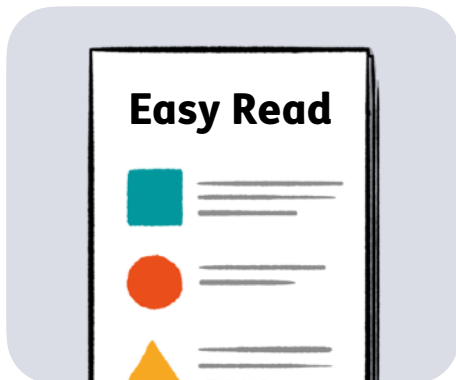


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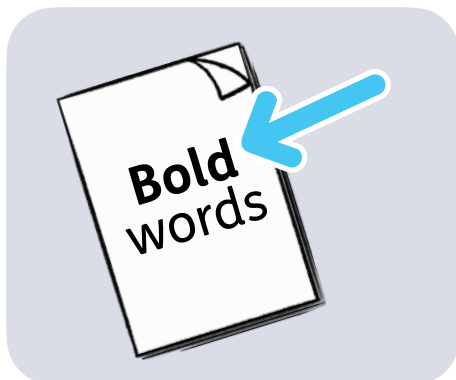


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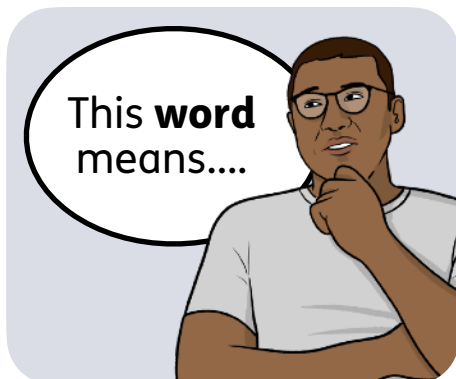
It uses easier words and pictures.



Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are **bold** to show they are important.



We explain bold words if they are hard to understand.

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About this booklet



We are Darlington Youth Partnership.



We are a group of organisations that work together to give young people in Darlington the best possible life.



This booklet will tell you about our plan to make it happen.

About the partnership



There are 3 organisations in the Darlington Youth Partnership.



They are Tees Valley YMCA, Darlington Association on Disability and Tandem.



You can find out more about these organisations on the next pages.

Tees Valley YMCA is a youth charity that:



- Has supported young people in Darlington for over 30 years.



- Gives young people safe and friendly places where they can be themselves and learn to be more confident.



- Gives some young people a place to live.



Darlington Association on Disability is also called D.A.D. for short, that:



- Supports disabled children and young people aged 3 to 25 across Darlington to have choices and to do things for themselves.



For over 30 years, Tandem has been supporting people who are 16 or over to get jobs.



Tandem supports young people and gives them space to help them grow and have the life they want.

About our logo



We had a competition for young people in Darlington to design our logo.



Other young people helped us choose the best logo.

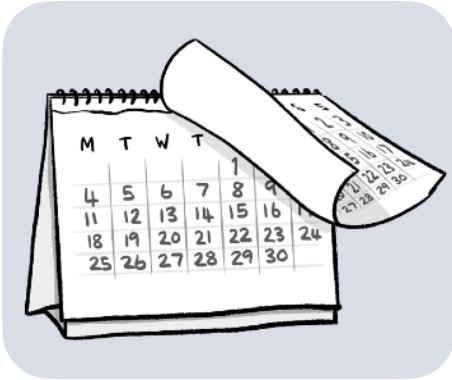


We chose the winning logo because it best shows Darlington, and includes different types of young people.

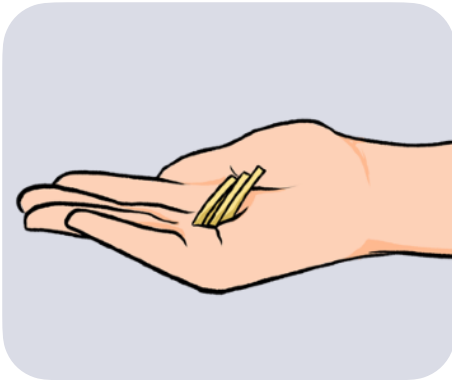


It shows how we work together to support young people.

Why we wrote this plan



Young people in Darlington have needed a lot of support for a long time.



Organisations that support young people have kept doing their work even though they do not have a lot of money.



We want to work together to do more to give young people the support they need.

