

Youth Focus North West announces New Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

Bernard Booth is set to become the Chair of Youth Focus North West following the Annual General Meeting held in October 2020. Previously, Bernard was the Principle Youth Officer at Blackpool Council and before that Training and Development Manager with Staffordshire County Council. Bernard has been Treasurer for the last 12 years and has previously held the post of Interim Chair. It is a one-year appointment that allows the company time to evolve and grow. He succeeds Tony McGee, who was appointed as chair in 2012. Tony led the company through the austerity years and the successful re-fashioning of the organisations business model. He believes it is time to move on, and allow fresh leadership to develop YFNW's important work on behalf of young people.

Bernard has extensive involvement in youth work since 1975 and said:

“This is a challenging time for us all but I am absolutely delighted to be taking the position of Chair. I intend to continue the positive contributions we have made that have enabled young people to have a role and voice locally, regionally and nationally. We need to do all that we can to support them, amplifying their voices and maximising impact. I look forward to bringing my experience in leading the company and supporting membership and partner organisations. It is with great pleasure that I also announce that our two youngest trustees (under 25 years), Iqra Tahir and Will Adams, having come to the Board via Youthforia, our North West Regional Youth Forum, have been appointed as Vice-Chair and Treasurer respectively. I look forward to working with them”.



Iqra said:

"It's an honour and a real privilege to be elected as Vice Chair for Youth Focus North West by my fellow trustees. Coming from Rochdale Youth Council to Youthforia and now as trustee, has been a real learning opportunity. I am excited to be starting my new role, learn new things and grow as an individual. Additionally, I am looking forward to work with Bernard (Chair), Will and rest of the amazing team of trustees to help develop the charity further and reach new heights of achievements".



Will said:

“It is a real privilege to be selected by fellow trustees as the new Treasurer of Youth Focus North West. Having started my youth voice journey back in 2010 as a youth councillor from Cumbria and joined Youthforia in 2012, it’s great to now be able to give back support to the charity which has given me so much through my teenage years. I’m looking forward to getting started in my new role as well as working with Bernard, Iqra and the rest of the staff team and board to help the charity grow even further”.



About YFNW

YFNW is a charity limited by guarantee. We work with young people to have a voice and work collaboratively with organisations and services who want to give young people a voice.