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LONDON** : Supporting the Children  
and Young People's Voluntary  
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# COMMISSIONING FOR YOUTH

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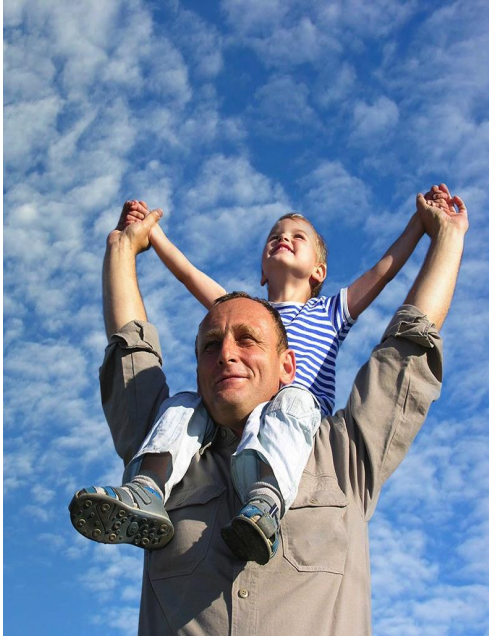
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# National Context



- Cabinet Office Focus, Innovation and Mutuals,
- Raising the participation age
- National Citizen's Service
- Localism Agenda – statutory duty to secure access to a local youth offer Education Health Plans

# Regional Context

## Future Models for Youth 2012

- Reduction in budgets
- Paradigm across Safeguarding and Education
- Mixture of in house and contracted out provision
- Local variations and approaches
- Merging of back office functions



# Future Models for Youth 18 months on

Focus on the role of the VCS within Youth Commissioning

- Varied provision
- Reductions in open access
- Further reductions in budgets anticipated
- Greater emphasis on outcomes and targeted services
- Many vcs groups unable to compete for contracts
- Strong focus on youth participation but many varied approaches

# Regional Challenges

- Youth Unemployment (16-25yrs)
- ... One in four economically active young adults in **London** is **unemployed**, compared to the average of one in ten for all working-age adults
- Looking solely at **London**, the cost of **youth unemployment** through foregone taxes is approximately £72 million
- Shortage of primary school places (London Councils estimates 107,000 by 2016) and Secondary school places

## Brent

- Largely delivered in house
- Focus on targeted services
- Strong support for youth parliament
- Contracting out their outreach service to other local areas i.e. guns and gangs work to Westminster and LGBT provision to Ealing

## Croydon

- 5 locality hubs
- Mixture of in house and contracted out services
- 3 commissioned vcs group in each locality
- VCS forum meeting being developed to review the local map of provision against needs

## Hackney

- Re modelling of statutory provision and commissioned services
- Two key areas active & achieving and safer and thriving
- Young Hackney has 15 CORE hubs supported by integrated teams and staffing structures
- Commissioning process for 1.6 million and a framework agreement for providers
- Tender requirements that London Youth Quality Mark is in place



# Key Issues for the VCS

- Collaboration - Larger scale contracts where lead agency models and sub contractual arrangements may be required
- Safeguarding arrangements
- Financing arrangements – payments by results, individual budgets, TUPE
- Joint services and contracting across local authorities
- Open access or Targeted?
- Evidencing Impact and Quality

# What does the future landscape look like?



Engagement with new  
commissioning processes  
Public Health and the CCG  
Engaging with schools and FE  
colleges  
Personal budgets  
Other areas Housing  
Associations  
Youth  
Engagement/Commissioners