

Future Development Options

To ensure that the Strategic Youth Alliance is in position to attract further development funding a SYA Working Group has been tasked at examining the alternative structures:

Option 1: Young Peoples Foundations

A Young People's Foundation (YPF) is a member-led charity comprised of organisations that work with children and young people in a local area including the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Each YPF adapts to meet the needs of the youth sector in their local area, however they all share the same common values.

- Non delivery
- Designed for the long term
- Focussed on funding, networks, space, access
- Cross sector partnerships
- Requires a level of funding to get going

Examples include Young Manchester, Young Harrow Foundation, Young Brent Foundation

Option 2: Youth Mutuals

A public service mutual is an organisation that has left the public sector but continues delivering public services. There is a significant degree of employee ownership, influence or control in the way the organisation is run.

- Commissioned by the local authority
- Often develops into a CIC or Charity so can draw down other fund.

Examples of previous Youth Services who are now Public Service Mutuals include Knowsley Youth Mutual and Space Youth Services.

Option 3: Local Partnership Alliance Model (Most Similar to SYA)

A local partnership that brings together key organisations supporting children and young people in a local authority.

- Usually convened by the local authority but if not, they are certainly involved.
- Usually has a terms of reference and collective authority which enables joint funding applications and partnerships.
- Has shared outcomes and goals

Examples include: Coventry Youth Partnership, Expect Youth (Doncaster)

Funding Secured since

Since the inception of the SYA approximately **£500K** of direct additional funding and resources have enhanced the local BwD youth work offer, with approximately another **£300K** in indirect funding.

The following organisations are full members of the Strategic Youth Alliance:

1. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council – Young Peoples Services (Chair / convenors / organisation lead) (YPS)
2. Blackburn Youth Zone (BYZ)

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3. Blackburn Rovers Community Trust (BRCT)
4. Child Action North West (CANW)
5. Youth Action (YA)
6. Innovate Motivate Overcome (IMO – formally Inter Madrassah Organisation)
7. Newground Together (NT)
8. Family and Community Enterprise (FACE)
9. One Voice (OV)
10. Blackburn with Darwen Healthy Living (HL)
11. United Communities Organisation (UCO)

A key priority of the SYA has been to drive up external funding – in particular for areas of unmet need. Below are some examples of SYA led externally funded programmes.

Example 1: Youth Ambassadors - Value £140k

This was funding awarded by the National Government's MHCLG Integration funding. SYA contributors: BYZ, BRCT, YPS, HL, IMO, OV

Aims The programme consisted of recruiting 180 young people aged 12 to 16 years on a personal and group development programme to become peer mentors and to drive integration and social action projects across the borough. 6 cohorts of 30 young people engaged in the following programme.

- Group residential
- Social action development and delivery
- Education and celebration of local cultural diversity
- Leadership skill

Example 2: Covid Detached Programme 1 - Value £20k.

Funded via BwDBC Public Health
SYA contributors: YPS, IMO, BRCT BYZ, YA, OV

The programme delivered 13 detached sessions per week with additional sessions delivered over the October half term holiday and around Bonfire Night festivities.

Aims To engage with young people and young adults at street level and to educate and encourage with Covid safety, testing and restrictions and to challenge and support any breaches/ASB by signposting/reporting accordingly.

Example 3: Covid Detached Programme 2 (ongoing) - Value £60k.

Funded via Ministry for Housing, Communities and local Government
SYA Contributors: YPS, BYZ, BRCT, YA, OV, IMO, UCO, FACE, NT, CANW
The programme delivers 15 sessions per week between April and August 2021. Also includes the delivery of 10 multi-agency family fundays which will be delivered over the summer holidays

Aims To engage with young people and young adults at street level and to educate and encourage with covid safety and restrictions, testing and vaccinations and to challenge and support any breaches/ASB by signposting/reporting accordingly. This project will also deliver in venues to ensure maximum reach.

Example 4: Covid SEND Engagement (ongoing)- Value £10k

Funded via Ministry for Housing, Communities and local Government

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SYA Contributors: BRCT, YPS, IMO, YA, FACE

Aims To develop a comprehensive questionnaire to engage with children and young people identified as SEND, and their parents/Carers, around Covid messaging, testing/vaccinations, support requirements, Covid recovery strategies.

Example 5: Youth Ambassadors 2 - Value £100k

This was funding awarded by the National Government's MHCLG Integration funding.
SYA contributors: BYZ, BRCT, YPS, IMO, YA

Aims The programme consisted of recruiting 180 young people aged 12 to 16 years on a personal and group development programme to become peer mentors and to drive integration and social action projects across the borough. This programme was reviewed from the first one and now delivers 10 cohorts of 18 young people engaged in the following programme.

- Social action development and delivery
- Education and celebration of local cultural diversity
- Leadership skill

Example 6: Onside DCMS Step Up Funding - Value £116k

Due to Covid restrictions Onside had an underspend on their regional Step up programme. The SYA, via BYZ, bid for the funds and set up a process to allocate the funds to SYA organisations to deliver 'Step up' type projects - Education, Employment and Training (EET) courses, Signposting and support.

Aims To deliver a range of EET projects ranging from detached signposting to venue based AIG and emotional health and wellbeing.

Example 7: Indirect funding

Over the last 2 years SYA organisations have benefitted from Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) funding and other small funding bids of approximately £300k. The SYA was approached as a body to contribute to the HAF programme.