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Membership Booklet

Who are we?

Young Lancashire is a registered charity, established in 1923 as an Association for local youth clubs. Our history, dating back over 90 years, has a back catalogue which includes the restoration and running of Borwick Hall as an outdoor centre, supporting and running specialist youth programmes, in particular for more disadvantaged groups, and establishing a Bursary Award Scheme. Most recently the charity has focused on championing the role of the voluntary sector, helping local charities to adapt, survive and thrive.

We provide a quality assured network to support safe and effective work with children and young people across the county. Through our range of support services, youth organisations are more informed and better able to help children and young people to - aspire and achieve at school and in work - to contribute and engage in positive activities in their leisure time - so that they may lead healthy lives, which are safe from harm.

Our Strategic Objectives are:

To provide leadership for the voluntary youth sector, through partnership working, in tackling relevant issues and unmet needs

To provide a shared voice for the sector on issues related to young people in a diverse society, through a process of participation and inclusion

To cultivate an environment, which fosters the development of quality youth groups and services, and to maintain recognised standards

To achieve improved outcomes for young people through effective partnership working between the statutory and voluntary youth sectors

To support the development of collaborative working, including implementing and operating consortium arrangements and commissioning frameworks

To develop and provide access to a quality range of support services and activities to youth organisations

To support the voluntary youth sector in achieving a variety of educational opportunities and recognised learning outcomes for young people, volunteers and staff

What do we do for you?

With a proven track record of providing support and advisory services to voluntary and community organisations across Lancashire, we provide a range of services including: training courses and events, DBS (formerly CRB) checks, accredited awards, support to achieve quality standards, and access to a specialist insurance scheme.

Working with commissioners and a wide range of statutory partners we ensure that the voice of the voluntary community and faith sectors is heard.

Young Lancashire's team works tirelessly to raise money and bring investment in to benefit the sector as a whole. The services provided are subsidised through funding we have secured on behalf of our members, which enables us to offer such services at favourable rates with discounts available to Full Members.

Why join Young Lancashire?

Young Lancashire is well respected throughout the Northwest and our recent Stakeholder Survey indicated that 87% of members rate our services as Good or Excellent. Everyone is welcome and joining us could bring a wide range of benefits to your organisation.

- You'll have access to the range of services at discounted rates for Full Members
- You'll become part of the largest network of youth organisations in the county, and be able to make new contacts and develop new projects through this diverse network
- You'll have a voice that is heard by public bodies and commissioners, alongside hundreds more staff and volunteers doing similar work to you
- You'll have access to funding and contracting opportunities, helping you do more for young people

On joining, you will be able to gain access to an online library of materials and resources, attend training events and participate in a wide range of network opportunities. Full Members also benefit from an annual allocation of vouchers, redeemable against a range of services, in addition to all of the other member services. This means that, as part of your membership fee*, you could access free DBS (formerly CRB) checks, attend training events for free, or request specialist business advice services at discounted rates.

We make a difference by:

- Providing new opportunities to access funding and enabling the sector to engage in contract arrangements through consortia and partnership working
- Supporting hundreds of young people each year to achieve an accredited award
- Raising awareness of current issues through training and briefing events
- Helping local youth groups do more by building capacity and improving service delivery through specialist business advice services

How we make a difference:

Young Lancashire's offer to groups ranges from free-to-access information to great value membership packages and consultancy support to meet organisations' specific needs.

So how can you be part of Young Lancashire?

Youth groups, clubs and organisations can join Young Lancashire as Full, Associate, or (for those in the private sector) Corporate Members, depending on what's best for them. To help you decide, please see opposite. Alternatively, you can choose to become a Friend of Young Lancashire, the option available for individuals to join us in supporting young Lancastrians!

What is a Friend of Young Lancashire?

Friends are individuals who have chosen to support the charity's work with young people. Those involved range from people who are; perhaps, volunteer youth workers and leaders, experienced advocates of youth and community development who want to keep in touch and support our mission... indeed, anyone with an interest in supporting the work of the voluntary sector across Lancashire in its work to improve opportunities for young people.

