



Yuva

Yuva works with young people (age 11- 18) who have used violence and abuse towards their partners in an intimate relationship. The service also works with young people who have experienced abuse from their boy or girlfriend. The service has been developed by the Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP), with the primary aim of increasing safety and supporting healthier relationships for young people.

Yuva's services include 2 separate but integrated services:

- The 'programme', which works directly with young people who are using violence/abuse towards their partner(s)
- a partner safety and support service for young people experiencing abuse and violence

Programme for young people who are using violence/abuse

The Yuva Programme works with young people, aged 11-18, who have used or are using violence/abuse. Through structured 1-2-1 direct interventions Yuva helps young people to identify and challenge their violent/abusive behaviours and adopt non-violent/non-abusive alternative ways of interacting in close relationships. We work alongside young people, helping them to make changes and take responsibility for not only their involvement in the Programme but, more importantly, their behaviour towards their partner.

We understand that young people are not a homogeneous group; that their backgrounds, skills, abilities and needs are many. Many young people using violence/abuse have a variety of needs to address, but it is beyond the scope of the Yuva Programme to offer holistic support. Where specific support needs are identified, Yuva will attempt to make referrals to more appropriate or additional services.

Partner Safety and Support Service

Yuva offers a support service to partners who have experienced young people's violence and abuse. This includes safety planning, emotional support and referral to appropriate services, such as counselling and housing. Where appropriate this service may also provide information concerning the Yuva Programme, with the intent of giving partners a clear picture of what the Programme involves and realistic expectations about the outcomes they can expect from their (ex) partner's involvement.

Having contact with and supporting victims is an important part of any response to violence and abuse. Wherever possible this service is offered to partners where the young person who has abused them is involved in or has been referred to the Yuva Programme.

How much does the service cost?

We are currently contracted to work within certain boroughs across London, clients and/or refers within these boroughs will not have to pay for our service. Please call or email us for further information.

Who can refer?

Young people who are concerned about their own behaviour can self-refer by calling or emailing the service on the number and email below.

Professionals can refer young people who have used or are at risk of using violence and abuse and survivors. Before making referrals to Yuva please seek the client's consent to do so and, where necessary, from the person who has parental responsibility.

Making a referral to the Yuva service

To make a referral or to Yuva please complete the referral form including as much relevant information as possible.

Yuva requires that both the young person using violence and the family members/(ex) partners who have experienced their violence be referred. Please enter their details on the appropriate section of the referral form. If you do not have access to information regarding either the survivor or young person using violence, please contact us to discuss the referral.

Young people who are using violence in their own relationships may be survivors of or have witnessed domestic violence. We acknowledge the significance of this and ask that you include such information in the section detailing the history of domestic violence, as well as the young person's own use of violent and controlling behaviours.

It is important to provide as much information as you can about the person you would like to refer. Please complete all sections to the best of your knowledge and ensure that your information is accurate and concise. Where information which you feel is relevant does not fall into one of the sections provided, please attach separate sheets including details of the referring worker and reference to this form.

DVIP offers a variety of services for adults and young people who are experiencing or perpetrating domestic violence. If you would like to know more about what we offer please email yuva@dvip.org

For forms and to make further enquiries concerning the Yuva service, Tel: 020 8222 8281 or email yuva@dvip.org