

A learning solution for young peoples' issues

The Need

How can we implement the Every Child Matters agenda in the most efficient way? How can we deal with the complex issues surrounding young people? How can seeing interconnections and better partnership working help to address these issues? These are some of the questions that our Planit-YP learning simulation (a serious game) answers. Planit-YP considers these issues, but more importantly it makes them relevant and 'real' and brings partnerships and teams together.

Complexity to Clarity

Planit-YP was developed with assistance from Government Office Northwest, for use in workshops to improve skills and knowledge and allow delegates to 'see' how the decisions they make affect the health and well-being of young people.

Planit-YP models the life of a community. Teams play the role of key decision makers including education, health sector, emergency services and targeted youth support. The partnership need to bring the community in line with the Every Child Matters agenda. Win-win-win solutions need to be negotiated and incidents avoided. Finally, after each round, the teams are scored on LAA indicators relating to young people.

The learning programme combines raising awareness of young people's issues and the advantages of a partnership approach with local capacity building and action planning. This provides local areas with the skills and tools to develop a shared vision and agenda for action to improve the lives of young people.

Planit-YP brings **clarity to a complex problem** by showing cause and effect. Delegates get to see the 'big picture' and to develop win-win solutions, which makes the issues real, relevant, and manageable.

Proven Learning Approach

Blending the best of traditional and interactive learning, the approach has been used in over 350 workshops; successfully training more than 4,500 people.

Product Uses:

Planit-YP is our latest product. It has been successfully trialled with regional teenage pregnancy coordinators in the North and South West.

- We are currently talking to teenage pregnancy coordinators across the country.
- We are talking to Housing Associations. Planit-YP could be used in their community engagement/Neighbourhood management.



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"There will always be challenges over resources – particularly in social care and particularly in health services. But this isn't just about money and staffing levels. It's also about leadership, judgement and effective partnership."
- Ed Balls, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families.

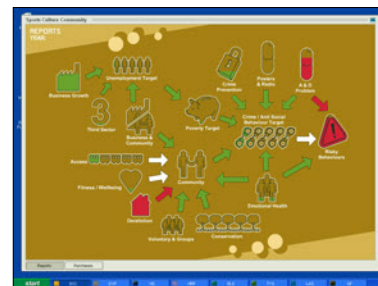


Planit-YP deals with the complex issues surrounding young people. Eight teams need to work together to sort problems such as teenage pregnancy, anti-social behaviour, worklessness, and drugs in a virtual community. The teams consider root causes and create positive alternatives. Planit-YP is suitable for training professionals in councils and primary care trusts and for use in education and engagement of young people.



Key Objectives:

- Increasing awareness of young peoples' issues.
- Understanding the issues in terms of cause and effect rather than silo perspective.
- Broadening the design input into the Every Child Matters agenda. Including getting young people and professionals working together.
- Consider the factors associated with risky behaviours leading to teenage pregnancy.
- Improving the implementation of Every Child Matters.



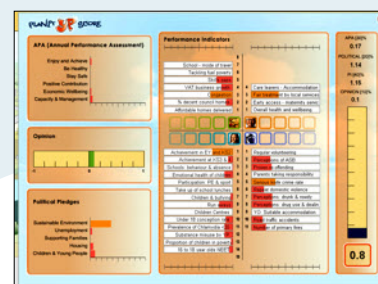
Real World Improvements

With clarity comes real world improvements. Our delegates consistently highlight improvements in the following three areas, which in turn translate into **improved decisions**.

- **Strategic Thinking** – Understanding the key driver against which your decisions need to be measured. Does a particular decision help you get closer to your goal?
- **Joined-up Thinking** – Understanding cause and effect generates perspective, reduces the chances of perverse outcomes, and increases the likelihood of your decisions being win-wins.
- **Collaborative Working** – Wider involvement improves decision-making. In essence, it allows your organisation to benefit from the 'wisdom of the crowd'.



"It encouraged cross team working, common thinking, forward planning and strategic planning"



Over 99% of delegates have rated our workshops good or very good. Long term evaluation has identified better collaboration and decision-making; leading to significant savings.

Who Might Benefit from a Planit-YP Workshop

- Local Authorities (Children Services)
- Other public sector organisations (PCT, Police, Connexions, DAAT)
- Neighbourhood Management/Community Engagement
- Communities (Service Design/Participatory Budgeting)
- Government Departments – DoH
- Regional bodies such as Government Offices
- Education (Personal Social Health Education/ Citizenship)

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