

BELONG COLLECTIVE

What is a Belong Collective event?

Belong Collective events bring together young people and cross-sector professionals who work with them to explore youth loneliness and develop practical solutions together.

We're looking for youth organisations to run an event in **Darlington** and **Bradford** this Autumn - areas identified as youth loneliness hotspots. These locations present a clear opportunity to bring organisations together, strengthen local connections, and support more joined-up, cross-sector approaches to tackling youth loneliness.

Evidence shows young people report some of the highest levels of loneliness, yet many youth workers are looking for more support to reach out to and engage young people facing loneliness ([UK Youth Report 2022](#)). Hosting an event is a chance to build understanding, confidence, and collective action in **Bradford** and **Darlington**.

Why host a Belong Collective event?

Hosting a Belong Collective event is a supported way to bring people together and take meaningful action on youth loneliness without having to design or deliver everything by yourself.

By hosting, you will:

- **Bring hope and leadership to your community**
At a time when many young people feel disconnected, position your organisation as a local leader on youth loneliness - bringing together around 25 young people and 50 cross-sector professionals to drive joined-up solutions.
- **Bring value to your young people**
At events, young people can apply for up to **£1,000 in funding** to run their own

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social action project tackling loneliness. In the long term, young people will be invited to feed into a wider campaign in the future, giving young people the opportunity to shape policy and influence government action on.

- **Access training and insight**

Gain practical tools, ideas, and learning about youth loneliness that you can immediately apply in your work.

- **Amplify youth voice**

Create space for young people to share their experiences and shape local solutions to youth loneliness.

- **Be part of something bigger**

Join a growing national movement tackling youth loneliness across sectors.

- **Be fully supported to deliver the event**

We provide hands-on support with planning, facilitation, and materials, and can cover key costs (e.g. venue, catering and staffing cover). We'll also support outreach and recruitment to help bring the right mix of attendees.

Interested?

If this sounds like something your organisation could host, we'd love to chat and explore what it could look like for you, please fill out [this short form](#) or email:

meiyee.yau@ukyouth.org to jump on a call! **Expressions of interest close on the 5th of June.**

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