

Youth Voice Event

Saturday 14th March 10.30am – 4pm

Venue: Townhouse Youth Centre, 39-42 Stockwell St, Colchester CO1 1SS

Calling young people from the East of England and their youth workers to come along and take part in workshops which aim to:

1. **Amplify young people's voices** by creating an inclusive space where they can influence decisions, explore issues that matter to them, and shape the future of youth provision.
2. **Increase youth participation in democracy and civic life** by supporting young people to understand how their voice, vote, and lived experiences can contribute to local and national change.
3. **Strengthen young people's knowledge and confidence** in tackling major social issues such as climate change, conflict and migration, and the future of youth work.
4. **Foster collaboration and peer connection** across different youth projects, enabling young people to share ideas, build networks, and develop collective action.

Workshop 1

My Life My Say – Young Ambassadors

Democracy Café's – Voting for 16's

Supporting young people to understand how their voice, vote, and lived experiences can contribute to local and national change.

Workshop 2

UASC – unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

“Migration and Hope:” a journey for a young person to find sanctuary.

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Workshop 3

Youth Matters – DCMS (Department for Culture, Media and Sport)

Your National Youth Strategy

Strengthening the voice of young people to direct the future of youth services. What does the new strategy mean for young people?

Groups will participate in all 3 workshops and their reflections, actions and opinions fed back to the DCMS and national organisations to consider and act on.

The event is free of charge and don't let travel be a barrier, as the unit is able to offer modest funding support to groups who do not have organisational funding to cover travel costs up to a maximum of £200 per group on production of receipts. Please contact Robin Konieczny for more information.

To book your group please contact robin.konieczny@youthfocuseastandeastmids.org.uk for a booking form

Places allocated on a first come first served basis. Can't wait to meet you all.