

Children and Young People's Multi Agency Involvement Group

Terms of reference

The Children and Young People's Multi Agency Involvement Group (CYP MAIG) will always seek to work in accordance with Article 12 of the United Convention on the Rights of the Child. This states that:

'All children and young people have a right to a say in any matter affecting them and for their views to be taken seriously'.

All organisations within CYP MAIG are committed to upholding children and young people's right to a voice. All members are committed to championing this right within their own organisations and across the city.

Within Sheffield all children and young people should be able to engage and influence all services they access and receive within their neighbourhoods, communities and across the city, and to raise their own issues and needs, and have a say about decisions that affect their lives, both as individuals and collectively.

Aim

The aim of the Children and Young People's Multi Agency Involvement Group is to champion and provide strategic coordination to ensure that all children and young people are involved in decision making processes at all levels across the city and throughout service design, delivery and evaluation.

Objectives

To achieve this aim, the CYP MAIG will:

- Champion children and young people's involvement across statutory and voluntary sector organisations within Sheffield
- Act as a point of reference for enabling the sharing and dissemination of good practice in involvement work with children and young people
- Support and provide strategic guidance for those involved in involvement work with children and young people
- Raise the standards of involvement by supporting the assessment and improvement of existing practice and initiating change where necessary

- Develop joint approaches and responses that enable the sharing of good practice and information and promote the best use of available resources between members to avoid duplication.

Membership

Membership will consist of as wide a range as possible of statutory and voluntary organisations across Sheffield.

Organisational structure

Chair: Assistant Director, Youth Services, Sheffield City Council

Frequency of meetings: Bi-monthly

Reporting mechanisms and accountability

A six monthly progress and evaluation report will be sent to relevant strategic boards, including the 0-19+ Partnership Board, the City-wide Learning Body, the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Sheffield Youth Cabinet.