

Engagement Network

The Engagement Network will assist local authorities in meeting the needs of Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) young people more effectively, particularly given the transfer of responsibility under the 16-19 agenda. We are looking for 50 local authorities to sign up to the network in 2010.


In each area, the National Youth Agency will:

- assist focusing on key service improvement issues
- recruit, train and support a group of young people who have life experience of being NEET, so they are equipped to advise strategic managers in local authorities on provision for young people who are NEET or at risk of falling into this category. Training is through two residentials and ongoing support
- support an individual from each group to participate in a national reference group to influence decisions on the content of national policy and the implementation and development of work at a local level.

We have recruited four local authorities so far, and initiated the training phase in partnership with LEAP conflict management.

Benefits

- The agency can help do the initial research and assist with the focus of issues and the shape of the engagement model, which can be customised to each area.
- Direct use of customer and consumer feedback to enable effective service improvement and efficiencies.
- Assists national indicators on NEET and engagement of young offenders.
- Local Government Association development money match funded at 50 per cent.



"This is a really exciting project for the NYA to be involved in and one that can potentially make a huge difference to the expectations of young people across the country."

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