

## Young Researcher Network



Lots of research is carried out on children and young people, but far less is carried out 'with' or 'by' them. The Young Researcher Network (YRN) values, supports and encourages young people led research.

The Young Researcher Network offers support to organisations, projects and interested parties to:

- work with and develop their own body of young researchers
- provide expert training in research and critical thinking skills
- produce resources including a young person's research toolkit
- support YRN young researchers as peer trainers and co-researchers in adult led research projects.

Since 2007 we have assisted 40 organisations, including six local authorities (Bradford, Durham, North Tyneside, Nottingham, Swindon and Hertfordshire) to develop and extend the work they do with young researchers to improve outcomes for young people at a local level.

### Benefits

- Improve outcomes for young people as customers and consumers of services at a local level.
- Practice What We Preach – gets young people actively involved in shaping services and ensuring quality of feedback from more vulnerable and challenging groups of young people.
- We work with a local member of staff, and support them in planning for the maintenance and development of a local Young Researcher Network.
- Contributes to a range of national indicators for children and young people.

**"Having the Young Researcher Network at our event created a lively and interactive atmosphere and reminded us of the positive contribution young people make."**

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