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## Call for Emerging Practice Examples: Young People's Services (Youth Services)

### Context

The Centre for Excellence and Outcomes in Children and Young People's Services (C4EO) has been commissioned by the Children's Improvement Board (CIB) to identify innovative examples of *emerging* local practice in relation to youth services, to share with the sector.

The context for this call for local practice examples is the fast moving and changing landscape of young people's services, including youth service provision. The CIB wishes to identify best practice in relation to the systematic sharing of thinking and experience with others. It is particularly keen to identify good work being led, supported or commissioned by local authorities, in relation to:

- Reducing the proportion of young people not in education, training or employment (**NEET**) and increasing participation in education and training, particularly in preparation for the raising of the participation age.
- Transforming **youth services** and developing newer and more modern approaches to deliver and secure improved and positive outcomes for young people.
- Securing **local engagement in the commissioning and delivery** of services, particularly as a contribution to approaches to increase citizen participation.
- Developing **alternative funding approaches** to maintain services in times of financial challenge.

**How do I submit a practice example?**

Either by:

- Completing the online submission form on the C4EO website
- Or downloading a submission form from the C4EO website and emailing it to [C4EOteam@nfer.ac.uk](mailto:C4EOteam@nfer.ac.uk)

Available here:

<http://www.c4eo.org.uk/themes/general/emergingpracticeexamples.aspx> , the forms are designed to enable you to describe your practice and tell us why you believe it is successful. C4EO is keen to capture new or relatively recent examples of instances where local authorities are re-designing their youth services to reflect a need to both be more efficient and, at the same time, improve outcomes. We recognise that it is likely to be too early to demonstrate evidence of impact on young people, but the thinking, direction of travel and process of change being implemented, could be shared and be of value to others.

Guidance on completing your submission is also available on the above web page but, if you have any queries or need support completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact the C4EO Team at NFER on 01753 637178 or [C4EOteam@nfer.ac.uk](mailto:C4EOteam@nfer.ac.uk)

Our intention is that, by sharing this information, you will contribute to the development of a picture of new and emerging local practice in relation to young people's and youth services, from which other local areas can benefit.

This is an ongoing call for practice, but if you would like more information about submission timelines, please contact Monica Hetherington at NFER or Helen Goody at C4EO on 0207 843 6358.

Many thanks for your support.

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