

How to

EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE TEENAGERS

here for
youth

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

OUR TRAINING, COACHING AND ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME IS STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS:

EVALUATION

1 Initial evaluation of current youth services

TRAINING

2 Community training on effective youth engagement

COACHING

3 6 weeks of interactive online coaching and networking

SITE VISIT

4 Site visit, re-evaluation and recommendations for improvements

IMPLEMENTATION

5 Iterative improvements based on recommendations

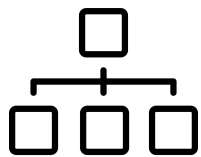
ACCREDITATION

6 Final evaluation and awarding of accreditation

ANNUAL REVIEW

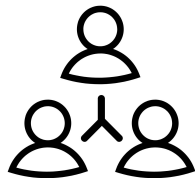
7 Annual site visits, reevaluation and renewal of accreditation status

Our Impact



90+

Actively working with over 90+ communities across the UK



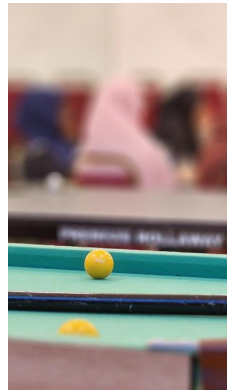
800+

Trained 800+ individuals to implement effective youth engagement



2,700+

Engage 2,700+ teenagers every week through their local Youth Hubb

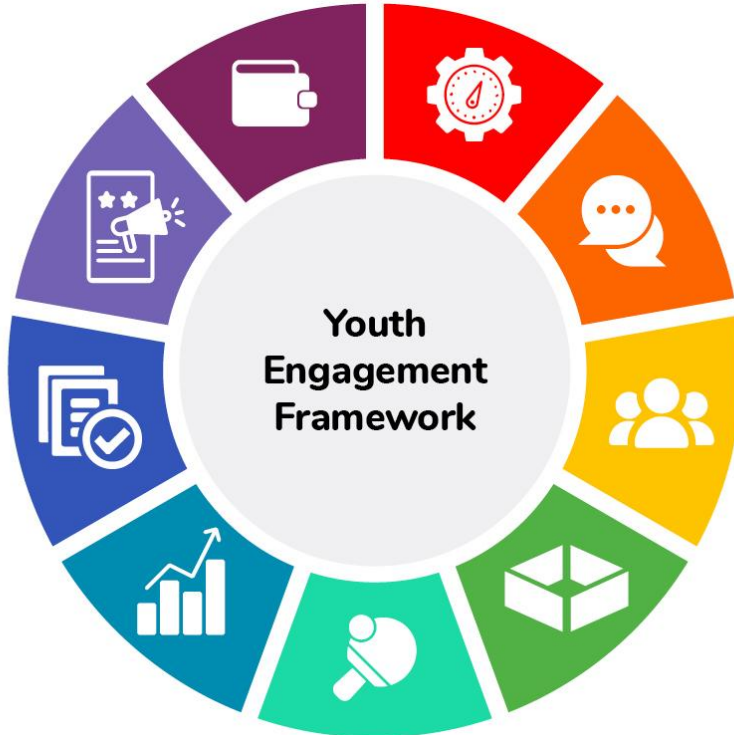


Learning Objectives

- Get to know your team
- Our Youth Engagement Framework
- It's our communal responsibility!
- What is effective youth engagement?
- Playing host to young people
- Safeguarding: More than just a policy



Our Youth Engagement Framework



1 Effectiveness

How effective is their interaction with young people in their local area?

2 Engagement

What kind of relationship do they have with the young people that benefit from their services?

3 Team

Have they actively thought about the roles required for running weekly youth engagement sessions?

4 Space

What setup do they have to run their weekly youth engagement sessions?

5 Resources/Facilities

What do they have available for young people that come to their weekly youth engagement sessions?

6 Impact

How are they measuring the impact of their youth engagement activities?

7 Policies

Are they aware of the various policies and processes they need to have to safeguard the young people who access their

8 Marketing

How are they informing their local community about their youth engagement services?

9 Finances

How do they manage and plan the finances of their youth engagement work?

About Here For Youth

Here For Youth is a registered charity focused on establishing local youth hubs that will effectively engage young people in their local area, on a regular basis.

