our **full library of resources**, courses and toolkits via the Advantaged Thinking Hub.



Thanks for the day, it was good to network, share good practice and feel the positivity in the room and passion for the work we all do.”

5 Support young people to learn and develop

- Utilise our **Advantaged Thinking Learning Framework** to shape an effective learning offer.
- Access **digital learning, resources and community** for young people via the Advantaged Thinking Hub.
- Provide opportunities for young people to **build leadership skills** by working with the Foyer Federation to co-create, campaign and influence systems that affect them.
- Access **small grants** to support young people's development.
- Participate in Foyer Federation programmes that provide opportunities for young people to have **new experiences, grow skills, build confidence and connect**.



The grant will help me so much in settling my needs for a new home and helping me sharpen my new life... My career in nursing is around the corner!"



Join the Youth Foyer Network

For £2,500 per year*, as a member of the Youth Foyer Network you will:

- Be assigned and have regular calls with a **relationship manager** to make sure you're getting the most out of your membership.
- Be guided through a **full induction** to help you engage in the opportunities that are most meaningful to you.
- Receive a **monthly newsletter** to connect you with opportunities and insights from the network and beyond.
- Have opportunities to **feedback your thoughts** and shape your membership through our annual membership survey.

Find out more and join the network by contacting us at inbox@foyer.net



What I most love about the Foyer Federation is that they're very relaxed and they understand young people. They're able to really talk about young people."

**Plus £500 every three years to validate Youth Foyer Accreditation. Services with 20 beds or fewer can access at a discounted fee.*



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