



The YMCA is committed to providing a place for young people, particularly in times of need.

The YMCA is the largest voluntary provider of safe, secure and affordable supported housing for young people in England.

Every night, over 7,200 young people stay at a YMCA.

With over 140 YMCAs in 240 communities throughout England, the geographical spread of our work is extensive.

We work with homeless young people from a wide range of life experiences and backgrounds and this is reflected in the diversity of the YMCA's provision.

Around England, you will find YMCAs that offer:

1. Direct access to emergency accommodation for rough sleepers
2. Supported accommodation for young people who might need help in other areas of their lives
3. Self-contained, medium-term accommodation for young workers or students
4. Foyer accommodation with training and education courses for residents
5. Move-on accommodation that helps young people live independently

Youth Work

The YMCA offers a wide range of programmes and facilities which provide skills and opportunities that directly and indirectly reduce the risk of a young person turning to crime.

This work can also decrease the likelihood of young people becoming the victims of crime.

Across the country, some 21 YMCAs run crime diversion programmes, involving an average of 600 young people at any one time.

Youth work can play an important role in giving young people a sense of direction and purpose.

We can help young people build confidence and self-esteem, encouraging a real sense of value and belonging. These are important characteristics that can help young people make informed, positive choices about their futures.