If you would like to join as a Friend, please complete the Friend's Membership Form, enclosed.

You can also help support our fundraising efforts by taking a number in the Young Lancashire 100 Club. A Prize Draw takes place every month and lucky winners receive between £25 and £250. All the proceeds from this lottery go towards the Young Lancashire Bursary Award scheme.

Young Lancashire's Bursary Award Scheme provides young people with grants to enable them to take part in educational or development activities that improve or enhance their life skills.

Bursary Awards allow young people to make the most of opportunities that they may not otherwise get. Bursaries have funded such things as training courses, qualifications, international exchange trips, attendance at special events and musical instruments.

If you would like to join the 100 Club, please contact our office (details on back cover).

Which type of Membership is best for you?

What is a Full Member?

Most youth groups, clubs and organisations choose to become Full Members. As a Full Member you will be affiliated to Young Lancashire and our national umbrella body UK Youth, and benefit from the full range of services and support on offer. Young Lancashire provides all the infrastructure support you may need from help with insurance and governing documents to detailed policy and procedural requirements, plus signposting to any legal matter associated with the running of your local group. Full Members pay an annual membership fee.

What is an Associate Member?

Associate Membership is designed for larger organisations, for example: national charities or large uniformed organisations such as the Scouts or Guides who want to be part of the Young Lancashire network, but which have access to all the legal and procedural requirements through their national offices and thus do not necessarily require access to our services. Associates do not benefit from the discounts available to Full Members, and (if requested) access our services on a 'pay as you go' basis. Annual membership fees are not charged.

What is a Corporate Member?

Corporate Members are organisations who have decided that they're so impressed with the positive impact that Young Lancashire has, on young people and local youth groups that they have decided to support Young Lancashire in a greater way.

A key part of being a Corporate Member is that the bulk of the membership fee is used to provide a Bursary Award for a young person.

Corporate Members also receive many of the benefits that Full Members get, with a number of additional benefits such as: 100 Club membership; profile in annual publications, our website and e-bulletins, and invitations to networking and celebration events which may be held during the year.

Now you have decided, please complete the Organisation Membership Form enclosed, selecting which type of membership you wish to take.

Note: All Membership Forms are also available on our website www.younglancashire.org.uk or from our office (details on back cover).

Membership Services

Membership Category	Organisations			Individual
Membership Type	Associate	Full	Corporate	Friend
Service offered by Young Lancashire				
Our monthly news e-bulletin: Children and Young People News – Lancashire covering funding; national and local news; policy and support; training and events				
Accreditation of activities for young people through an AQA, Unit Award Scheme service*				
Access to bespoke business advice services, for example; budgeting, fundraising, HR and business planning*			-	-
Access to DBS (formerly CRB) checks service*				
Access to training events*				
Access to a specialist insurance scheme (conditions apply)				-
Additional member news e-bulletins regarding youth work policy, health and safety, child protection, funding and organisational development	-			
A Members' Directory allowing you to network and collaborate with other organisations	-		-	-
Affiliation, as part of Young Lancashire, to UK Youth	-		-	-
Voice and influence on matters that count			-	-
Inclusion in our Annual Report				
Access to the Young Lancashire Bursary scheme	-		-	-
Access to a members only website area to download materials and resources				-

* Charges apply. Full members receive discounts on all services in addition to an annual allocation of redeemable vouchers. See Membership Benefits Scheme document enclosed for details, or download a copy from our website.

Note: Any surplus which may be earned from income generated through the provision of Membership Services will be allocated towards the formation of a wholly owned subsidiary trading company.

What next?

If you are not already a member, we would love for you to become part of the Young Lancashire network. So please either visit the website www.younglancashire.org and sign up online or download the membership form, complete and return by email or post.

If you are already a member, please keep in touch.

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