

Youth Inclusion Projects (YIP's)

The Youth Justice Board originally established YIPs in 2000, and independent evaluations of the programme have proven this approach to be effective in reducing arrest rates and offending within the core group.



YIPs target young people who are considered to be most at risk of offending, but also work to engage other young people in the local area. YIPs aim to reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhoods in which they work.

Young people on the YIP are identified through a number of different agencies, including the YOT, police, children and family services, local education authorities or schools, neighbourhood wardens and anti-social behaviour teams. Young people and their families engage with the YIP on a voluntary basis.

The project gives young people somewhere safe to go where they can learn new skills, take part in activities with others and get support with their education and careers guidance. YIP workers and mentors help to change young people's attitudes to crime and anti-social behaviour, and address those factors that put young people at risk of involvement in offending or anti-social behaviour.

The YIP has the following aims:

- To engage with a high proportion of the core group, especially those members deemed most at risk within the group
 - To address the risk factors and enhance the protective factors, for the young people with whom it is working
 - To increase access for engaged young people to mainstream and specialist services, especially in relation to education, training and employment
 - To prevent engaged young people from entering the Criminal Justice System, and to reduce offending of young people already in the system
 - To intervene, not just on an individual level, but with communities and families (especially the parents of the core group)
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Funding

Each YIP is funded annually by the YJB through YOT prevention grants, and this funding is supplemented by sharing resources with other local agencies. In many areas, programmes also obtain resources from other funding streams (such as Neighbourhood Renewal) which share our aim of reducing crime and supporting communities.

YIPs in Bristol

Henbury YIP

Henbury Youth Inclusion Project (YIP) is a programme for young people who are at high risk of involvement in crime or anti-social behaviour. The Henbury project is a Senior YIP; working with a core group of twenty-five young people aged 12-17.

Henbury YIP is funded by the Safer Bristol Partnership and managed by Bristol Youth Offending Team.

Open sessions currently run on the following days and are for all young people aged 12-17.

Manic Monday - Monday from 5pm - 8pm.

Wicked Wednesday - Wednesday from 3:30pm - 6pm.

No booking required, just turn up and have fun!

For further information contact Karen Thorn, Project Coordinator, or one of the Henbury YIP team on 0117 377 3658.