

BLAENAU GWENT
RAISING ASPIRATIONS STRATEGIC GROUP
Terms of Reference

Aim

The role of the Raising Aspirations Strategic Group will be to take the lead responsibility for reducing the numbers of those young people between 6 and 24 years old, who are at risk of or already recognised as being 'Not in education, employment or training' (NEET).

Objectives

- To provide strategic direction to identify gaps in provision, identify and co-ordinate funding streams in order to make the best use of resources and avoid duplication.
- To ensure the right systems are in place that identify, engage and track those young people who are already or at risk of becoming NEET and to further develop monitoring and data sharing systems.
- To ensure appropriate mechanisms are in place for the effective engagement of young people in learning by offering them a wider choice of options and to give them the skills and attitudes they need to progress in sustained education, employment or training.
- To develop clear lines of appropriate support for young people to manage the various transitions in their lives around education, employment or training.
- To monitor and evaluate performance, updating on progress in relation to the authority's strategic objectives.

Chair and Secretariat

The Chair and Secretariat for the Group will be provided by BGCBC Education and Leisure Directorate, for a period of one year when it will be reviewed by the group.

Meetings/Agenda Items and Minutes

Meetings will take place bi-monthly. Minutes will be sent out two weeks prior to the next meeting via email. Agenda items will also be requested at this time.

Decision Making

Any decisions made by the Group will require a quorum of 5 members, with at least one third of members not being employees of the local authority.

Thematic groups are developed linked to the annual action plan and recommendations taken to the full group for a decision.

Membership/Roles and Responsibilities

The Raising Aspirations Strategic Group for Blaenau Gwent will consist of the following partners and representation:

Name	Title and Organisation
Joanne Sims	Youth Service Manager, BGCBC
Richard Crook	Works Office, BGCBC
Leanne Connor	Works Office, BGCBC
Ceri Bird	Partnership Co-ordinator
Claire Gardner	Pre-Vent 14-19 Co-ordinator
Lee Powell	Inclusion Service, BGCBC
Nigel Young	Inclusion Service, BGCBC
Ceri Walters	ACL, BGCBC
Allen Pritchard	14-19 LAN, BGCBC
Chris Llewellyn	Regeneration, BGCBC
Jen Collier	Regeneration, BGCBC
Sally Indge	Social Services, BGCBC
Paty Wysom	Careers Wales
Kim Jones	Voluntary Sector Network
Rhian Padfield	Ebbw Fawr Communities First
Rachel Elston	Tredegar Communities First
Rhys Burton	Communities First
Greg Paulsen	Communities First
Julie Russell	Coleg Gwent
Clare Hughes	Jobcentre Plus
Carol Morgan	Headteacher, Tredegar Comprehensive School
Rhian Astley	Headteacher, Cwm Primary School
Hayley Selway	Tai Calon
John Sexton	Coleg Gwent
TBC	WBL Network Officer, National Training Federation Wales
Judith Jardine	Youth Offending Service
Chris Smith	Coleg Gwent
Kate Sullivan	Princes Trust
Jenny Roach	MPCT

Review

Please note the Terms of Reference outlined in this paper will be reviewed regularly to ensure they meet with the role and function of the Raising Aspirations Strategic Group.

Administration and Review

An exception report will be made to the LSB and CYPP on a 3 monthly basis and to any other relevant groups as deemed appropriate.