

## What can YAs do for you?

Young Advisors are young people aged between 15 and 21, who show community leaders and decision makers how to engage young people in community life.



## How do I commission YAs?

Young Advisors are coordinated by Sefton Voices. To find out more about the Young Advisors and to commission their services, please get in touch!



They help organisations 'youth proof' their practices, policies, strategies and commissioning. They can help to attract and maintain the interests of young people. They engage directly with other young people to get them involved.

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## What is a Young Advisor?

Young Advisors (YAs) offer a consultancy service like no other! YAs are trained to improve services and create sustainable regeneration of communities. The YA's unique selling point is innovative and enthusiastic problem solving skills guided by the direct experience of being a young person in today's rapidly changing world.

## Do they get paid?

Yes. Being a YA is a job. They need to source work and deliver to a professional standard. They come up with the ideas that have never been considered before; they take services to a new level of engagement. Through their training they can work to improve their communities for the benefit of all, and this is valued and paid work.



## What kind of work have Sefton YAs done?

- Carried out research about anti-social behaviour. The YAs have consulted with young people and adults about this important issue. They have presented their findings to local young people, professionals and the Merseyside Police Authority.
- They have youth-proofed a variety of policies, procedures and documents, including information for the Local Safeguarding Children's Board; publicity about the Council's Core Strategy; the Children and Young People's Plan and the Consultation & Engagement Framework.
- They have been commissioned to develop and facilitate consultations on issues such as housing; the Core Strategy; and youth provision.
- They are consultants for a number of key local and national strategic decision-making bodies, panels and groups, where they offer advice and support about how to improve services and engage with children and young people.
- They have trained adults in how to engage and communicate with young people.