



Children and Young People Voluntary and Community Sector Joint Representation

Representative's Skill Set

Essential Criteria

- Member or worker (paid or unpaid) of a voluntary or community organisation operating in the children and young people area which has experience in services for children and young people.
- Member or worker of an organisation that is a member of one of the three networks. Voscur, Black Development Agency or The Care Forum.
- Experience of paid or unpaid work in the voluntary sector.
- Able to commit the time required to deliver the role effectively. This includes:
 - reading papers
 - attending briefing sessions
 - completing the joint feedback form and circulating to co-ordinators after each meeting
 - attending the children and young people's voluntary and community sector network meetings for consultation and feedback
 - attending the joint reps meetings
 - attending Children and Young People's Services workstream or other strategic planning group meetings
 - delivering work on the strategic planning group's behalf.
- Knowledge and understanding of the diversity of the voluntary and community sector, its role in the area and its relationship to the statutory sector.
- Experience and knowledge of the strategic policy and planning context for children and young people's services.
- Experience of attending committee meetings.
- Personal commitment to and enthusiasm for undertaking the task.
- An understanding of and commitment to equal opportunities.
- An ability to represent the diverse voluntary and community sector in an impartial manner.
- Possession of good communication skills and the ability to contribute effectively to discussions and decision-making in Children and Young People's Services workstream or other strategic planning group meetings and children and young people's voluntary and community sector network meetings.
- Ability to challenge others' views in a constructive way.

- Willingness and time to undertake training as required.