

# Vision for our Young People

Children and Young People's Partnership Network



# Why we need a Vision

- Our children and young people deserve a clear Vision for what this city intends to offer them as part of the Inclusive Growth agenda
- Sheffield's VCS is proactive in supporting CYP, drawing in resources and developing innovative responses
- We have created a Vision which is the starting point for our city



# 1. Positive Health and Wellbeing

**Outcome:** Children and young people have good physical health, and positive mental health and emotional well-being.

## What are we doing?

- Youth Mental Health First Aid and Suicide Prevention training for schools and all workers and carers
- Peer mentoring and befriending
- Interchange and VIDA Counselling Services
- Crisis café - Rainbow Heron - YIACS



- Working towards a bespoke EWB service for 16 to 25 year olds
- BRV - Boys EWB programme
- SHINE – Obesity reduction programme



## 2. Achieving in Education and Employment

**Outcome:** *All young people to have the opportunity of appropriate education, training and employment to prepare them fully for adult life.*

### What are we doing?

- Young people trained to deliver training and awareness raising to professionals around issues that affect them
- Increased range of alternative provision for NEET young women and girls
- We are alternative education providers
- We offer school and student placements, and work and volunteering experience opportunities



# 3. Opportunities and Future

**Outcome:** *All young people have access to affordable physical, social and cultural activities that are meaningful, challenging and fun.*

## What are we doing?

VCS offers a range of positive activities including sports, arts and crafts, cooking, snooker, befriending, etc. We offer:

- Enrichment activities
- One to one work: Targeted and Specialist
- Holiday activities
- Residential
- Participation and support groups



# 4. Voice and Influence



**Outcome:** Young people's voices are heard equally, regardless of barriers due to vulnerability or disadvantage, and have opportunities to be actively involved in community and strategic decision making processes, enabling young people to influence decision makers and services through fully informed consultation, involvement and participation.

## What are we doing?

- Sheffield Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament (Sheffield Futures)
- Young Commissioners, Young Community Leaders, STAMP and REP (Chilypep)
  - Young Carers Action Group (SYC)
  - Mental Health Ambassadors (Interchange)



# 5. Safety and Security

## Streets, Home and World

**Outcome:** *Young people are able to understand, identify and reduce risk in their homes and community, and to keep safe, and organisations work together to protect young people and provide safe spaces.*

### What are we doing?

- Women and Girls initiative: Recovery and Empowerment project – Partnership with 5 VCS organisations supporting women and girls to recover from domestic and sexual abuse. Service user group to influence services and support and raise awareness of issues
- Key partner in Cohesion Sheffield - VCS reps chairs CAG
- Young Womens Housing Project supporting young women experiencing CSE/DA/Trafficked young women
- RUBIC – Respect and Understanding: Building Inclusive Communities. 4 VCF orgs working with Parkwood school to develop Young Leaders, Community Guardians and Champions

# 6. Poverty

**Outcome:** *Young people experiencing poverty and disadvantage are supported to improve aspirations and achieve better outcomes.*

## What are we doing?

- Providing free and low cost activities across the city
- Young carers campaigning for discounted travel passes and access to leisure opportunities
- Young people's views informed development of Sheffield's Anti-Poverty Strategy
- Supporting young people to develop key skills, abilities and confidence and providing opportunities for new experiences that raise aspirations and achievement
- Alternative education and accreditation providers that increase training and job opportunities



# 7. Diversity and Belonging

**Outcome:** *Young people respect and appreciate difference and through a sense of belonging, come together to celebrate the diversity of the city past, present and future.*

## What are we doing?

- ‘Don’t hate, Educate’, Sheffield Youth Cabinet and UKYP campaign against racism and discrimination
- Intergenerational project - Cook and eat together
- Supporting young Roma people through youth work sessions in Darnall
- RUBIC - Support groups for refugee and Asylum Seeking Children and Young People and raises awareness and understanding about diversity and experiences of different communities



# Join us

- The ***Children and Young People's Partnership Network*** has started to pull together the range and scope of activities currently being delivered to meet this Vision. We are also looking at the gaps and solutions to meeting all the needs.
- ***We call on everyone*** with an interest in young people to work towards these outcomes
- How can ensure that children and young people are key to the **inclusive growth agenda**?

