

OAYP is a registered charity

(no.1015127) which provides support and services to its affiliated volunteer-run youth clubs and groups located throughout Oxfordshire, principally to the c400 volunteers but also to the c1,200 members (mostly aged 11-19) of the youth clubs. Additionally, OAYP delivers youth work projects in Oxfordshire and organises the Oxfordshire Youth Awards.



History

OAYP was founded 64 years ago, in 1947, as Oxfordshire Association of Boys' Clubs. This makes OAYP Oxfordshire's oldest non-uniformed voluntary sector youth charity. In 1992, it became Oxfordshire Association for Young People, on the merger with Youth Clubs Oxfordshire.

Activities

Club Support

The club support programme principally comprises:

Club Visits. Affiliated clubs are visited regularly, normally when in session during the evening, to identify areas for assistance.

Telephonic and Emailed Information and Advice. These are available during office hours Monday to Friday.

Club Life. This 70 page printed document is a comprehensive guide to setting up and running a successful youth club; it includes numerous model documents.

Website. OAYP's website provides clubs with information and updates, and enables them to communicate with other clubs.

News. Clubs each receive a monthly emailed newsletter.

CRB Checks. OAYP is a registered body with the Criminal Records Bureau and its Office Administrator can assist clubs with the CRB process.

Fundraising. OAYP's Development Coordinator can assist clubs with sourcing funding and writing funding applications.

Management. OAYP can employ and supervise staff on behalf of clubs.

Recruitment of Staff. OAYP can help clubs with framing job descriptions, advertising posts, and interviewing candidates.

Low Cost Training. For adults, OAYP runs Safeguarding, Emergency First Aid, and Health and Safety courses, and provides other training, including Positive Behaviour Management, in partnership with other organisations. For young people, OAYP runs Sports and Dance Leadership courses, and offers Open College Network Personal and Social Development training.

Low Cost Activities at Clubs. OAYP arranges for qualified and specialist coaches to run sessions at clubs, at a subsidised rate, on activities which include sport, street dance, drumming, and non-contact boxing.

Activities County-wide. Clubs can access any of the low cost County-wide events that OAYP provides; these have included midnight ice skating, dodgeball, go-karting, and ten pin bowling. Clubs can also access activities organised by OAYP's partner organisations, at a preferential rate.

Activities Nationally and Regionally. By affiliating to OAYP, clubs also affiliate to its national body, Clubs for Young People (CYP), which offers an annual programme of outdoor activities, residential trips, sports tournaments, and training courses. Additionally, OAYP has strong links with its counterparts in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex and London, which can permit access to their activities.

Minibus. Clubs are able to borrow, free of charge, OAYP's 15 seater Ford Transit minibus to attend activities.

Insurance. Through CYP, clubs can qualify for a subsidised insurance scheme.

Youth Work Projects

Since April 2010, the start of the previous financial year, OAYP has had in progress seven projects which involve 1,500+ young people directly and a further 1,500 + indirectly:

- a holiday activities project. Activities, at a school base, for 480 participants, included athletics, basketball, fishing, football, arts, drama, face painting and street dance.
- an angling NEET project. Over 500 young persons aged 11-19 not in employment, education or training were taught about fishing and related environmental issues.
- a rural NEET project. Young people aged 16+ in rural areas are being supported to return to employment, education and training.
- a sexual health and relationships peer education project. 45 Year 10 students at five schools were trained to educate over 1,000 Year 7 and 8 students.
- two drugs and alcohol peer education projects. 15 Year 10 students at one school were trained to educate over 100 Year 7 and 8 students. In the second project, which is forum theatre based, 15 students at four schools are being trained to educate 400+ of their juniors.
- a National Citizens Service project. This is a five week community-based programme for 16 year olds and is part of the Big Society initiative.

Oxfordshire Youth Awards

The third annual Awards, celebrating excellence, altruism and strength of character in Oxfordshire's young people, were presented before an audience of 300+ at Oxford Town Hall in January 2011 and widely considered clearly the best to date. Numerous nominations were received for the six categories- Sports, Arts, Community, Individual Bravery, Volunteer and Special Recognition. The 2012 Awards will only proceed if sufficient sponsorship can be obtained.



Affiliates

Currently, OAYP has 46 affiliates- 36 youth clubs and 10 other youth groups:

Abingdon- Damascus Youth Project
Abingdon Town ABC
Adderbury YC
Appleton OX13+ Youth Organisation
Ardley YC
Asylum Welcome, Oxford
Benson YC
Berinsfield ABC
Bloxham YC - The Bench
Chalgrove YC- Café Java
Chinnor YC
Cuddesdon & Denton YC
Deddington & District YC
Drayton Youth Zone
Farmoor & Cumnor YC
Fringford YC

Fritwell YC
Goring YC
Harwell (Our Street Corner) YC
Henley Youth Centre
Jericho YC, Oxford
Kirtlington YC
Leys CDI, Oxford
Marsh Baldon YC
North Hinksey YC, Oxford
Oasis Project, Oxford
Over Norton YC
Oxfordshire Federation of Young Farmers
Radley YC
Rose Hill Junior YC, Oxford
Southmoor YC- KBS 14+ Drop In/Cafe

South Newington YC
Spurgeons Young Carers North Oxfordshire
Stanford in the Vale YC
Standlake YC
Steeple Aston YC
The Parasol Project, Oxford
TRAX - The Oxfordshire Motor Project
Uffington YC
Watlington YC
Wendlebury YC
Windrush Valley ABC
Wolvercote Young People's Club
Woodstock YC
Wootton and Dry Sandford YC
Wychwood YC

Partners For Services

Since the mid 1990's, OAYP has been funded largely by local and central Government. The following have been partners in the period since April 2010: Environment Agency, Oxford Academy, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council (primarily), Oxfordshire Sports Partnership and South Oxfordshire District Council.

Finance

In the year to 31 March 2011, total incoming resources were £194k (2010: £199k) and total resources expended were £222k (2010: £206k), giving net outgoing resources of £28k (2010: £7k). Year end net assets totalled £61k (2010: £89k). Near breakeven is budgeted for the current year.



Personnel

OAYP's Patron is the Duke of Marlborough, who has been actively involved in OAYP, principally as President, for over 40 years. OAYP's President is the Duke's elder daughter, Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, a successful businesswoman. There are 18 Vice Presidents, who together have extensive experience and contacts.

Oversight of OAYP's management is the responsibility of the Trustees, who currently number 11 and possess a variety of relevant backgrounds. The Chairman is Sir Charles Ponsoby, recently retired from a career in the financial sector. The Vice-Chairman is Dave Hutchinson, a former Regional Director of CYP. The Treasurer is Mike Watkinson MBE, who was County Director of OAYP from 1974 to 2004.

In the year to 31 March 2011, OAYP had on average five full time equivalent staff. They are headed by the County Director, Paul Lawrence, 32, who has been in post since August 2008. Paul has been working in the voluntary youth sector since he was 17, initially for OAYP's Essex and London equivalents and then for NACYP.



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