

"Youth Inclusion projects are to be focused on the 50 most-at-risk young people aged 13-16 on the most deprived estates. They will also include work with a wider group of young people in the areas selected. The aim of the projects is to ensure the most at-risk young people are included in mainstream activities, by offering support to help them overcome a variety of social problems."



All the photographs used in this leaflet feature young people from Bradford engaged in YIP activities.



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**Youth Inclusion Programme**

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The Newlands Partnership

Ravenscliffe Youth Club

Trident

West Bowling Peoples Partnership

and other partner agencies.



# YOUTH INCLUSION PROGRAMME

**A new initiative helping young people to:**

Learn new skills

Realise their ambitions

Achieve their potential

Support the community in which they live

Stay safe



# 13-16 YEAR OLDS

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### **What is the Youth Inclusion Programme?**

The Youth Inclusion Programme seeks to reduce offending, truancy and exclusion on disadvantaged neighbourhoods by targeting support to at-risk 13-16 year olds. There are 70 Youth Inclusion projects across England and Wales, of which 2 are in Bradford, covering the New Deal for Communities and Newlands areas.

### **Why was the programme created?**

Statistics show that crime is concentrated in particular neighbourhoods, and the young people in these areas are very much at risk of becoming disengaged or offending:

- 40% of crime occurs in 10% of locations
- 1500-2000 neighbourhoods are considered high-crime
- 2/3rds of serious young offenders are being brought up in these neighbourhoods.

### **What are the objectives of YIP?**

The objectives of the Youth Inclusion Programme are to:

- reduce arrest rates in the target group
- reduce recorded crime in the target group
- achieve a reduction in truancy and exclusions for young people on the programme

### **What is the target group?**

Each YIP is required to work with a core group of 50 people (13-16 year olds) who are engaged in crime or are identified at most risk of offending, truancy, school exclusion or social exclusion.

Projects will also work with a wider group of 13-16 year olds, but the focus of assistance must be the core 50.

### **How is the target group identified?**

A target group of 50 has to be identified through a multi-agency consultation process - drawing on input from the YOT, police, social services, education (or schools), other local agencies and the community.

A referral form has been specifically designed to assist this process of identifying the 50 most at risk.

### **Who is the programme for?**

Young people aged 13-16 years who are fed up with lack of opportunity and want to change their current situation.

### **How does it meet its objectives?**

By providing opportunities to:

- develop as an individual
- play sports
- access motor vehicle education
- get involved in clubs
- tackle problems
- cope with school work
- create and play music
- access computers
- develop individual skills
- become part of a team
- learn new skills

### **What do we want from you?**

For you to have some fun and stay out of trouble. To learn to deal with problems at school or at home.

### **What does it cost?**

Nothing but a little bit of your time, energy and enthusiasm.



### **Where?**

The programme does not have a fixed base - it exists wherever you need it to be at any given time.

### **Why?**

To give you the chance to achieve your true potential as a citizen in Bradford.

### **What will you get out of it?**

A fresh chance to get a more interesting life, a certificate of achievement and incentives to do well or try hard. These may take the form of vouchers or tickets to interesting events or matches.

### **How long will I be on the programme?**

You can be involved as much as you want - until you become 17 years of age.

The programme is totally voluntary and you are free to leave at any time. We are committed to finding you an activity of your choice for up to 5 hours a week.

**GO FOR IT!**

