



Membership Welcome Pack 2017-2018

Introduction

Welcome to the London Youth

We are a network of diverse community youth organisations working with young people across the capital since 1887. Our mission is to support and challenge children and young people to become the best they can be. Our vision is that all young Londoners grow up healthy, able to navigate a fulfilling career and make a positive contribution in their communities. We support them to develop the confidence, resilience and relationship skills they need to do this, delivering with and through our network of community youth organisations and at our two residential centres.

Through our bespoke membership offer, we will help you develop your organisations to become more resilient, skill up your staff, and facilitate opportunities for partnership work. As part of the London Youth network, you will also have the opportunity to share learning and best-practice with similar organisations, participate in London-wide programmes and engage with key funders.

Who is eligible to become a Member?

To be a London Youth member your organisation will operate and deliver activities that engage and benefit young people under 25 living in London. Together our network aims to create the strongest possible range of services for young Londoners. They provide high quality, exciting and fun opportunities for young people in every London community. Membership costs £125 per year (with an admin fee for the first year).



Benefits

Our offer to you is designed to help your organisation to be more resilient through a mix of quality assurance, training, access to programmes, and keeping you connected.

Quality Assurance

The Quality Mark is the only quality assurance framework designed for youth infrastructure organisations. It is a national scheme which has been developed in partnership with Ambition UK and is currently endorsed by the City and Guilds.

Learning Networks

This is an opportunity for members to share best practice, create partnerships, solve problems and advocate together. Through our Inclusion Network and Tackling Youth Violence Network you will have the opportunity to participate in consultations and other opportunities to share knowledge.

Workshops and Training

London Youth has set up a range of development opportunities for our members on key areas and topics. These will include areas such as safeguarding, risk assessment and policy training and will be delivered by experts in each field.

Youth Leadership and Social Action

London Youth run programmes on youth leadership supporting and challenging young people to design, lead and learn from their own youth led projects. Our programmes develop their confidence and social skills as they transform their clubs and communities.

Sports Development

Getting Ready, London Youth's sports development programme, offers young people high quality, fun sports opportunities within their local community. We can offer a range of sporting activities for our member clubs including pan-London sports days, weekend taster sessions, training residential trips, and sports leadership training courses.

Residential Centres

The opportunity to learn and have fun outside of formal settings is essential in helping young people develop their skills and confidence.. At London Youth we ensure it plays a major part in our offer to young people through our specialist outdoor education centres at Woodrow High House and Hindleap Warren. As a Member you will receive up to 50% discount when accessing our residential centres.



Quality Mark

The Quality Mark is an excellent tool to audit your organisation's work and to develop best practice. At the end of the process you will have a badge of excellence that you can show to local authorities, funders, parents and other stakeholders to show that you are a robust organisation offering the best services to your members.

Key Features

- ✓ **Accredited:** designed with Ambition UK and accredited by City and Guilds
- ✓ **Youth focus:** all our quality offer has been developed for youth organisations
- ✓ **Grants:** there is currently an unrestricted grant of £5,000 for achieving the Silver level or £7,000 for achieving the Gold level provided by City Bridge Trust for non-statutory organisations
- ✓ **Quality Areas:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on Young People: Involving YP Outcomes for Young People: M&E Safeguarding and Protecting Young People Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Staff and Volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premises and Resources – Safety for all Administration Leadership and Management Partnerships: Working with others
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Levels of the Quality Mark

The Quality Mark is a progressing scheme from Bronze to Silver to Gold.

Each level remains in place for a 3 year period of time before expiring.

- ✓ **Bronze** level focuses on your policies and procedures and that you provide safe and secure activities for young people
- ✓ **Silver** level has an emphasis on young people's participation in your activities, outcomes for young people and personal development
- ✓ **Gold** level is a centre of excellence that is youth-led, sustainable and able to learn and adapt



Process

- ✓ You will be asked to work through a set of indicators and compile a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate each criteria
- ✓ You begin the process by coming to our **Getting Started with the Quality Mark** workshop where you receive training alongside the indicators
- ✓ At 20-50% through Bronze you are invited to join a **Quality Mark Workshop** where further training takes place and top tips are provided to move towards completing
- ✓ When you are near to completing you will be provided with a 121 support session alongside any final guidance
- ✓ To complete the level an assessment takes place in your location of work. Two co-assessors will run through your portfolio of evidence



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