Young people will be **confident in their identity** when they have **access to safe spaces**, and **positive role models** that help them develop **strong positive character traits** that set them up for a lifetime of success.

✓ Confident **Identity**

✓ Positive **Character Traits**

✓ Access to **Positive Role Models**

It's Our Responsibility!

It is a communal responsibility upon us to effectively engage the young people in our community.

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ١٠٤

Let there be a group among you who call 'others' to goodness, encourage what is good, and forbid what is evil—it is they who will be successful. [Qur'an 3:104]



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What is Effective Youth Engagement?

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“ He is not a believer whose stomach is full while his neighbour goes hungry. ”

What Are Young People Looking For?



GROWTH



AUTONOMY



LEADERSHIP



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THE MOSQUE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A COMMUNITY HUB FOR ALL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. MAKING SAFE SPACES FOR WEEKLY YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IS A REVIVAL OF PROPHETIC TRADITION.

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What Happens When You Have Friends Over?

Be Authentic With Young People

Create a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere, as if you are **hosting friends** at your home.

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The 'true' servants of the Most Compassionate are those who **walk on the earth humbly**, and when the foolish address them 'improperly', they **only respond with peace**. [Qur'an, The Criterion 25:63]

Have Thought Provoking Discussions

Once you've built a rapport with young people, ask their honest opinions on topics and share your own life experiences.

Active listening is key, whilst providing a safe and non-judgmental space.

Having someone to talk and listen to, can be therapeutic and a great way to safeguard a young person.



1.
TO DEVELOP **CRITICAL
THINKING** + CREATIVITY



2.
WELL-BEING



3.
FOR **LEARNING**

Back Them To Grow

Give young people **real authority and autonomy** to treat the environment you've created as their own.

Don't be afraid to **let them fail or make mistakes** as they come into their own as leaders.

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

“It does not befit a prophet to take off his armor without fighting the enemy and before God makes a judgment between him and his enemy.”

– Ibn Hisham

Facilitate Their Development

There will be a natural progression with some of the young people in your hubb who want to develop **spiritually and intellectually.**

As much as you want to be the one teaching them, your role as their **friend and mentor** is much more valuable than as their teacher.

When they're facing difficult life choices, you will be the one who is there as they grow to express themselves with power in your community.



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Safeguarding: More Than Just A Policy

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“When the emigrants who had crossed the sea came back to the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, he said, ‘Tell me of the strange things that you saw in the land of Abyssinia.’ Some young men among them said, ‘Yes oh Messenger of Allah. While we were sitting, one of their elderly nuns came past carrying a vessel of water on her head. She passed by some of their youth, one of whom placed his hand between her shoulders and pushed her. She fell on her knees and her vessel broke. When she stood up, she turned to him and said, **‘You will come to know oh foolish young man, that when Allah sets up the Footstool and gathers the first and the last, and hands and feet speak of which they used to earn, you will come to know your case and my case in His presence soon.’**”

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said,







‘She spoke the truth, she spoke the truth, she spoke the truth. How can Allah purify any people when they do not protect their weak against their strong?’”

”

Safeguarding Values For Your Young People

1.  Be **young person-centric** (their interest always comes first).
2.  Treat everyone with **dignity and respect**.
3.  Be **professional**, act with **integrity**, be **honest, open**, and carry yourself with **humility and humbleness**.
4.  Be committed to **your role** and be **motivated** to achieve the **best outcomes** for young people.
5.  Be committed to **your team** and the young people you **serve**, giving at least three to six months' notice if you can no longer commit.

Safeguarding Responsibilities

1.  Enhanced DBS Check
2.  GDPR Policy
3.  Public Liability Insurance
4.  Level 1 Safeguarding Training & First Aid Qualification
5.  Registration Process
6.  Documentation

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Salaah + Lunch

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How to run a

SUCCESSFUL YOUTH HUBB

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Learning Objectives

- How to run an effective youth engagement session
- Setting up your team
- What makes a great session
- Advertising your activities
- Communicating with love
- Investing in yourself to inspire young people





How To Run An Effective Youth Engagement Session

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“ The focus of this event is about **consistent rapport building** through **honest discussion and experiential learning**. It is not a place to preach, give a lecture, khutbah, bayaan or run a workshop. ”

Setting Up Your Team

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There are **four main teams** you need to establish in order to run regular, effective youth engagement sessions.