About our plan



Our plan has 4 **objectives**.

Objectives are the main things we want to make happen.



We will tell you about our objectives on the next pages.

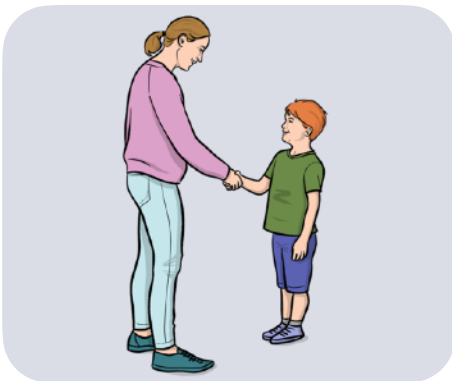


Objective 1 is to focus on young people and what they want in life.

To make objective 1 happen, we want to:



- Give all young people chances to learn new skills and have a good life.



- Help young people to be listened to.

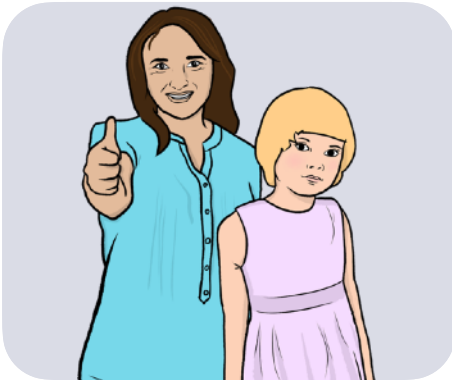


- Give young people skills for the future.



Objective 2 is to say good things about young people to change what other people think.

To make objective 2 happen, we want to:



- Work with other government and health organisations to do more to support young people.



- Ask for more money to support young people.



- Work together to get information about young people.



Objective 3 is for the partnership to get bigger.

To make objective 3 happen, we want to:



- Do more to support young people in Darlington to have a good life.



- Help organisations share good ideas and chances to improve how they work.



- Support and train our staff to do their work well.



Objective 4 is to make sure we can keep doing our work to support young people.

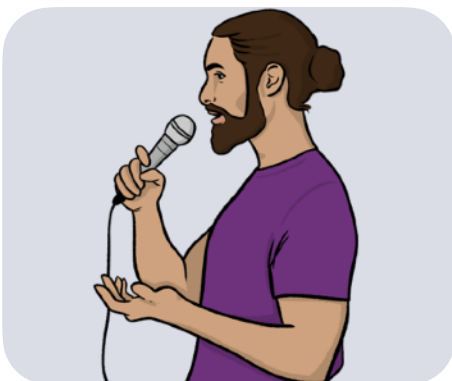
To make objective 4 happen, we will:



- Work with other organisations to keep supporting young people.



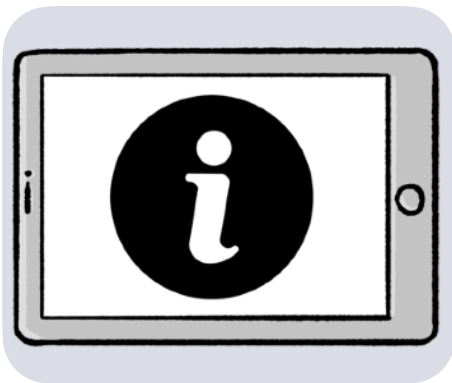
- Find money to keep supporting young people for a long time.



- Tell more people about our work.

What we will do

To give all young people in Darlington the best possible life, we want organisations to:



- Put information online to help young people find support.



- Work with young people and give some of them jobs.



- Support young people's **wellbeing**.

Wellbeing means feeling happy and healthy in your body and mind.

To give all young people in Darlington the best possible life, we want organisations to:



- Run activities in school holidays, evenings and weekends.



- Find ways to get money to support young people.



- Help young people get involved in **volunteering** and making other people's lives better.

Volunteering means giving time to help without getting paid for it.

To give all young people in Darlington the best possible life, we want them to:



- Get the support they need to find out about the activities and learning they can do.



- Get the support they need to be part of what is going on in Darlington.



- Learn new skills.



- Support other young people.

To give all young people in Darlington the best possible life, we also want them to:



- Be able to do fun activities.



- Have a safe space to learn and do activities.



- Be happy and healthy.

Checking the plan is working



We will have regular meetings to check that the plan is working.



We will ask young people to tell us what they think of our work.

Find out more



You can look at our website here:

www.darlingtondisability.org



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