

Callum Mbewe

YOUTH WORKER



EXPERIENCE

Youth Work Placement (Lead Practitioner Role), Chapeltown Youth Development Centre, Leeds *Sep 2024 – May 2025*

Final year placement at a community youth centre serving young people aged 11 to 19 in one of Leeds' most deprived wards.

- Designed and delivered a **12 week group programme** for **8 young people aged 13 to 16** identified as at risk of school exclusion, with **6 remaining in mainstream education** at the end of the programme
- Facilitated **weekly drop-in sessions** attended by an average of **25 young people per evening**, covering topics including healthy relationships, substance misuse, and careers
- Made **3 safeguarding referrals** to the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub), completing referral forms and attending follow-up strategy meetings
- Co-facilitated **4 restorative justice circles** between young people and school staff following incidents of conflict

Youth Work Placement (Year 2), Harehills Youth Project, Leeds *Jan 2024 – Jun 2024*

Second year placement supporting detached youth work in the Harehills area of Leeds.

- Conducted **outreach sessions 3 evenings per week** in parks, shopping areas, and housing estates, engaging with groups of **10 to 20 young people**
- Built trusting relationships with **5 young people** who were not engaging with any other services and supported their referral to a local mentoring programme
- Completed dynamic risk assessments for every outreach session and maintained detailed session logs

Volunteer Outreach Worker, St George's Crypt (Youth Homelessness Project), Leeds *Jan 2023 – Dec 2023*

Volunteered weekly at a charity supporting young people aged 16 to 25 experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

- Supported **drop-in sessions for 15 to 20 young people**, providing a safe space, hot meals, and signposting to housing, benefits, and mental health services
- Helped **3 young people** complete housing applications and accompanied them to appointments with the local authority housing team

CERTIFICATIONS

Enhanced DBS Certificate, Disclosure and Barring Service *Aug 2024 – Aug 2024*

Level 3 Safeguarding Children and Young People, EduCare *Sep 2024 – Sep 2024*

Mental Health First Aid (Youth), MHFA England *Mar 2024 – Mar 2024*

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteer Leader *Sep 2023 – Jun 2025*

Supported a group of **14 young people** aged 14 to 16 through their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at a local secondary school.

- Supervised **2 practice expeditions and 1 assessed expedition** in the Yorkshire Dales, completing all required risk assessments
- Mentored participants through volunteering, skills, and physical activity sections, with **11 of 14** completing the full award

Leeds Beckett Student Union Welfare Officer *Sep 2023 – Jun 2024*

Elected welfare officer for the School of Health and Community Studies.

- Organised **4 welfare events** across the academic year, including mental health awareness week activities attended by **120+ students**
- Signposted **30+ students** to university counselling and hardship fund services

PROFILE

JNC professionally validated Youth Work graduate from Leeds Beckett University with **over 400 hours** of supervised placement experience across community and school-based settings. Delivered group programmes for young people at risk of exclusion, managed safeguarding referrals, and facilitated restorative justice circles. Confident working with young people aged 11 to 19 in diverse communities. Enhanced DBS checked and trained in Safeguarding Level 3.

EDUCATION

BA (Hons) Youth Work and Community Development (JNC Validated) in Youth Work

Leeds Beckett University, Leeds
Sep 2022 – Jul 2025

SKILLS

- Group Work Facilitation
- Detached and Outreach Youth Work
- Safeguarding Referrals (MASH)
- Restorative Justice Approaches
- Risk Assessment (Dynamic)
- Programme Design and Evaluation
- Outcomes Star Framework
- Motivational Interviewing
- Safeguarding (Level 3)
- Session Planning and Recording

LANGUAGES

- English - Native
- Chichewa - Conversational

REFERENCES

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