Every member of the team should see themselves as **'hosts'** who are there to serve young people, just like you would if you had guests over to your home.

**MARKETING &
COMMUNICATIONS**

OPERATIONS








**YOUTH
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What Makes A Great Youth Engagement Session?

The 7 Essential Elements Of A Great Youth Engagement Session

1.  Be Consistent
2.  Online Registration
3.  Build It Around Salaah
4.  Free Food and Refreshments
5.  Fun Engaging Activities
6.  Thought Provoking Discussions
7.  Space For 1:1 Sessions



How To Advertise Your Regular Sessions

How To Run An Effective Youth Engagement Session

“ Advertising for a regular youth engagement session is like organising a **5-aside weekly football kickabout** - only a limited number of people can come.

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Breakout Session

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- In groups come up with a plan for the following question.
- You'll have **15 mins** to eat, drink and discuss before presenting your plan back to the group:

Marketing & Communication

Outline at least **3 strategies** to get **ten weekly attendees**

Operations

List **4-8 local restaurants** that can provide free food

Youth Engagement

Brainstorm **8 thought-provoking** conversation starters

Leadership







List **30-50 people** that can give £10 per month

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Communicating With Love

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The 5 Love Languages ™ by Dr Gary Chapman

1.  Acts of Service
2.  Receiving Gifts
3.  Quality Time
4.  Words of Affirmation
5.  Physical Touch
6.  Make Dua

What Is Love?

What Is Love?

“Love is a decision, it is a judgment, it is a promise. If love were only a feeling, there would be no basis for the promise to love each other forever. A feeling comes and it may go. How can I judge that it will stay forever, when my act does not involve judgment and decision.” — Erich Fromm, *The Art of Loving*

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“None amongst you believes (truly) until he loves for his brother” - or he said “for his neighbour” - “that which he loves for himself.”

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Investing in Yourself To Inspire Young People




Invest In Yourself To Inspire Others

1.  **Mind** – *Intellectual Self*
2.  **Body** – *Physical Self*
3.  **Soul** – *Spiritual Self*
4.  **Relationships**
5.  **Transactions**




Mind

1.  Write
2.  Read
3.  Seek Knowledge
4.  Reflect

Body






1.  Get Moving
2.  Prioritise Rest & Sleep
3.  Halal & Tayyib

Soul

1.  Purification of The Soul
2.  Prioritise and Improve Your Salah
3.  Tawakkul







Relationships

1.  Allah
2.  Community
3.  Family
4.  Self
5.  Seeking Support



Transactions

1.  Zakat
2.  Barakah
3.  No Shame
4.  Fearing Allah

Introducing Your YOUTH HUBB

This branding pack is **free** for you to use to advertise **your** weekly youth engagement sessions.

We can give you access to these designs, or **we can do the hard work** of updating them with your logos **so you don't have to!**

Set the date to launch (or relaunch) your weekly Youth Hub.

Minimum 2 JummaH notice:

E.g. Friday 17th October 2025



YOUTH HUBB

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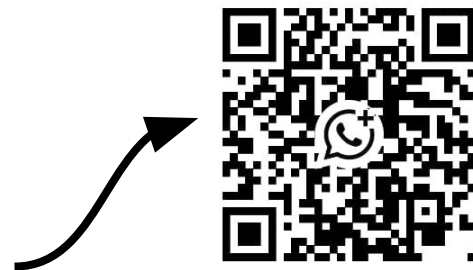


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Weekly Online Coaching

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- Participate in **weekly online coaching calls** with other Youth Leaders in your cohort
- **Coaching Starts: Tuesday or Thursday first week May 2026 | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**
 - The **six online sessions** will cover the following topics with a discussion and case studies that stretch your understanding of effective youth engagement.
 1. **Being a Strong Community Leader**
 2. **Financing Your Youth Hubb**
 3. **How To have Thought-Provoking Discussions**
 4. **Marketing Your Youth Hubb**
 5. **Backing Young People To Grow**
 6. **Measuring Impact**
- Join the “Youth Hubbs – April 2026” group for coaching updates



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Pay It Forward

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Final Steps

We Need Your Feedback

Scan the QR Code and leave your feedback to
help us improve this workshop!



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Reward You