

BARNESLEY YOUTH ALLIANCE

**Working together to shape the future of
youth work in Barnsley**



Who are we?

Organisations involved

We are a partnership of youth work organisations united by a commitment to impactful youth work practice.

Current members

- Chilypep
- Barnsley FC Community Trust
- YMCA
- The Youth Association
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (Byouth)



Purpose

Our purpose is to:

- Represent the youth work sector
- Create a collaborative approach to investment
- Provide training and upskilling opportunities
- Set and maintain standards for youth work
- Facilitate joint projects
- Share resources and best practice



Values



We envisage a fairer future where all young people (11-25 years) can belong, thrive and contribute to their societies

We value:

- Trust
- Respect
- Cooperation
- Shared Vision
- Accountability



Goals

Goal 1: deliver a boroughwide workforce training and development programme

Goal 2: Build and grow the Alliance as a sector lead

Goal 3: Embed the voice of young people in Alliance work

Goal 4: Co-develop and launch a Barnsley Youth Strategy with BMBC

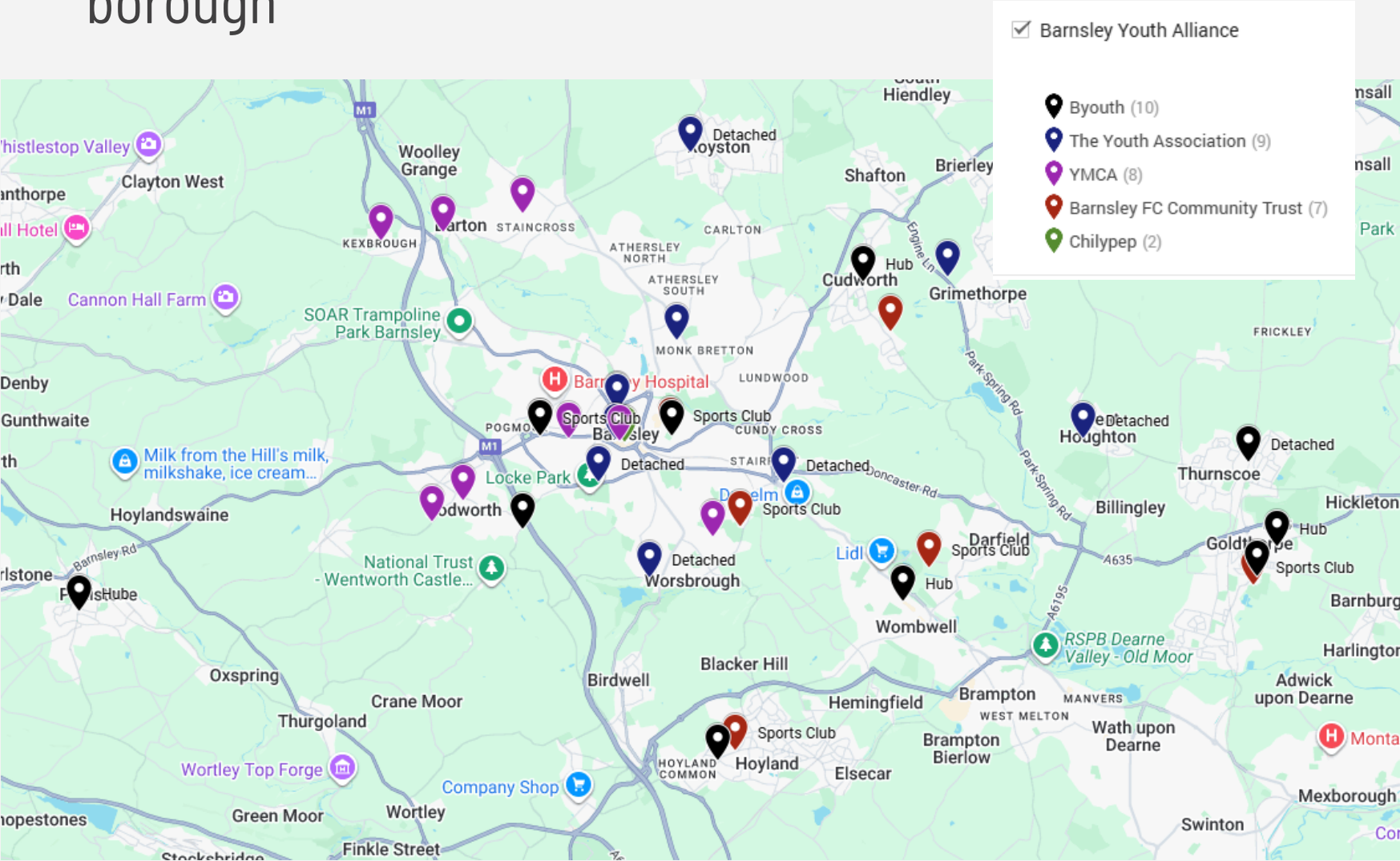
Goal 5: Secure and grow Investment in Barnsley's youth work sector



Where are services delivered?



Our members deliver youth work across the borough



Training and support offer

We offer training, guidance, and professional development to enhance skills and build confidence.

1. **Formal Youth Work Qualifications**

- Level 2 Award: Short course introducing youth work principles and engagement techniques.
- Level 3 Certificate: In-depth training based on National Occupational Standards, preparing learners for leadership roles

2. **Introduction Youth Work – Taster Programme (Non-Qualification CPD)**

- Safeguarding: Understanding legal responsibilities.
- Professional Boundaries: Ethical and professional relationships.
- Session Planning & Delivery: Structuring effective sessions.
- Understanding Youth Work Principles: Core approaches and values

3. Mentoring & Support for Community Groups

- Group mentoring
- Support with policies, procedures, and best practices
- Guidance on funding, governance, and sustainability

4. Pathways to Membership & Additional Support

- Support for organisations progressing toward membership
- JNC Youth Work Qualified Supervisors for guidance
- Connections to youth organisations, funding, and networks

5. Ongoing CPD for youth workers

- Cataloguing development opportunities available
- Signposting to such opportunities
- Delivering some of these opportunities 'in-house'
- Needs- and sufficiency-led skills audit



Youth Activity Park Enrichment Project

- Detached youth work
- Mental health wellbeing support worker
- Support programmes
- A Youth Activity Park user group
- Events



How to join Alliance

Criteria

To join the Alliance organisations must:

- work with young people aged 11-25 years in Barnsley
- have an identifiable youth work function within the services they offer
- have a minimum of one staff member who is JNC qualified to Level 3 or above
- be a formally constituted body and have a governing document
- demonstrate appropriate standards of governance, quality and safeguarding for all services
- show a commitment to the training of staff and pay the national living wage.

If organisations do not yet meet all the criteria the Alliance would be happy to support them.

If you would like more information please email youthalliance@barnsleycvs.org.uk



Thank you

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