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Becoming a Trustee 2025/2026

YMCA LEICESTERSHIRE

Welcome to YMCA Leicestershire



Paul Brown, CEO

Home to 117 young people aged 16–25 who have faced homelessness or family breakdown, we're more than just a shelter; we're a foundation for independence. We're proud to offer high quality support and this year we successfully registered with Ofsted for our work with looked-after children aged 16–17. With this achievement, we're ready and excited for our first assessment, determined to continue helping all our young people raise their aspirations.

We create supportive and inspiring places where young people and communities can belong, contribute and thrive. We do this through housing, care, support, advice, skills for life, theatre and cultural activities. Everyone should have a fair chance to discover who they are and what they can become.

This YMCA is also proud to be part of a global family, operating in over 140 countries, forming the world's oldest and largest youth charity.



Hayley Robertson,
Chair

Volunteers are the backbone of the third sector and being a YMCA Leicestershire trustee is a great opportunity to give something back in support of a charity that delivers so much for young people.

YMCA Leicestershire trustees meet as a full board four times a year, and in those meetings, we spend two to three hours encouraging, developing and overseeing the work of the organisation.

The Board of Trustees are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity, developing YMCA Leicestershire's aims, objectives and goals in accordance with the governing document, legal and regulatory guidelines.

Being a trustee requires commitment, but it is also rewarding and fulfilling. By joining our team, you can help create new possibilities, applying your skills, talents and energies to make a real and tangible difference for young people.

Our Impact in 2023/24

- ❖ 163 Young people were housed with us
- ❖ 60 residents engaged in work readiness sessions
- ❖ 34 young people worked with our Health and Wellbeing Navigator
- ❖ 3 Children cared for in our residential home
- ❖ 8,000 visits to our homeless drop in service
- ❖ 22,236 people attended a show at The Y Theatre

Empower Change, Inspire Action

YMCA Leicestershire has been providing community services within the city and county for the last 140 years; it is the largest voluntary sector provider of supported housing for young people within the city and houses 117 young people each night. The organisation also delivers a range of other services (from its eight sites) specifically focused on young people these include; Education and training, sports, arts, residential care, outreach and resettlement, advice and information. Additionally, the organisation has a 300-seat professional Victorian theatre, bar and a range of sports facilities which include 17 acres of sports fields (leased to Leicester City Football Club as part of their youth academy).

YMCA Leicestershire is a Christian Charity, Registered Social Landlord, Housing Association and Company Limited by Guarantee. Our primary purpose is to support young people to develop skills, raise confidence and make positive transitions in society.

Be a Trustee. Shape the Future

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As part of our succession planning, YMCA Leicestershire is seeking new Trustees to join with us in bringing energy, enthusiasm, wise governance and strategic guidance to maximise our reach and impact on people's lives and communities.

We are looking for people who really want to make a difference through giving of their time, knowledge and experience.

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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

FAMILY & YOUTH WORK

HEALTH & WELLBEING

HOUSING

TRAINING & EDUCATION

SUPPORT & ADVICE