

The Young Researcher Network (YRN)



Annual residential conference

“Look what happens when young people set the research agenda”

14 – 15 November 2008, Warwick University, Coventry

The Young Researcher Network has been encouraging and supporting 15 young people-led projects over the last year in carrying out research projects. It is a new initiative – coordinated through The National Youth Agency – giving impetus to new groups of young researchers. It has provided avenues for young people to build new skills and confidence, exchange information and spark new friendships, whilst framing an informed and critical ‘voice’ to influence and shape policy.

The aim of the conference is threefold. Firstly, to showcase the research completed by network partners, secondly, press forward with their campaigns, and thirdly, to support and encourage the growth in young people-led research.

The conference is a testament to the quality of work produced by young researchers. The NYA is proud to be hosting this event and sharing in the young researchers’ achievements.

The conference will include young people-led workshops reporting on research carried out by the YRN over summer 2008, and the implications for policy makers and practitioners. It will also allow delegates to learn more about involving young people in research.

Come and join in the debate and training opportunities. Friday 14 November is open to YRN partners only. Saturday 15 November is open to both external delegates and YRN partners.

If you are interested in attending the conference please complete the attached form or contact Antoinette Long on 0116 242 7465. Bookings can also be made online at www.nya.org.uk/youngresearchernetwork

For external delegates the cost is £69.95 which includes a buffet lunch.

There is no cost for YRN Partners.

PROGRAMME

Friday 14 November (for YRN members only)

4.00 pm - onwards	Arrival/registration
5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Workshop preparation sessions
6.30 pm - 8.00 pm	Evening meal
9.00 pm - 11.00 pm	YRN Celebration event

Saturday 15 November (for all delegates)

9.00 am -10.00 am	Welcome and refreshments - displays and stalls
10.00 am -10.45 am	Morning plenary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the YRN• Involving young people in research: a social policy and practice context• The value in young people doing research
10.45 am -11.45 am	Workshop session 1
11.45 am -12.00 am	Break
12.15 pm -1.15 pm	Workshop session 2
1.15 pm -2.15 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm -3.15 pm	Workshop session 3
3.15 pm -3.30 pm	Break
3.30 pm -4.00 pm	Closing plenary and evaluation

Workshops (facilitated by young researchers) will be offered on the following topics:

- Positive activities
- Identity and representation
- Health and social care
- How to involve young people in research

Please note that the programme may be subject to change and delegates will be asked to select three of four workshops when they receive confirmation of place.

YRN CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

Name	
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Authority/Organisation	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone/Mobile	
Fax	
E-mail	
Dietary Requirements	
Access/other requirements Please indicate any particular access or any other requirements that you have (eg disabled access, large print, hearing loop, signer, etc.)	

PAYMENT (please tick appropriate box)

- I wish to be invoiced for £69.95
(Please enclose an official order)
- I enclose a cheque made payable to **The National Youth Agency** for £69.95

Please note bookings will not be accepted without either pre-payment or an official purchase order. To book a place, please return this form together with payment, to:

Antoinette Long, YRN Assistant Info. Officer, The National Youth Agency, Eastgate House,
19-23 Humberstone Road, Leicester LE5 3GJ.

Tel: 0116 242 7465. Fax 0116 242. E-mail: antoinettel@nya.org.uk

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Reservations cannot be accepted by telephone. The agency cannot be held responsible for the non-arrival of registration information. Booking forms are not individually acknowledged; you will however be notified if a place is not available. If you have not heard from us within seven days prior to the conference, please contact the events office. The NYA reserves the right to cancel/amend or change events on the programme to suit demand.

CANCELLATIONS: Written notice of cancellation will be accepted up to 31 October 2008. Prior to this date, the conference fee will be reimbursed less a 25 per cent administration charge. After this date no refunds will be available except at The Agency's discretion. Substitutions may be made at any time. Please notify us of the change.

DATA PROTECTION: The information supplied on this form will be retained by The NYA on a database. The NYA will compile a paper delegate list of names and organisations to be distributed at conferences/seminars. Participants may be contacted by letter or e-mail with details of future events and publications organised or promoted by The NYA which may be of interest to you.

The Agency may take photographs and video footage of its events for publicity purposes.

If you object to appearing in these please tick this box.

If you do not wish to receive further information please tick this box.