

# North Yorkshire Youth Commission

Priority Aims 2024 -25

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## ONLINE SAFETY

### OUR AIMS

- Explore the impact of social media on mental health and promote appropriate support services.
- Raise awareness of the laws surrounding online crime and victims' rights, particularly around explicit images and image-based sexual abuse.
- Research young people's experiences with artificial intelligence and the possible negative impacts of new technology.
- Work with the OPFCC and partners to assist authorities in engaging more effectively with young people online.



## DRUGS AND COUNTY LINES

### OUR AIMS

- Voice to authorities the importance of drug and county lines education at an earlier age.
- Explore young people's understanding of county lines, and what related support they need from authorities.
- Raise awareness of both the long and short-term impacts of county lines involvement. Include lived experience voices in our discussions.
- Understand young people's opinions and experiences of vaping, and work with police and authorities to tackle underage use through education.



## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

### OUR AIMS

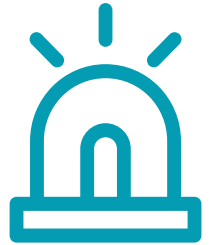
- Raise awareness of unhealthy relationship warning signs.
- Research what support young people feel is most needed to escape an unhealthy relationship.
- Discuss with young people the various types of unhealthy and abusive relationships beyond romantic relationships.
- Work with police and partners to ensure young people in abusive relationships are taken seriously, given appropriate support, and are recognised as victims in their own right.
- Explore the mental health impacts of all types of unhealthy relationships on young people.



## YOUTH RIGHTS AND POLICE RESPECT

### OUR AIMS

- Act as Ambassadors to support police and young people in building new, positive relationships by emphasising the importance of respect and communication from both sides.
- Listen to young people's experiences of being stopped by police and raise awareness of Stop and Search rights within the Big Conversation.
- Work with police and authorities to ensure young people's right to protest is well protected and that young people are able to remain safe while protesting. Explore experiences surrounding this.
- Understand the support needs of young people who are impacted by family and friends' involvement with police and the justice system.



## GENDER VIOLENCE & SAFER STREETS

### OUR AIMS

- Continue to educate the OPFCC, police, and partners on young people's experience of gender violence.
- In partnership with the OPFCC & NYP, promote a non-victim blaming approach throughout conversations on gender violence. Explore how language impacts outcomes for victims.
- Explore the negative impacts and mental health implications of gender violence on all gender identities.
- Raise awareness of how to report gender violence and learn what barriers prevent young people from reporting.



## INCLUSIVITY

### OUR AIMS

- Alongside the OPFCC and partners, develop a Youth Commission Campaign to promote messages of acceptance and inclusion.
- Investigate the impact of discrimination and hate crime on underrepresented groups' trust in police.
- Highlight to young people, the law surrounding hate crime and discrimination, and promote reporting.
- Research how young people's mental health is affected by discrimination and what can be done to tackle this.

