

The British Youth Council



Our vision

A world in which every young person is empowered to create social and political change.

Our mission

As the national youth council of the UK, the British Youth Council brings young people together to find their voice and use it to improve the lives of young people. We work with others to amplify young people's voices to create an environment in which young people's views are valued, sought and acted upon.

Our values

Youth led – young people are agents of change and will always be at the forefront of our work. As a youth-led charity, young people are our leadership through our governance structures. They lead and shape our work, and we support them to define their own action for change. We champion youth leadership across all sections of society, evidencing the benefits of engaging young people in decision making and delivery and supporting that to happen.

Collaborative – we actively seek to collaborate with others to make positive change happen. We seek to work with relevant partners to add value to our campaigns and activity, and to be more creative in our approach to making change happen with and for young people. And we recognise the skills, knowledge and experience of young people, volunteers, staff and partners, and strive to achieve more by maximising the opportunities that collaboration provides.

Inclusive – we respect and value diversity and act in a way that includes all. We ensure that all our activities are inclusive, recognising the needs of young people across different communities, and bring young people and partners together to learn from each other.

Charitable objects

The objects of the charity are “to advance the spiritual, educational and physical welfare of young people in any manner which is now, or may be hereinafter deemed by law to be charitable, including maintaining contact with similar bodies working in the same field overseas.” We do this through:

- providing a voice for young people;
- promoting equality for young people;
- helping young people be more involved in decisions that affect their lives;
- advancing young people’s participation in society and civil life.

This produces a public benefit through the empowering, educating and supporting of young people to play an active role in society, both directly or through the improvement to public services, locally and nationally, as a result of their increased scrutiny of, or participation in, local and national democracy and services.

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Constitutional Powers

(Extract from Mem and Arts)

Memorandum of Association of The British Youth Council

Name

1. The name of the Charity is The British Youth Council.
2. The registered office of the Charity is to be in England.

Objects

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Powers

4. The Charity has the following powers, which may be exercised only in promoting the Objects:

- 4.1 To promote or carry out research.
- 4.2 To provide advice.
- 4.3 To provide training and informal education to young people,
- 4.4 To campaign on behalf of young people.
- 4.5 To develop and deliver programmes for young people.
- 4.6 To work internationally.
- 4.7 To publish or distribute information.
- 4.8 To co-operate with other bodies.
- 4.9 To support, administer or set up other charities.
- 4.10 To raise funds (but not by means of taxable trading).

Note: This is only an extract. The full document can be found [here](#).