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Youth

Monmouthshire Youth Service

Evidence • Impact • Ambition

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Vision and Purpose

Children, Learning, Skills and Economy Vision Statement:

Achieving more together, with fairness and ambition

Youth Service Purpose:

Empowering young people of Monmouthshire to thrive and shape futures

What youth work looks like in Monmouthshire

A distinct service, delivered through relationships — not a single building or programme

01 Open access

- Youth centres
- Youth clubs (*including targeted clubs in partnership with The Urdd and EYST*)
- Outreach work (*including targeted anti-social behaviour work*)
- School holiday programmes (*including trips and visits*)
- Digital opportunities

02 Targeted support

Support around:

- Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Transitions
- Additional learning needs
- LGBTQ+ young people
- Welsh-speaking young people
- Harmful sexual behaviours
- Alternative learning opportunities
- Other identified needs

03 Participation

- Young people's participation in the design and delivery of our service - young people are active contributors to decisions, priorities, projects and activities, not simply recipients.
- Make Your Mark ballot
- Youth conference
- Informal youth forums
- Pathways and life skills

The common thread: voluntary engagement + trusted relationships + informal learning + young people's voice

Estyn: a service making a significant, positive difference

The October 2025 inspection report was published in January 2026. Its evidence gives us a strong platform — and one recommendation.

SIGNIFICANT & POSITIVE

difference to the lives
of young people

**The one recommendation:
strengthen formal elected-
member scrutiny.**

- **Relationships** High-quality relationship-based youth work
- **People** Expertise and commitment of staff
- **Impact** Confidence, resilience, wellbeing and personal development
- **Inclusion** ALN, LGBTQ+, Welsh-speaking and ethnic minority young people
- **Practice** Strong partnerships, data, self-evaluation and safeguarding

Quality Mark: a service with a culture of learning; not a service standing still

The July 2026 Bronze Quality Mark assessment report was published in September 2026.



ALL INDICATORS: Good Practice

The assessment highlighted:

- ✓ Clear strategic vision and continuous improvement
- ✓ Excellent understanding of young people's needs
- ✓ Meaningful participation in planning and evaluation
- ✓ Strong relationships, wellbeing and safeguarding
- ✓ A 'grow your own' approach to the future workforce

Monmouthshire 5 Year Plan for Youth Work 2027-2032: From strong foundations to a clear 2027–2032 ambition

The proposed plan turns the evidence and young people's priorities into six strategic objectives.

01 Participation

To strengthen young people's voice, participation and influence across Monmouthshire

02 Wellbeing

To improve young people's emotional and mental health and wellbeing through accessible early help

03 Opportunities

To expand inclusive experiences, skills and pathways into education, employment and community life

04 Digital

To embed and develop a high-quality digital youth work offer

05 Inequalities

To work with partners to provide a needs-based targeted offer

06 Workforce

To develop a sustainable, skilled and collaborative youth work workforce

Built through evidence → young people's views → staff expertise → partner consultation

Reasons

1. To ensure that the Youth Service is included in formal member-level scrutiny arrangements, in accordance with the Estyn recommendation.
2. The proposed Monmouthshire 5 Year Plan for Youth Work 2027-2032 is being brought to this committee for scrutiny prior to it being submitted to Welsh Government on 30th September 2026.)



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Thank you.



The floor is open.