



YOUTH FOYER

JOIN THE NETWORK

Who is the Foyer Federation?

Young people who experience homelessness are likely to experience it later in life too. Our purpose is to break this cycle.

We support youth supported housing services to develop so that young people who can't live at home can move on to thrive in adulthood.



- **We are experts,** with a 30+ year track record in strengths-based work with young people living in youth supported housing.
- **We are connectors,** bringing together young people, practitioners and senior leaders to make meaningful, lasting change.
- **We are champions,** celebrating and mobilising young people and the people who work with them to actively combat deficit-based cultures.



AUTHENTIC: We are unwavering in our purpose.



BRAVE: We stand up for what matters.



LOVING: We care about each other and the world around us.



MAVERICK: We shake things up to make them better.



SAVVY: We keep one eye on now and one at the end of the game.

What we do



For over 30 years, we have been working with youth supported housing services strategically and on the ground to develop as Youth Foyers and centre young people's potential.

By building on young people's strengths, talents and aspirations, Youth Foyers offer a holistic living and learning opportunity for young people to move on equipped to thrive as independent adults.



Working with the Foyer Federation has been a really positive experience and I am extremely proud of the journey our service has been on over the past 12 months... Thank you for all of your support. I'm really looking forward to the next 12 months as we continue to grow."



We support services:

We work with youth supported housing providers to build the resilience, capacity and quality of their services.



We develop practitioners:

We work with staff in services to build skills and confidence in coaching and developing young people.



We nurture young leaders:

We empower young people with opportunities to lead, share power and develop talents.



We lead change: We challenge deficit-based practices and advocate for young people's strengths and potential beyond the housing sector.

What is a Youth Foyer?

Youth Foyers are more than a place to stay: they are thriving communities, with people - not circumstance - at the heart.

Members of the Youth Foyer Network are youth supported housing services who are committed to enabling young people aged 16-25 to move on sustainably by sharing power and providing them with holistic, wrap-around support that builds on their strengths.

A Youth Foyer is a place of:



PURPOSE

where young people can grow, develop and thrive.



CHOICE

with bespoke opportunities to learn, be involved, be yourself and have new positive experiences.



SAFETY

with a high quality service; a safe, secure and inviting environment; and a culture of trust.



INSPIRATION

where people with clear roles can coach, develop relationships and build skills with others.



COMMUNITY

where young people belong and are connected to something bigger.



Advantaged Thinking

The Advantaged Thinking approach is central to Youth 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.

“When we focus on the good in people - on their strengths and aspirations - then everyone has the best chance of happiness.”

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



The Youth Foyer Impact

Of the young people who moved on from a Youth Foyer in 2024-25:



The work Youth Foyers do makes a difference - helping young people stop feeling like a weed in an overgrown garden but to feel like a flower growing in a beautiful one."

- Ethan, Young Person from On Route Foyer

How we can support you

For over 30 years, we have been working with youth supported housing services across the UK to build infrastructure for success. Through bespoke 1:1 support from our team around your diary, we will work with you to talk through challenges, develop solutions and reflect on progress.

Your membership journey is led by you, which means that we aim to meet you where you are and support you where you decide it's most helpful. However, typically we work with Youth Foyers to develop in the following areas:



Senior
Leadership &
Management



Staff
Culture &
Development



Impact,
Systems &
Data



Innovation,
Influence &
Growth



The Youth
Foyer
Environment



Coaching &
Youth Work
Approaches



Learning &
Resources for
Young People



Youth Voice,
Leadership &
Power



The change we make



By partnering with us, Youth Foyers increase the number of young people making progress in the key areas that young people identify as important for living independently.

On average, in the first three years of partnering with us, Youth Foyers increase the number of young people moving on making progress in:



Personal development

+5%



Financial capabilities

+16%



Social skills and relationships

+4%



Health and wellbeing

+10%



Work and employment

+17%



Education and learning

+15%

The support we provide



Community of Practice:

Become a valued member of a flourishing community of over 50 passionate youth supported housing services across the UK. Share learning, experience and best practice, and delve into issues affecting young people on the ground through responsive events and brokered connections with peers.

Bespoke Consultancy:

Get tailored support, consultancy and coaching, in areas such as:

- Marketing and communications
- Fundraising and bidwriting
- Direct organisational advocacy (e.g. with commissioners or parent organisations)
- Strategic planning
- Impact monitoring and Theory of Change
- Social value and social return on investment
- Brokered connections within and beyond the network to share best practice on organisational development.



Thank you so much for the support and effort you've put in to helping us start the complex task of updating our policies and procedures. The support was really useful and helped us get a better grasp of what we want to achieve and next steps."

The support we provide



Staff Skills Development:

Access on-demand learning, tools and resources for your team through our suite of discounted training packages, including:

- **Advantaged Thinking:** Understanding ability, promoting achievements and inspiring what is possible
- **Restorative Practice:** Managing conflict for stronger, harmonious environments
- **Coaching:** Working with people to forge their own paths and realise their potential
- **Intro to Trauma Informed Practice:** Developing sensitive approaches to trauma
- **Leading Yourself & Others:** Building leadership skills and confidence within your team
- **Powering Up Youth:** Harnessing youth voice for your organisation
- Bespoke training designed to meet a specific development need in your service



Thank you for hosting yesterday's session - we found it really useful! We had some really good discussions about the learning we've taken from it and how we can use this to improve our practice moving forward."

The support we provide



Data & Insights:

Harness data and insights on your service, benchmarked against the national picture, with direct support on how to effectively interpret and use it, including:

- Tailored benchmarking reports to understand how your service's context and impact compares to national averages
- National reports on young people's interests, challenges and experiences to help shape and develop your offer for young people
- On-demand insights from across the network to support your service's development
- Deep dive events on sectoral trends to explore emerging challenges with peers from across the network



Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with us about how we can use our data to demonstrate our social value. It was so helpful and we're already looking at how we can make some headway this week!"

The support we provide



Learning for Young People:

Access resources and frameworks to support effective learning for young people, including:

- The Youth Foyer Learning Framework, outlining the key learning outcomes to support young people's transitions to adulthood
- Learning materials for young people
- Programmes and small grants for young people (ad hoc and subject to funding and location)

Validation of your service:

Demonstrate your commitment to best practice and be awarded a quality mark from an independent panel to showcase your impact on the lives of young people.



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."

Join the Youth Foyer Network



We're here to prop up the day job, not distract from it.

Membership to the Youth Foyer Network is bespoke to your needs. We work on the goals that you set, on your terms, around your diary - **all for just £2,500 per year.**

If you're passionate about making sure that the young people you work with receive the best possible support, and you would value an expert partner, critical friend and advocate to support your service's development, get in touch.

Speak to a member of our team to see how we can support you.

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