

WHO are we?

We are a team consisting of:

- * Advocates
 - * Independent Visitors and an Independent Visiting Co-ordinator
 - * Participation Workers
 - * Team Administrators— who keep the office running
 - * Young People— lots and lots of them — who take part in Group Activities, Projects and one-to-one services
- and MORE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

WHERE can you find us?

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Or young people can call us on

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"YAP" ... WHY are we here?

"YAP" exists to enable and empower children and young people to Speak Out and to Be Heard.

Our Services and Activities:

- * Are Child Led
- * Respect young people's views, rights, and identity
- * Are committed to Equality, Respect and Openness
- * Are Confidential
- * Aim to Empower young people
- * Act Independently of other Children & Young People's Trust services

WHAT do we do?

We offer **ADVOCACY** support to children and young people who are Looked After by Brighton & Hove City Council and to some other young people who are 'in need'. Our Advocates help young people to work out what they want to say and to say it. For example, Advocates support young people to express their views in important meetings about their future; to lodge complaints or take other action if they are unhappy about the service(s) they have (or have not) received.

We match **INDEPENDENT VISITORS** to young people who are Looked After by Brighton & Hove City Council and who are not

in regular contact with their birth families. Independent Visitors are carefully trained and vetted adult volunteers who act as friends and mentors to the young people they are matched with.

We facilitate **PARTICIPATION GROUPS** and **CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES**, so that young people living in Brighton & Hove can have a voice with decision-makers in our City. For example, we provide training to young people in areas such as staff selection, presentation and negotiation skills. We support the Brighton & Hove Youth Council and the City's UK Youth Parliament representative. We also help young people evaluate services provided by the Brighton & Hove Children and Young People's Trust.