

## **GWENT FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS**

Gwent Federation of Young Framers' Clubs (YFC) is part of a national voluntary youth organisation which has over 6,000 members in 172 Clubs across Wales. It covers the county of Monmouthshire and includes the rural areas in Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent, Newport and parts of Caerphilly CBC . The Federation is concerned with the personal development of young people and seeks to achieve its objectives through a wide range of programmes which the members have the responsibility for designing and management of the delivery.

The Federation seeks to meet the needs of rural young people through educational, training and social programmes that encourage community involvement and concern for our environment. We operate within a climate of equality for all and focus our work on those between the ages of 10 and 26.

Through participative youth work, we endeavour to enable young people to make decisions, both within YFC and beyond, on issues which affect their lives; and programme for a variety of learning opportunities, including vocational and life skills.

By positive yet sensitive leadership, the movement provides a framework within which young people can learn and become more involved as members of society.

As members of YFC, young people meet people of their own age, interested in the countryside; have the opportunity to make their own decisions and manage their own Clubs; be heard on important issues; play a part in a caring organisation which is part of the local community and have the opportunity to join in exciting challenges which develops skills they never thought they had.

YFC methods of work aim to support the Welsh Assembly Government Extending Entitlement, supporting young people in Wales, that challenges everyone who works with children and young people aged 11-25 to work together to improve the services offered.

The Club atmosphere and programme content is the Club Curriculum. The YFC Curriculum stays in tune with rural values and encourages those who wish to make a link with rural communities. It provides educational and training opportunities including vocational and life skills and maintains a strong countryside element with relevant farming links. We encourage members to play a full part in the decision making processes of their local communities and broaden members' outlook to international horizons. The Curriculum also provides recreational activities which cater for the whole community.

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