Young Advisors

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What are Young Advisors?

- National Charity based in UK.
- Young people aged 15 to 21 – Peer to peer and youth perspective
- Work with decision makers around to engage young people in community life, local decision making and improving services.
- Paid, trained professional young people – Unique due to actual employment.
- Provide many different services
How do we work?

• Bronze, silver and gold schemes.
• Currently 40 YA teams around UK.
• Over 1500 YA’s
• Adult manager for each team
• Coordination by national charity staff
• Young Trustees
• Funding and commissioning
For every £1 of grant funding the charity received, we created an additional £21.58 in value.

An average commission of Young Advisors services will have an effect on over 11,000 young people.
16-24 year olds showed the lowest frequency of civic participation (30%) civic consultation (12%) and civic activism (8%)

93% of young people feel that the government is not doing enough to help them

Up to 50% of young people want to be able to influence local and national decisions, yet 60% don’t understand how these decisions are made, and about 75% don’t feel that they can influence these decisions.
What we do...

- Training for young people and professionals
- Service Appraisals
- Consultancy
- Facilitation
- Youth proofing
- Advising policy
- Engagement
- Research
Examples of my work

- Consultation, facilitation and training of the new youth mental health service
- Core strategy and local plan consultation (PB)
- Positive for youth policy advice
- Lecturing in health and wellbeing & criminology
- Chair of strategical clinical network for young peoples mental health
- Consultation and facilitation of ‘Youth Cabinet’
- Budget cuts consultation (PB) – Giant monopoly
- Co facilitation of NCS project
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