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# THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD AND THE EVALUATION OF THE ABUSED NO MORE PROJECT

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# USER-LED PROJECTS

IARS is committed to empowering young people to influence policy and practice. It is for this reason that IARS regards the role of young people within the organisation as crucial and through its projects aims to incorporate their views.

# THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The YAB is team of young volunteers aged 15-25 from different backgrounds and circumstances who are aware of the problems facing young people in today's society and who are interested in an opportunity to do something positive about their issues.



# THE ROLE OF THE YAB

The YAB has been created to serve as an independent youth-led and youth focused panel, with the objective to empower young people, make a tangible change to youth policy and give their unfiltered perspectives on the work done by IARS.

# YAB FEEDBACK ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- What rights young people have and the importance of these rights
- What practices are illegal in the UK, and the consequences of breaking the law
- The benefits of knowing your rights, and how hugely they affect your everyday life
- People and support systems within the community that can help
- Ways of reaching out in young people's own communities in order to educate more people on their rights
- The importance of respecting different communities/beliefs and remaining impartial, so as not to deter anyone when they in turn approach others and teach them about their rights

# YAB KEY FINDINGS: TERMINOLOGY

A fundamental issue when retrospectively reviewing the project was the misinterpretation of the target group.

# YAB KEY FINDINGS: SOLUTIONS- FOCUSED TRAINING

When seeking legal support, young people want snappy solutions

# YAB KEY FINDINGS: CASE STUDY LED TRAINING

Case study led training was the best way of learning, particularly for professionals.



# CONCLUSION

The feedback from the youth board as to their experience with the project was generally very positive.

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