

JARGON BUSTER

Accreditation	Formal recognition that an organisation or individual has met certain standards and competencies
Advocate	Someone to speak on your behalf
Agency	An organisation, voluntary, statutory or private company, which is involved in providing services
BERR	Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform
Best Practice	An agreed and respected way of doing things
Best Value	Framework for getting value for money in ordering and paying for local government services
BME	Black and Minority Ethnic Communities
Board	Group of people, for example, managing an organisation
BTEG	Black Training and Enterprise Group
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CE(O)	Chief Executive (Officer)
Charter Mark	Award/standard for excellence in providing public services
Commissioning	The process of defining an area of work and paying another organisation to do it
Constituency	The area you have been elected to represent

Constituents	The young people who live in your area, who you represent. When you speak as an MYP, you speak for your constituents and you are expressing their views
County Council	Body responsible for most services across a county, including education and youth services. This forms the top layer of a three-tier management structure (see District or Borough Councils and Town or Parish Councils). Go to www.lga.gov.uk for more information.
DAAT	Drugs and Alcohol Action Team
DAT	Drugs Action Team
Devolution	Transfer of power from central government to any non-central-government body — including local elected governments, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), private bodies, etc.
DCSF	Department for Children, Schools and Families
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media & Sport
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DFID	Department for International Development
DFT	Department for Transport
DIUS	Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills
Disaffected	Lifestyle reason for not being involved
Disengaged	No involvement with services on offer

Disengagement	'Dropping out' of a service or activity due to disaffection or barriers to participation
District or Borough Council	Body responsible for local services which are not delivered by the County Council e.g. household waste collection, local planning decisions. This forms the middle layer of the three-tier local authority management structure (see County Councils and Town or Parish Councils)
DMYP	Deputy Member of Youth Parliament
DH	Department of Health
DPAS	Drug Prevention Advisory Service
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
E-Group	E-groups are used by MYPs, DMYPs, PG Reps, Regional Co-ordinators and UKYP staff to communicate with each other electronically.
Empowerment	Supporting people's voice, expression and skills
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
EWS	Education Welfare Service
FCO	Foreign & Commonwealth Office
FE	Further Education
FMA	Foundation Modern Apprenticeship
Forum	A meeting or group designed to give people a voice
Funky Dragon	Children and Young People's Assembly for Wales
GO	Government Office

Governance	High level, long term strategic management of a service or organisation, often with legal responsibility
HO	Home Office
IAG	Information Advice and Guidance
Inclusion	Being involved
LDD	Learning Difficulties and Disabilities
LA	Local Authority
LGBTQ	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered or Questioning
LSC	Learning and Skills Council
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership
Management Group	Group responsible for day-to-day running of a service or organisation
Mentor	A 'supporting' individual paired to help another
MOD	Ministry of Defence
MOJ	Ministry of Justice
Multi-Agency	Several organisations working together, often from different sectors, e.g. Drug Action Teams bringing police, health workers and youth service together
MYP	Member of Youth Parliament
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation, e.g. Action Aid, Oxfam, the World Development Movement
NIYF	Northern Ireland Youth Forum

Objectives	A set of targets or goals which guide an organisation, and against which performance can be measured
Observer Status	Having the right to attend meetings but without voting or decision making powers
Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education. An Inspection body which inspects organisations like schools and Connexions
Outreach	Going to young people and offering them services - as opposed to waiting for young people to access services
PA	Personal Adviser
Participation	Playing a part in all aspects of a service - planning, carrying out, consuming, evaluating
Partnership	Organisations which come together to provide a local service
PG	Procedures Group - makes the decisions that guide the development of UKYP
Protocols	Sets of rules to be used in specific situations, e.g. financial management, or complaints procedures
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
PSHE	Personal, Social and Health Education
RDA	Regional Development Agency
Regional	Organised according to the Government's regions
Regional Co-ordinator for UKYP	Person assigned to co-ordinate and support MYPs at a regional level

SEN	Special Educational Needs
Special / Intensive Service	Specialised support targeted at particular 'high risk', high need groups, e.g. looked after young people, young offenders
SRE	Sex and Relationships Education
Stakeholders	All those who have an interest in an organisation - e.g. partner organisations, young people, youth workers
Statutory Services	Provided by central and local Government and their agencies, e.g. NHS, schools
Sub-Regional	Organised in a smaller geographical area, e.g. a County or Unitary Authority
SYP	The Scottish Youth Parliament
Town or Parish Council	Body responsible for the most local delivery of services e.g. allotments, street lighting, burial ground maintenance, local community activities. This forms the bottom layer of the three-tier local authority management structure (see County Councils and District or Borough Councils). Go to www.nalc.gov.uk for more information on local councils.
UKYP	UK Youth Parliament
YEO	Youth Engagement Officer
YOS	Youth Offending Service
Young Person's Charter	Statement of young people's rights in accessing services, e.g. - Connexions
YP	Young Person