

# **Droitwich Spa Area Young People's Action Group**

## **Terms of Reference**

### **1. Summary**

The **Droitwich Spa Area Young People's Action Group** is responsible for co-ordinating the delivery of practical, sustainable initiatives– for, and wherever possible, by Young People - across exactly the same the area covered by the Droitwich Spa Area Partnership.

The Group will ensure that the right local and regional groups are working together, pooling their resources and expertise to deliver the kind of facilities, services and activities young people really need – and *will use and want* - in Droitwich Spa and the surrounding 28 rural parishes.

### **2. Objectives of the Group**

The primary objectives of the Group are:

- **To enable young people to live full and rewarding lives, safe, protected, and fully engaged with society**
- **Equip them with the right skills and confidence as responsible adults.**

To this end, the Group will work to facilitate the delivery of the following in the immediate term:

- A place for Young People to go, in Droitwich Spa and in the surrounding rural parishes;
- More things for Young People to do, in Droitwich Spa and the surrounding rural parishes;
- Improved access to facilities, services and activities;
- Other projects towards the stated objectives as need dictates.

The Group shares these core objectives with the **Droitwich Spa Area Partnership** and will develop specific projects to these ends.

### **3. How the Group Works**

To deliver these the Group will:

- Identify the right solutions for Young People on the ground, and the best people to deliver them – and provide support wherever required;
- Work to attract funding and investment, including putting together bids for partnership schemes;
- Maximise the work already done to identify the needs of Young People to inform the delivery of practical projects – ensuring the involvement of Young People, being careful not to over-consult, and managing expectations.

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### 4. Structure

The Group is independent and self-sustaining, but with a formal protocol with the **Droitwich Spa Area Partnership**, with whom it **shares its actions**.

The Group has a chair, nominated by the Group and elected by the named members, who will serve as long as required.

Responsibility for the minute taking for the Group will be shared by the membership, but all meeting papers will be circulated by the **Area Partnership Manager**.

The Group will meet formally **every 2 months**, but will form and convene **sub or task groups** as required to deliver its stated ends and specific projects.

Responsibility for specific tasks arising from the Group's work and membership of task-based sub groups will be allocated on a practical basis to Group members and / or other partners as appropriate or required.

### 5. Membership of the Group

The membership of the Group is inclusive and representative, and flexible enough to allow the inclusion of specialists. The formal membership of the Group is one representative from the following groups (with the exception of Droitwich Spa and Rural VSC), with a preference for people involved in actual delivery of services:

- Droitwich Spa and Rural Voluntary Sector Council: 2 representatives, one each from DSRVSC and the Droitwich Spa Youth Workers Forum
- Droitwich Spa Area Partnership
- Droitwich Spa High School
- Westlands PACT
- Worcestershire Youth Service (Youth Worcs)
- Wychavon Community Safety
- Droitwich Spa Churches Together (ecumenical Youth Club)
- Young people themselves – 2 representatives to be identified

It is intended that this "core" should be relatively small - but the Group will be expanded or contracted as required by the work of the Group. As required, members can be co-opted from, for example:

- West Mercia Constabulary
- Young Farmers
- Festival Housing Association
- Droitwich Spa Rotary
- South Worcestershire PCT
- Sports Clubs
- Uniformed clubs – Young Fire Fighters, ATC, Army Cadets, Scouts, Guides
- Other Schools and Colleges

Note that this is not an exclusive list and is a list of **examples** only.