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Our Vision

'Every young person has the right to a home'

Rights to a home

This vision is supported by the following international rights which the UK Government has committed to:

Adequate housing is a human right recognised under international law (including article 25(1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) states 'the state should ensure that every child has a standard of living which is adequate to allow them to develop fully – physically, mentally, spiritually, morally and socially' (Article 27).

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CRC.aspx>

The United Nations International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) Article 11(1) sets out that everyone has the right to "an adequate standard of living for himself and his family, including adequate . . . housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions" and to include a right to "live somewhere in security, peace and dignity".

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/ICESCR.aspx>

The scope of Article 11 has been clarified to include:

- legal security of tenure;
- availability of services, materials, facilities and infrastructure;
- affordability;
- habitability;
- accessibility;
- location;
- cultural adequacy.

Regardless of their financial situation, states must take certain steps immediately to guarantee the right. The CESCR, whilst acknowledging that economic crises may impact on the right to adequate housing, has stressed that "the obligations under the Covenant continue to apply and are perhaps even more pertinent during times of economic contraction" and pointed out it would be inconsistent with obligations under the ICESCR if living and housing conditions decline because of policy and legislative decisions taken by States Parties.

Our Mission

'to prevent, tackle and resolve homelessness experienced by young people aged 14 to 25 years old in the north of England'

Our Objectives

1. Amplifying the voice of young people to shape pragmatic solutions and influence policy.
2. Growing our ability to broker strategic solutions to Youth Homelessness.
3. Early intervention and prevention impact through education and local capacity building.
4. Developing local and regional delivery models with effective route maps for young people at risk of homelessness.
5. Increasing the collective knowledge and societal awareness of homelessness through research, robust evidence and effective dissemination.
6. Seeking to add value and work in partnership, guided by our core values, and achieve long term sustainability.

Our Values

We believe 'Every young person has a right to a home' and we aim to achieve this by;

- Influencing policy and strategy
- Providing a voice for young people
- Promoting innovation and best practice
- Campaigning to end youth homelessness

The mission of YHNE is rooted in ethical principles and core values drawing on knowledge, values, skills and collaboration to affect change.

- Social justice by pursuing social change particularly with and on behalf of young people affected by homelessness; promoting access to information, resources and services; equality of opportunity; and meaningful participation in decision making.
- Dignity and worth of the individual through treating each person in a caring and respectful fashion; mindful of individual differences and cultural and ethnic diversity; promoting socially responsible self-determination; and seeking to enhance capacity and opportunity to address the need of young people affected by homelessness to create change.
- Integrity by ensuring staff are continuously aware of, and work to our mission, values and ethical principles, acting honestly and responsibly and promoting ethical practice on behalf of YHNE with young people, stakeholders and partners.
- Competence through ensuring all staff work within their areas of competence, seeking to develop and enhance their professional knowledge and skills, and apply them in practice.

