



# FDYW 2014 Conference

## DETACHED YOUTH WORK - 'ON THE FRINGES?'

Friday the 14th to Sunday the 16th of November, 2014

Location: Trafford Hall, Ince Lane, Chester, CH2 4JP

The FDYW Annual Conference is a unique experience and opportunity to learn with others

- Hear from influential speakers
- Practitioner training and development
- Network and share with others
- Get help starting out in Detached Youth Work
- Develop new ideas and skills for your practice
- Critical reflection and national policy debate
- Tailor your workshop choices

### 'On the Fringes?'

Detached youth workers are often considered "practitioners with access" (Tiffany, 2007), implying that their practice reaches 'the parts others workers cannot reach'. The premise is: many of the young people detached youth workers engage with are failing to access services elsewhere – and this makes them 'hard to reach' and 'at risk'.

Certainly, the worker's presence in the places these young people choose to be confers the special status: "privileged witness of social reality" (Dynamo, 2008), and this cannot be said of many other service providers. But what does this mean for practice? Should the detached youth worker be working on the fringes? Does this make them peripheral, or radical? If so, how, and why, should they do this work? We will be exploring these questions and many more at this year's conference.

The FDYW Conference continues to be an encouraging and inspiring event attracting delegates from a diverse range of disciplines. It is a great opportunity to share and develop practice through workshops and training with some of the most influential figures in youth work today.

For further details and bookings;

Visit website: [www.detachedyouthwork.info/conference.htm](http://www.detachedyouthwork.info/conference.htm)

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### Full Residential Cost:

£349/£ 299 – single/ shared rooms

(Incl. accommodation and meals)