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HAG FOLD YOUNG WOMEN'S CENTRE

Project Aims and Objectives

1 Philosophy/Mission Statement

HFYWC accesses the resources of Wigan Youth Service to unemployed young women in Atherton, between 16-25 years of age, including disabled women, lesbians, Black women and young mothers.

HFYWC works towards increasing young women's knowledge of their rights and an awareness of the political climate they live in, thereby empowering them to take more control over their lives.

HFYWC enables young women to actively participate in their community. HFYWC provides an alternative environment that challenges society and opens up choices.

2 Aims

Within the constraints of the budget HFYWC aims to:

- 1 Provide an environment that challenges oppression within society.
- 2 Ensure the physical environment of the project is conducive to all women.
- 3 Increase young women's confidence and stimulate personal development.
- 4 Encourage young women to learn to value themselves and other young women.
- 5 Increase young women's knowledge of their rights and the political climate in which they live.
- 6 Increase young women's expectations of their rights and goals.
- 7 Help young women to understand what blocks them from having control.
- 8 Enable young women to make informed choices.
9. Support women making changes in their lives.

3 Objectives

(A) Objectives: Process/Project

- 1 Make contact and develop relationships with young women on the Hag Fold Estate.
- 2 Provide educational opportunities in the widest possible sense e.g. manual skills, outdoor pursuits, communication skills,

a Wigan youth service project run by women for young women

assertiveness, social issues, health issues, civil rights, politics, teamwork.

- 3 Provide advice and counselling for young women.
- 4 Provide practical assistance and/or subsidy so young women can participate in educational activities (e.g. fees, transport, equipment).
- 5 Provide free child care (for the pre-school age).
- 6 Provide positive women role models (as workers, tutors, speakers, leaders, managers, etc.)
- 7 Use accessible buildings for project ventures.
- 8 Pursue funding to make the building physically accessible to all disabled women (e.g. ramps, toilet, doorways, stairlift, minicom, tactile surfaces).
- 9 Challenge racism, sexism, homophobia, ableism, and other stereotyped, prejudicial or discriminatory views or behaviour.
- 10 Develop a library of resources relevant to young women, and for children, (including fiction, information, educational materials, and practical skill-based resources).
- 11 Prioritise materials and resources that challenge stereotypes and put forward positive images of oppressed groups.
- 12 Provide visible images (e.g. posters and photos) that reflect women of all types.
- 13 Develop links with other relevant agencies (local, regional and national).
- 14 Seek young women's opinions and consult young women as part of the decision-making process.
- 15 Clarify to young women the boundaries/constraints of the project's resources and philosophy.
- 16 Develop and implement targeted outreach strategies to access relevant young women (target groups would be groups of women who are underrepresented).
- 17 Actively consult members of target groups of women regarding aspects of work of the project.
- 18 Strengthen community development on Hag Fold estate.
- 19 Provide good educational child care.
- 20 Employ workers who are committed to the principles of equal opportunities.

Feeding young women into borough-wide youth service opportunities

- * Creating outside ventures to provide developmental opportunities for young women.
- * Campaigning
- * Targeted outreach strategies
- * Neighbourhood liaison work