# **WEARE YOUTH LEADS UK**

## WHO ARE WE?

Youth Leads UK are a youth-led charity supporting young people aged 12-25 to enrich their skills, reach their potential and amplify their voices to make meaningful change in their communities. Our staff are all under 30, so you can be sure you're in the hands of people who back you!

## **SOCIAL ACTION EXPERTS**

We know that young people care about the world and that you want to make a difference. We have delivered dozens of independent and collaborative social action projects.

Young people decide how to tackle problems they care about and make a difference.

All projects are led by the young people that take part, from deciding the issue to creating social media assets and writing letters to local schools, MPs and decision-makers.

Previous projects have included:

- » HIV Awareness
- » Be Period Proud
- » #BeTheChange
- » Book-Gifting Day

See more on our socials: @YouthLeadsUK

### **OUR STORY**

We started out in 2012, as a group of teenagers in Bolton with a passion for making a difference and having the voices of young people heard and acted upon.

In 2019, we began running our Leadership Programme and have now supported over twelve and a half thousand young people, with the equivalent contribution of £4.6m.



Recently, our young people decided to tackle hygiene poverty, the climate crisis, and the impact of these issues on mental health. They created a social media campaign, informational leaflets and 100 free care packages to hand out to their local community in Bolton.

Their work was recognised by the <u>British</u> <u>Youth Citizen Award</u> - the first group ever to be presented with the medal.



Xplode Magazine is one of the only magazines written by and for young people. Young people help plan, design, take photographs and write their own articles. Xplode is available at over 20 High Schools, ASDA & Starbucks stores. Our inboxes are open for new articles! Read more at **youthleads.uk/xplode**.

#### **MEANINGFUL IMPACT**

We are constantly showcasing the value of young people and how impactful their voices can be. We have worked with the government, local councils, businesses, and NHS Trusts to ensure young people have a say in how they are impacted by decisions made about them.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

We have many great connections with charities, businesses and organisations across the UK.

You'll be part of the Youth Leads UK network, where you'll get even more opportunities with our partners and have the chance to take part in our other programmes.

You'll also have access to our expert staff, who can support you in boosting your personal and employability skills to stand out among your peers!