

The logo for Young Solutions features the word "YOUNG" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font above the word "Solutions" in a larger, white, sans-serif font. A thick orange line curves around the top and right sides of the text.

**YOUNG
Solutions**

2019 - 2020 Highlights

www.youngsolutions.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1128461

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Keeping young people
safe and involved

The year in numbers:



£197k

Income



83

Organisations
became members



8415

Hours of support
to young people on
our Seek and Reach
Project to date



Nominations
for our Tryangle
Awards



290

DBS checks
carried out



196

People attended
our training



8709

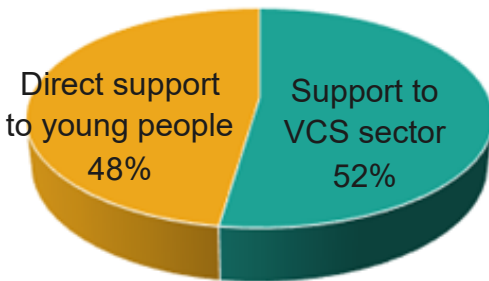
Volunteers in our
member organisations

Finances

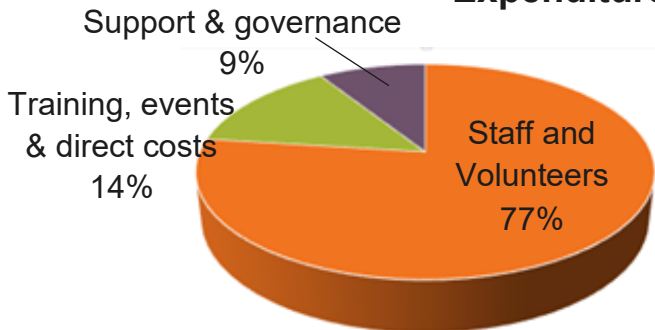
In the year April 2019 to March 2020, Young Solutions received income from a number of sources including membership fees, DBS checks, training, local and national trust funds and Worcestershire County Council.

Expenditure was used to support our members, provide services for those who work with children and young people, and deliver projects working directly with young people.

Income Purpose



Expenditure

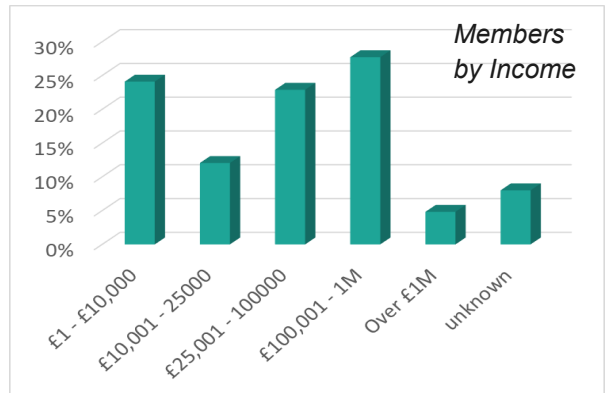


Membership

83 organisations joined Young Solutions as members from across Worcestershire, **36%** of whom had an income under £25,000 and **30%** were led solely by volunteers.

They received face to face support, policy advice, **290** DBS checks for staff and volunteers, and **61** newsletters and e-bulletins through the year.

72% have remained members for over 3 years.



Training

21 training courses in **10** different subjects were delivered to **196** attendees from **30** organisations. These ranged from **Safeguarding** and **CSE Awareness** to **Mental Health First Aid** and **Outcomes Stars**.

68% of attendees were from our member organisations and attendees felt the information would change the way they work with young people.

Tryangle Awards



These inspirational awards recognise the unsung young heroes in Worcestershire. Those nominated receive a Certificate of Recognition, whilst the most outstanding are presented with our unique Tryangle trophy at the Awards Evening.



Unfortunately this year's event had to be cancelled due to Covid-19, but we still managed to get awards to a record breaking **48** worthy recipients!



Seek and Reach Project



Young Solutions were pleased to extend the Seek and Reach project into all areas of the county. This enabled **130** vulnerable young people to benefit from intensive mentoring and personal support to encourage them to take the initial small steps towards re-engaging with education, training and ultimately employment.

70% of the participants were male, and **55%** identified as having a long term health problem or disability.

Development was measured using the Outcomes Star self-assessment tool (Work Star and Pathway Star), with the most positive changes seen in the **Healthy Lifestyles** and **Skills** outcome areas.

"When we first started our 1:1 sessions D was a very very quiet young person who rarely went out of the family home. She had anxiety and had been out of education a long time. Our sessions focussed on managing anxiety, finding groups and opportunities linked to her love of horses and photography, health and wellbeing, and eventually progressed to starting a L1 course. D now has a pathway to her future and she smiles!!!"

Key Worker

"Seek and Reach have helped me to gain confidence and has helped me to get back into education. My work based diploma in horse care is amazing, everyone's super friendly and I feel like it's really boosting my confidence around new people, I'm really enjoying it there."



Other notable achievements

- ◆ To date, Young Solutions have successfully delivered **10** years of **Positive Activities Infrastructure contract** for the County Council. Also continued to negotiate for and support commissioners during the delayed re-commissioning of Positive Activities provision due in 2020.
- ◆ Carried out **safeguarding training analysis** of the child and adult voluntary sector on behalf of Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP) and received **64** responses. These results influenced the newly formed WSCP.
- ◆ Advocated for the sector with countywide and regional partners through representation at bodies including: **Youth Focus West Midlands** (with particular emphasis on youth work qualifications and potential re-establishment of statutory youth services), **NEET strategy group**, **Get Safe Partnership**, **Worcestershire Voices**, **WSCP**, **Active Herefordshire & Worcestershire Partnership**, and **Healthwatch Worcestershire**.
- ◆ Advised **Public Health** and **Worcestershire Children First** on emerging priorities and alterations to national guidance for youth work to ensure their commissioning strategy included new guidance.



What people said about us:

When working with Young Solutions it's always a positive experience and we receive an informed and comprehensive service. They always have an answer to our questions and are able to respond quickly to any queries.

Woodrush Youth and Community Centre

Very informative and helpful courses, always delivered in a safe, inclusive and non-judgemental environment.

The Basement Project

Young Solutions is ideally placed to ensure that the county's VCS organisations and groups are well connected to and able to influence the aims, priorities and activity of Worcestershire Children First, and vice versa. This is a really important role and I've seen this in practice in a wide variety of initiatives - all helping to do things which might otherwise not be possible.

Commissioning Manager, Worcestershire Children First

Young Solutions is the conduit enabling strategic links to be made which helps join up thinking between agencies across the District/ Borough and County and, ultimately, helps us better meet the needs of our children and young people.

Chief Executive, Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils

We have been delighted and privileged to work alongside Young Solutions over the past year. Not simply because they have been delivering quality outcomes, but because they have been part of our drive to deliver funding in a way that is fit for today's challenges.

Trustee, Worcestershire Community Foundation