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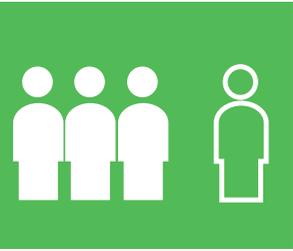
# North Yorkshire Youth Commission

## Priority Aims 2022

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## DISCRIMINATION



### OUR AIMS

- Explore the impacts of discrimination and unconscious bias within the police and authorities on young people, with a particular focus on marginalised and underrepresented groups.
- Raise awareness of hate crime, mate crime, and the discrimination faced by young people, with a particular focus on marginalised and underrepresented groups.
- Encourage both victims and witnesses of discrimination and hate crime to report their experiences to Police or independent reporting centres.
- Work directly with, and share the voice of, young people with lived experience of discrimination to support and empower others.

## ONLINE SAFETY



### OUR AIMS

- Raise awareness of the various forms of exploitation and risks young people are exposed to online and the impact this can have.
- Investigate and increase awareness of the dangers of misinformation online, and how young people can spot, and protect themselves from it.
- Work with partner organisations to develop an online safety campaign.
- Highlight the true harms of online crime and promote the importance of reporting to police or independent reporting mechanisms. And promote appropriate support services.

## RELATIONSHIPS WITH POLICE & AUTHORITIES



### OUR AIMS

- Act as Ambassadors to support police and young people in building new, positive relationships, and break down negative stereotypes on both sides.
- Raise awareness of stop and search rights amongst young people and scrutinise North Yorkshire Police's use of stop and search and use of force.
- Campaign for better support and more opportunities for young people with experience of the police or criminal justice system.
- Represent the voice of young people to NYP and NYFRS and investigate the treatment of young people by authorities.

## DRUGS, GANGS & COUNTY LINES



### OUR AIMS

- Highlight and promote the voice of young people with lived experience of drug abuse, gangs, or county lines to support others.
- Promote harm reduction approaches on the topic of drug use amongst young people, and work with partner organisations to improve education on the impacts of drug use.
- Encourage police and partners to offer more diversion away from gangs and county lines, and better support for young people escaping the cycle.
- Raise awareness of the impact of county lines and gang exploitation amongst young people.

## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



### OUR AIMS

- Reduce the stigma and stereotypes still surrounding mental health and promote positive mental wellbeing.
- Start open, non-judgmental conversations with young people about their experiences of mental health.
- Raise awareness of support services available to young people, including non-referral-based support and how to access them.
- Investigate the mental health support available for young people in the criminal justice system, particularly on release from custody.

## GENDER VIOLENCE & SAFER STREETS



### OUR AIMS

- Investigate and voice young people's experience of spiking, harassment, and violence in public spaces, including views on police and authorities' responses.
- Educate the OPFCC and partners on young people's experience of gender violence.
- Challenge 'lad culture' and other environments that accept and minimize the impacts of VAWG.
- Ensure a non-victim blaming approach throughout conversations on women and girls' safety.