



Representing Voluntary Youth Organisations in Essex, Southend & Thurrock

and hosting ECVYS and the Children & Families Network (0-19 Clusters)

Affiliated to the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services

CONSTITUTION

1. Aims

- To provide the opportunity for liaison between all the voluntary youth organisations in Essex, Southend and Thurrock.
- To provide a forum for the sharing of good practices between all the voluntary youth organisations in Essex, Southend and Thurrock.
- To provide a forum for sharing information & good practices for the ECVYS Children & Families Network (0-19 Clusters).
- To maintain contact with NCVYS through representation on that body.
- To keep member organisations informed of developments affecting young people at National, County and Unitary Level.
- To maintain an effective communication channel with the County Council and Unitary Authorities with particular emphasis on youth and young people.
- To encourage voluntary youth organisations to take a full part in relevant Local, County and Unitary Service Strategies and Support Groups affecting young people.
- To further the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people in Essex, Southend and Thurrock.

2. Membership of the Council

There shall be three levels of membership each with a different rate of subscription:

- Affiliate. Those who only wish to receive information and have no voting rights.
 - Associate. Those who may only be established to serve a small area.
 - Full. Those who have a membership across a large part of the County.
- Applications for membership are considered and approved by the Executive Committee.

3. Representation of Organisations

- Affiliate member organisations have no voting rights.
- Associate member organisations have the right to one vote and the right to nominate adult members of their organisations for election to the Executive Committee.
- Full member organisations have the right to three votes and the right to nominate adult members of their organisations for election to the Executive Committee.
- Other representatives of organisations may attend the Council.

4. Non-voting members of the Council

The Council may invite representatives of other bodies, including County and Unitary Young People Services, to attend on a regular or occasional basis, but these representatives will not have a right to vote.

5. Election of Officers

The Council shall elect each year: A Chairman; Vice-Chairman; Secretary and Treasurer.

6. Meetings of the Council

The Council shall hold an Annual General Meeting for which 14 days notice shall be given to:

- Elect Officers (as 5 above) plus a maximum of two other members.
- Receive an Annual Report and audited financial report.
- Confirm annual membership subscriptions.
- Confirm representation of the Council on NCVYS.
- Confirm representation of the Council on any relevant Essex, Southend and Thurrock Committees appertaining to young people.
- Consider any other business notified & agreed by the chairman before the meeting.

The Council shall hold at least one further general meeting annually.

7. The Executive Committee

- An Executive Committee of the Council shall be formed comprising:
The Elected Officers of the Council and two other elected members.
- The Executive shall have the power to co-opt up to four other people for consultation and liaison with the right to vote.
- The ECVYS Executive Officer shall be an ex officio member with non-voting rights.
- Should any officer not be elected at an AGM the new Executive at its first meeting will appoint someone to act in that capacity until the next AGM.
- Should the number of elected members of the Executive cease to be a majority the Council will hold an EGM to fill the elected vacancy/s.

8. Changes to the Constitution

Any amendments to the Constitution shall require 14 days notice to all members and a majority of two thirds of those voting at a Council meeting.

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