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YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Recruitment Pack

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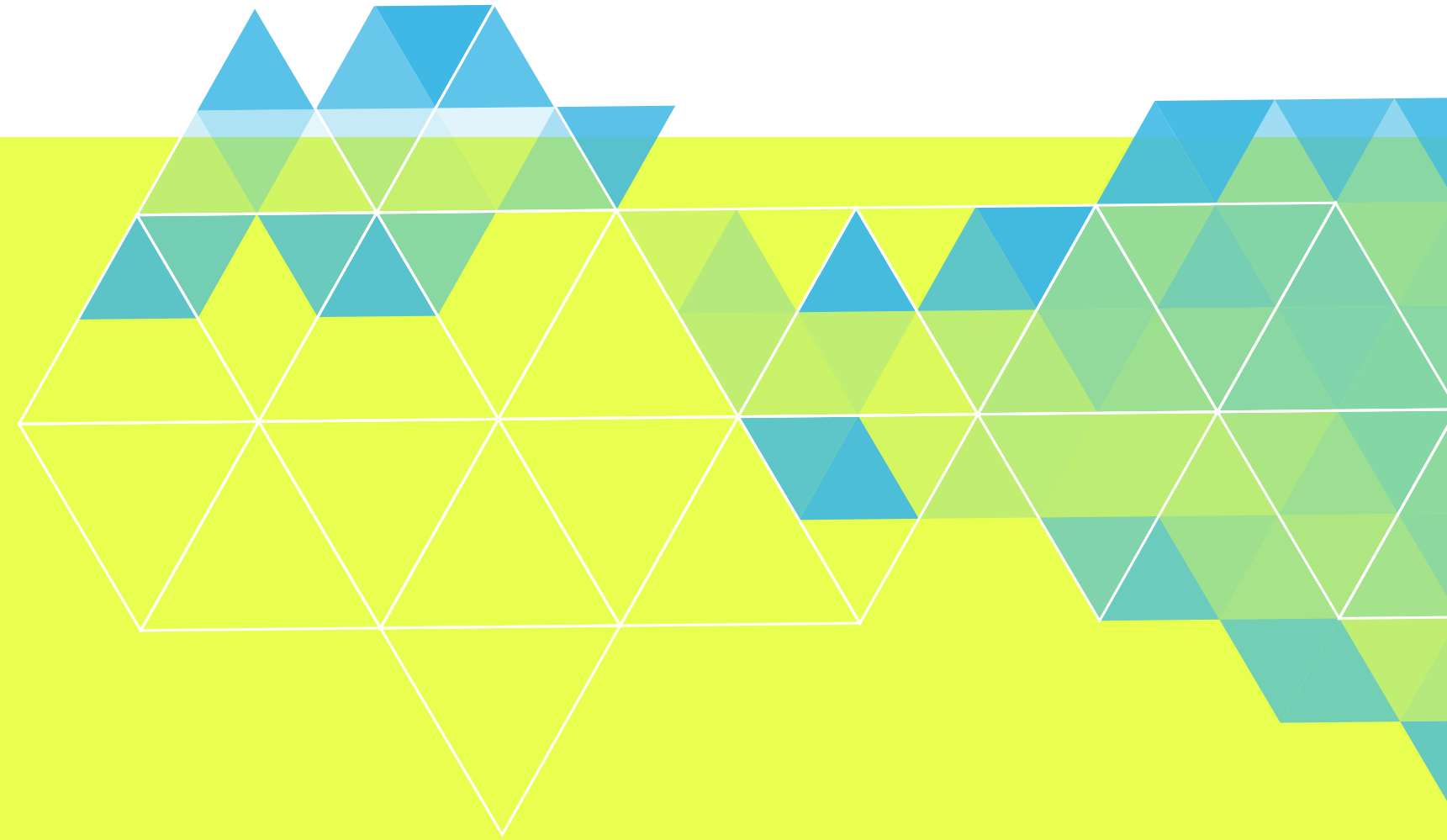
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WHAT IS THE YOUTH ASSEMBLY?

YOUNG PEOPLE

- Aged 14-18
- Living in the West Midlands
- Who would like to improve their communities and have experiences to share about: the police, youth justice service, crime, violence & social issues.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- ◆ Join regional & local group meetings
 - ◆ Meet with other young people
- ◆ Share your thoughts, opinions and own experiences
 - ◆ Make change for your area
 - ◆ Help with events
- ◆ Help services make important decisions
 - ◆ Speak up for yourself & others
 - ◆ Be in a safe & confidential place to have your voice heard

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

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- ! Having your voice heard
- ! Making a difference for yourself & others
- ! Work & Personal References
- ! Learning new skills
- ! Being rewarded for your time

WHAT ARE YOU SIGNING UP FOR?



Attend meetings locally & regionally



Share your honest thoughts



Be part of a team



Represent young people & your communities

TIMELINE



Complete your membership form by the end of **September**



Link up with your local youth organisation and/or VRP Community Navigator by the **end of October**
We can help with this!



Join your **first** local Youth Assembly Meeting by the **end of October**

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Become a part of the first regional Youth Assembly event bringing together **all members** from across the West Midlands in November!



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The Violence Reduction Partnership aims to prevent & reduce violent crime across the West Midlands and works alongside the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner.

We focus on understanding the causes of violence, and the reasons why people get drawn into a life of crime. We use data, and evidence, but above all we ask the people involved "what has happened to you, to get to this point?"

The VRP works with partners in public health, criminal justice, sports, education, and policing.

The VRP supports all age groups and is for all members of the community – the partnership aims to tackle inequalities and poverty, as well as recognise factors of influence on people who are involved in crime and violence.

WHO ARE THE VRP?

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WHAT'S INIT FOR THE VRP?

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- ! Staying up to date with real issues affecting young people
- ! A group of reliable & confident young experts
- ! Help with social media content
- ! Help in planning what to run and learning how best to support young people

ADVICE FOR PROFESSIONALS

The Youth Assembly aims to bring young people together in order to utilise their expertise in their own local communities to support the VRP to reduce violence and crime.

We are recruiting young people who have lived experience of violence and crime and will be supporting a risk assessment process during this recruitment.

It is important that we recruit young people willing to talk about their experiences in crime & violence. This can be indirectly through their communities, families and/or peers or directly through their own involvement with the youth justice service, police and being involved themselves.

Your local VRP Community Navigator will be on hand to support you and the young people forming the Youth Assembly.

Young people's engagement will be incentivised in a number of different ways including incentives as well as pledges of work references/personal statements, these may change dependent on the West Midlands regional area.

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Young people can apply no matter their circumstances, including if they have current involvement with the local Youth Justice Service.



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INTERESTED?



Scan the QR Code to
complete the short
Youth Assembly
Membership Application Form

<https://forms.gle/RQxzXaS4kYBKjqZR6>



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