

▶ Young Volunteers & Peer Support

Providing opportunities for young people to contribute to the local community and raising the profile of young people engaged in positive activities for others. We offer regular meetings and activities to provide support along with training and development experiences in local, national and international forums.

Young people play an active role in designing, developing and leading provision for others as Young Trustees, Volunteers supporting delivery and as peer supporters in which young people act as positive role models and mentor other participants.

▶ Case Study - Greenbelt

Our amazing
volunteers

Have
offered

4000

hours of their time

We have
Supported



Volunteers from YMCA Barnsley led the youth venue at the Greenbelt Festival in 2018 & 2019.

Working in partnership with the festival organisers to create a vibrant, safe, young people's space, planning and coordinating the programme of activities and supporting the youth work delivery. "Greenbelt was a really great opportunity to show case the breath of skills and experience of our volunteers. As a result, we highlighted the fantastic youth work delivery that takes place here at YMCA Barnsley, we may be a relatively small YMCA but we are a mighty one!"



"We are incredibly grateful to the team of youth workers from YMCA Barnsley who played an invaluable role in the delivery of the youth programme at the Christian Arts Festival - 'Greenbelt'

Comprising of a team of employees and volunteers and expertly overseen by Christie MacFarlane, YMCA Barnsley led a team from 9 different YMCA's across the UK to facilitate a drop in café, workshops and seminar programme.

Ensuring that young people in attendance at Greenbelt had an adult free space to call their own within the festival and space within which they could create their own Greenbelt, *YMCA Barnsley exceeded the aspirations of the festival directors.*



"We wanted to acknowledge a huge debt for all you've done to transform the way we deliver our youth programme and support young people at the festival over the last few years. On reflection, it's been nothing short of a transformation! A miracle of sorts".

Paul Northup | Creative Director, GREENBELT