

Compass Partnership

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Barnardo's Cymru

Compass provides a range of support and advice services to families, and to young people aged 16-25yrs, in social need, living within Wrexham County Borough.



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Tenancy & Family Support Service

We work in partnership with other agencies and offer advice and support on a number of important issues facing young people. The support is on a voluntary basis and is led by the needs of the young person.

We can offer support for those having difficulty managing their home, paying bills, lone parenting, experiencing emotional issues, or having difficulty in accessing employment, education or benefits, with the aim of promoting independence. We encourage young people to participate in individual and group activities.

Our **Young Parents Group** runs on a Tuesday afternoon 1-3pm. It is a small friendly group, great for a coffee and a chat and plenty of activities for the children, including painting, sticking, and play dough. We provide a healthy snack and a drink. The group is free to attend.

The Tenancy & Family Support Service takes referrals from agencies, or young people can self refer.

Family Group Meetings

The **Family Group Meetings Service** brings family members and professionals together to make positive and safe plans for children and young people. It is child/young person centred and encourages family focused decision making. It helps families to resolve their own issues, which ensures they are committed to making their plans work. The Service currently takes referrals from Wrexham County Borough Children's Services.

Contact Activity Orders

Contact Activity Orders are referred to Barnardo's by the Children and Family Court when there have been difficulties regarding the child/ren when parents have separated or divorced. These order/s can be delivered either 1:1 or in a group setting.

There are two different types of orders: A one hour session giving general information on mediation, how parents can best help their child/ren, available contact centres and information on support and advice services or,

a four hour course (split into two sessions) looking at some of the difficulties faced by parents and children when going through a parental separation.

Options Service

The Options Service is a scheme for unemployed care leavers aged 16 to 25. Funded through the Big Lottery.

We work with individuals to help them access education, training or work and to help them stay on track.

We offer tailored support and guidance to meet individual needs and also deliver a 12 week structured programme twice a year for small groups of young people.

Our support includes practical help with transport and childcare, as well as an in-house team to help young people deal with any personal issues that may be a barrier to progression – such as self esteem and substance misuse.

We work in partnership with local businesses and training providers to help young people meet their educational and employment goals.

Relationships in Recession Project

The Relationships in Recession Project provides intensive support to young people aged 16-25yrs, through group work programmes and/or occasional 1-1 support.

The programmes are designed to equip young people with the



skills, confidence and coping mechanisms to enable them to improve their overall quality of life within difficult relationships, whereby domestic abuse maybe at risk of escalating due to increased financial pressure caused by the recession. The Relationship Project is funded through the Big Lottery, and is co- facilitated by a qualified Relationship Counsellor and a Barnardo's project worker.

Volunteering

Volunteers play an essential role in supporting and enhancing the work we do at Barnardo's. We make every effort to create valuable and fulfilling roles so that we utilise the unique skills of each individual volunteer and for this reason we have a variety of playgroups, mentoring and group meetings.

Anyone can be a volunteer as we provide training where necessary and volunteers are fully supported throughout their time with us.

“I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my time as a volunteer and know that by supporting Barnardo’s, even in a small way, has helped towards giving children and young people a better future.”

(A Barnardo’s Volunteer)

Please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator for more information.

Advice and Accommodation Service

Free confidential **Housing Advice** is offered to homeless young people and to those at risk of becoming homeless. The service assists young people with housing applications, housing benefit claims and referrals to other agencies or organisations.

The **Bond Guarantee Scheme** assists young people on low incomes, including those claiming housing benefits, to access private sector properties. The bond covers up to the equivalent of four weeks rent arrears, damages or abandonment by the tenant.

These services can be accessed by self or agency referral.

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