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# Youth Involvement



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# What is Youth Involvement?

Youth Involvement is about becoming active in your community. This can mean as little as attending community events or as much as organising your own meetings, activities or projects.



ENEHL encourages young people to become actively involved in their communities, doing work to create a positive effect on the area.

## **Okay, but what should I do?**

Making a difference in your community means something different for everybody. Each area has its own good and bad bits. It's up to you to decide what your estate needs and then make sure it happens!

## **Examples**

Litter was a problem on the Lingfield estate in Moortown. The girl's youth group at Open House Community Centre organised a litter pick to clean up the area. As young people are often seen as the cause of littering on estates, the older residents were happy to see the girls taking a responsible attitude to the environment.

The young people at Lincoln Green Youth Base decided to brighten up the shop fronts which were dull and grey by organising a painting project to liven up the area.

## **Who can take part?**

If you live in an East North East Homes Leeds neighbourhood, are aged between 11-18 years old and belong to a youth club or go to school then you can get involved.



## **I'm old enough but why should I bother?**

ENEHL have received funding to help young people who want to make a positive difference in their area. On top of the improvements you can make to your area. You can also earn rewards to make your efforts worthwhile.

The reward given is related to how big the project is and you have the opportunity to save up 'points' to earn a larger reward. The girl's youth group at Open House chose to go out for a meal together, and the Lincoln Green youth group are currently planning a trip to Xscape, an extreme sports and leisure centre in Castleford.

## **Sounds good, how do I start?**

Approach your youth worker or teacher with this leaflet explaining that you want to take part. Get together with your friends and decide what improvements you can make in your area then contact us at ENEHL.

Call our FREEPHONE number on 0800 915 1600 and ask for the Partnership team. We will then come and meet with you to discuss your plans and help make them happen.

If you can't think of anything straight away but would like to take part anyway just give us a call and we can always suggest some ideas for inspiration!

## **Funding Opportunities for Schools and Youth Groups**

East North East Homes also has an Area Panel made up of local residents. They are in charge of allocating money to spend on improvements in their area.

Unlike many funding providers it is a very simple application process, so if your school or youth group needs equipment to make improvements (e.g. Communal garden areas, equipment for after-school clubs, extra curricular projects, team sponsorship, educational trips), then ask a teacher or youth worker to help with your request for money by writing a letter.

### **Remember to state:**

- 1 Who you are and what you do.
- 2 What you want to spend the money on.
- 3 How much it will cost.
- 4 How it will have a positive affect on the community.



For further information or to speak to a Partnership Development Officer responsible for your area, please call our FREEPHONE number on 0800 915 1600.





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