

Full training will be provided for this challenging but worthwhile task. The initial training consists of 6 sessions, travel expenses and reasonable childcare costs will be covered.



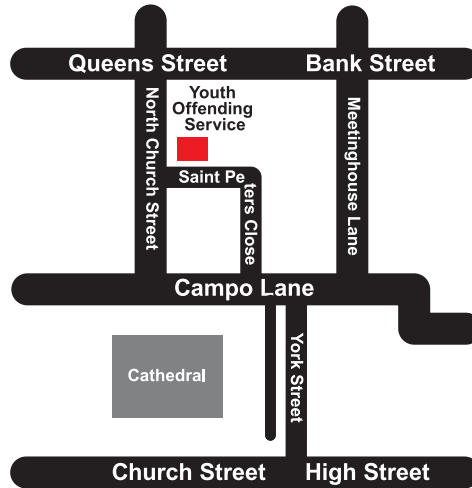
Being a Community Panel Member involves working with children and for that reason we are required to carry out a full criminal record check.

Previous convictions, especially those which are minor in nature and old, will not automatically bar you from becoming a Community Panel Member. This is something we can discuss further with you.

Time commitment

2-3 hours per fortnight, for a minimum of 12 months.

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A guide to being a **volunteer Community Panel Member**



Background to YOS

Sheffield Youth Offending Service is a multi-agency partnership working to reduce youth crime. It is central to the delivery of youth justice in the city AND we need your help!

Are you interested in reducing youth crime by representing your community, helping young people get back on track and ensuring that victims have their say?

If so, you are invited to become a volunteer Community Panel Member.

Read on for more information.



Frequently asked questions:

What is a Youth Offender Panel?

Youth offender panels are a way of dealing with young people who commit crime. Local people take the lead in challenging young offenders to take responsibility for their actions

What are panels for?

These panels are special because they involve local people working with young offenders, their parents and victims.

Panel members will talk and listen to these key people and agree with the young person a plan of action to put right the harm already done and prevent future offending.

Panels aim to:

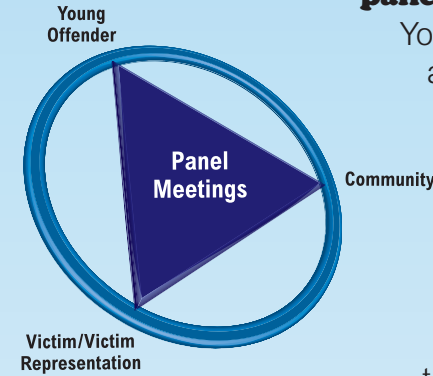
- Ensure young offenders take responsibility for their behaviour
- Help put things right for the victim
- Bring people back into the law abiding community.

Who will be on the panels?

Each panel consists of two community panel members who are volunteers from the local area aged 18 or over, and a professional from Sheffield Youth Offending Service

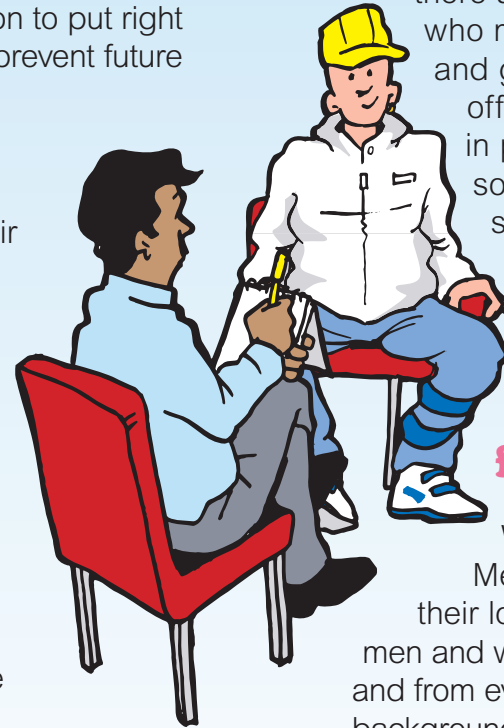
Who will the panel deal with?

Young offenders aged 10-17 who plead guilty and have not been convicted before. This is an important opportunity to nip offending in the bud at an early stage.



Who else will be at the meeting?

The young person's parents will be there along with any other adults who may be able to offer support and guidance. The victim of the offence can be invited to attend in person and can bring someone with them for moral support. Alternatively they can ask for their views to be taken into account or represented at the panel meeting.



We are looking for you!

We need Community Panel Members who can represent their local community. That means men and women of any age (18 or over) and from every ethnic and social background. We want people who are good at listening and talking.