

Youth4U - Young Inspectors

Programme



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Why do you think the Young Inspectors programme is important?

The Young Inspectors programme is important, because it is a group of young people who go around service provisions for other young people and see why they are good and what could be improved. This makes it better for the young people who will use them in the future.



How and why did you get involved?

I got involved with Young Inspectors programme, because I joined the Participation Team for Calderdale Council as their Young Apprentice. I work alongside Rob Glover who is the Co-ordinator for Young Inspectors, I got involved with them, carried out my training and went on to do inspections alongside other Young Inspectors.

What sort of things do you do?

We look at service provisions for young people and see what they actually provide for the young people they work with, we then make recommendations that could help to improve the service for young people who use them.



What did this achieve?

This makes the service provision for the young people better, but also gives them a chance to put forward what they want from that service.

How did this affect you, other people, and services in your area?

Us as Young Inspectors

For myself and the Young Inspectors that I work with this programme has given us confidence and understanding that we can have a say and change things/ provisions for the better. It gives us a say in things that affect us.

For the service users

For other young people that actually use the service it makes it better for them and helps them to understand that they do have a say in what they want and what they need from the provision itself.



Is there anything else that you would like to say about your experience?

Young Inspectors is a great programme that offers the opportunity for young people to make a difference in their area and the services that they use. This helps services to provide what the young people actually want. It also helps the Young Inspectors learn about being professional as they do get paid for the time that they work. It is a good form of work experience.

A young girl with brown hair, wearing a black shirt, is smiling and looking up at a light-colored horse in a stable. The horse's head is in the foreground, looking towards the girl. A large, light blue thought bubble is positioned above the girl, containing the text "Any Questions ??". The background shows wooden stable stalls and a horse saddle on a stand.

Any Questions ??