

Young Advisor Job Description



Young Advisors will show community leaders and decision makers how to engage other young people in community life, regeneration and renewal.

The role covers four main areas:

- (1) Showing organisations, committees and projects the best ways to involve young people.
- (2) Teaching adults from different backgrounds - for example, professionals and members of the community - how to attract and maintain the interest of young people in the planning, management and reviewing of community affairs. Young people are needed to help adults think out better plans.

Young Advisors can:

- o design facilities for young people that improve the quality of life
- o discuss ways to improve the neighbourhood
- o suggest how to solve problems with public transport, waste and rubbish, and local self employment, for example
- o review current activities to see how they could be improved

Local authorities and other agencies affecting community life produce information, leaflets and websites about their strategies and action plans. They and the government want the views of young people to influence these plans; they want young people themselves to check that the words are followed by actions within a reasonable time.

Young Advisors will:

- o 'youth proof' strategies and action plans for neighbourhood programmes, and local authorities
 - o train adults in how to 'youth proof' local plans, alongside local young people
- (3) Young Advisors will speak out for young people, telling a wide range of people who make decisions what young people believe their communities need compared to what local planners think is feasible. YAs will be young people's 'champions'.
 - (4) Some YAs will:
 - o work regionally beyond their immediate locality, advising NDCs, NMPs and Local Authorities elsewhere
 - o work nationally with Government Departments