

Youth Work Practice Responsibilities

To work ethically within a human rights framework with young people, youth workers will adopt the following practice principles.

A Code Based on Human Rights

This Code of Ethical Practice is based on human rights frameworks such as The United Nations Convention on Human Rights. The Convention on The Rights of the Child has particular relevance to youth work practice. Its four core principles are 'nondiscrimination', 'the best interests of the child', 'the right to life, survival and development', and 'respect for the views of the child'. Article 3.1 of the Convention prescribes that 'in all actions concerning children (and young people), whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child (young person) shall be a primary consideration'.

1. The empowerment of all young people

2. Young people's participation and agency

3. Social justice for young people

4. The safety of young people

5. Respect for young people's autonomy, human dignity and worth

6. Young people's connectedness to important people in their lives, such as family and community

7. Positive health and wellbeing outcomes for young people

8. The positive transitions and healthy development of young people.

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