

do-it.org.uk Youth Advisory Group Terms of Reference

Introduction

do-it.org.uk, the National Volunteering Database (NVD) is owned and managed by YouthNet UK. Launched in 2000 by Tony Blair, do-it is supported by the Office of the Third Sector, as part of the Government's active community strategy, to make information about volunteering as accessible as possible. YouthNet's considerable experience in building online databases placed it in an ideal position to develop this initiative. Although YouthNet's primary focus is 16-24 year olds, the database is intended for people and volunteers of all ages.

Eight years after its inception the NVD has now has over one million opportunities to volunteer, posted via around 450 local Volunteer Centres and Involved Teams and more than 100 regional and national charities, public sector, youth and sporting agencies. do-it.org.uk is currently used by almost 80,000 unique users every month and has over 300,000 registered volunteers.

The Future

Aims

YouthNet is committed to ensuring that doit.org.uk develops as an accountable public service, which both increases the number of volunteers throughout the UK and provides an effective resource and recruitment tool for volunteer involving organisations, being free to the general public.

YouthNet aims to utilise the vast potential of new and emerging technologies to make information on the NVD as widely accessible to the general public as possible.

YouthNet was founded to create a socially inclusive environment where young people living in the UK are engaged, informed and inspired to achieve their ambitions and dreams. In order for it to achieve this, YouthNet has set up a Youth Advisory Group to act as a reference group to ensure that the future development of do-it.org.uk fulfils the needs of young people.

Terms of Reference

The Youth Advisory Group has been established to assist YouthNet's Board of Trustees, Chief Executive and staff members in the overall development of the National Volunteering Database and specifically in the aim of engaging volunteer involving organisations in maximising the volunteering opportunities for young people through do-it.org.uk

In the context of the strategic direction, business plans and work programmes of YouthNet UK, the Youth Advisory Group will be asked to advise on:

- The strategic development priorities for the development of do-it, the National Volunteering Database with particular regards to issues of diversity, quality, functionality and currency of the database.
- The development of content, partnerships and marketing activity
- Developing the role, remit and profile of the NVD, with advisory group members taking on an ambassadorial role where appropriate

Terms of reference to be amended as and when necessary and reviewed at least annually.

Membership

It is suggested that the membership of the group is chaired by a representative of the Partnerships Team at YouthNet, normally the Senior Youth Account Manager.

The group should be made up of no less than 5 members, and no more than 20 members. The group will consist solely of young people aged between 16-25 year olds. Membership will be reviewed annually.

Meetings

It is envisaged that meetings will take place on a Saturday, 4 times a year and will last for approximately 4 hours. This situation will be reviewed annually.