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NEED TO KNOW... ...ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES?

RESEARCH • INFORMATION

EVALUATION • CONSULTATION

It is essential that policy-makers and service providers base their decisions on accurate and up to date information, particularly when budgets are limited. YPF can help...

“YOUR EVALUATION
WILL HELP US PLAN
OUR FUTURE WORK
AND SERVICES”

Parenting charity



NEED TO KNOW?

TEENAGE PREGNANCY

The Teenage Pregnancy Unit (TPU) commissioned YPF to map work across England with young fathers. We interviewed staff in 33 projects and produced *Supporting Young Fathers: Examples of Promising Practice*, which distilled the key ingredients for effective work with young fathers. This information has influenced national and local policy and practice in work with teenage mothers and young fathers.

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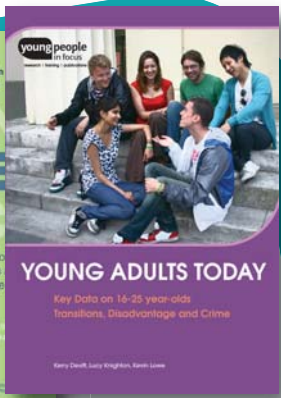
In a major UK-wide project, we worked with four fostering agencies to identify how to improve relationships between young people and foster carers, and between foster carers and social workers. We interviewed 40 young people, 68 foster carers and 28 social workers. From the research we created the training programme *Teenagers in Foster Care: Promoting Positive Relationships* and the resource for young people, *Getting Along*.



KEY DATA

“...THIS PUBLICATION PROVIDES THE ‘HARD FACTS’ THAT POLICY-MAKERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS NEED”

Social Exclusion Task Force

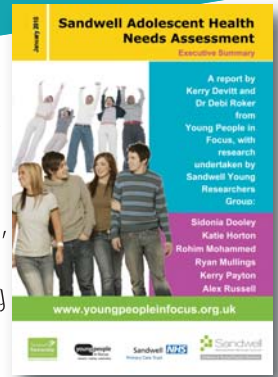


YPF has drawn together national information that practitioners and policy-makers need about population, education and employment, health, and crime in two authoritative publications – *Key Data on Adolescence* and *Young Adults Today*.

SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK...

HEALTH

Sandwell Primary Care Trust (PCT) commissioned YPF to carry out a needs assessment, to help inform its adolescent health strategy. The work included: reviewing national adolescent health policies and strategies; collating local statistics; interviewing local stakeholders; and establishing, training and supporting a group of Young Researchers (aged 15-21). The peer researchers interviewed 62 young people about what constitutes a 'healthy' young person and how services can be more young people friendly. Our work also highlighted possible gaps in local provision, with recommendations about initiatives elsewhere in the country that could be trialled locally. This model could easily be replicated in other areas.



“YOUR WORK HAS POINTED US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION”
Sandwell PCT

ALCOHOL EDUCATION

YPF worked with Caerphilly Borough Council to evaluate a new approach to alcohol education for young people. We consulted with young people in two secondary schools and youth centres in the county to gauge the effectiveness of an approach that included tailor-made short videos – ‘digital stories’ created by young people – coupled with discussion groups. YPF also published a guide to help others replicate this innovative method.



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“ EXCELLENT INFORMATION... WILL HELP MANAGERS INVOLVED IN FINANCIAL AND STRATEGIC DECISIONS ”

National charity

HOW WE CAN HELP

We tailor our approach to fit the job. For example: surveys and consultations; telephone and face-to-face interviews; focus groups; case studies; training & supporting young researchers; reviews of national and local policy documents; and collating key data.

WHO WE ARE

Young People in Focus (YPF) is a national charity based in Brighton. It was founded in 1989 as Trust for the Study of Adolescence (TSA). YPF aims to improve the lives of young people and their families, by enabling the individuals and organisations that work with them to provide better services. We do this by:

- carrying out research and evaluating services
- running projects that develop professional practice
- producing publications and other resources
- training professionals on a wide range of topics
- influencing policy makers.

We work in particular in relation to parenting & family life, youth justice, youth social action, health & emotional wellbeing, and learning & education.

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