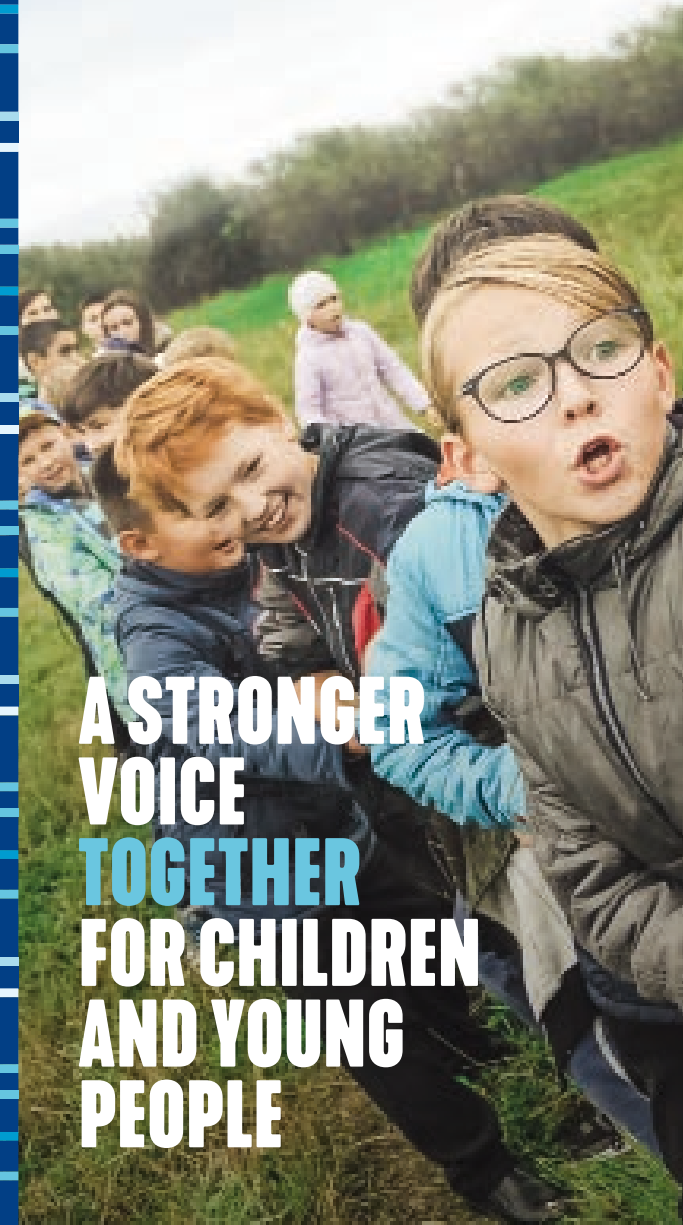




MEMBERSHIP



**A STRONGER
VOICE
TOGETHER
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PEOPLE**

MISSION

LAYC will champion, grow and strengthen the quality of community-based youth and children's work by supporting our members to provide positive opportunities for children and young people.

We're a **CONNECTOR**

We take the ideas, challenges and concerns of member groups and share them with others. We connect members with advice, support, training and information.

We're a **FACILITATOR**

We make things happen for our member groups.

We're a **CHAMPION**

We're proud to be a voice for community-based youth and children's work in Lothian.



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WHAT WE OFFER OUR MEMBERS:

- **FREE TRAINING** – We run a busy training programme for youth and children's workers on a wide variety of topics such as mental health to child protection to autism. Training is free for member groups' staff and volunteers.

- **ADVICE, SUPPORT AND INFORMATION** – We have a wealth of experience in youth and children's work and can provide advice, support and information for our members on topics such as funding, policies, issues and best practice. We are happy to speak on the phone or meet in person. Our forums for youth work managers and after school club managers also offer support and the chance to discuss best practice and matters of concern.

- **CHAMPIONING** – We play an integral representation role for our network of members. Our position as an intermediary organisation and relationship with strategic partners, including national youth work agencies and local authorities, provides a route and ensures a voice for community-based youth and children's work to be included in discussions and decision making that affects local communities e.g. Children's Services Plans, Community Learning and Development Plans and Community Improvement Partnerships.

- **ACCESS TO COMPETITIVE INSURANCE RATES** – Insurance is an optional add-on to membership. A comprehensive insurance package tailored for youth and children's work, including PL, EL and contents is provided through Towergate.

- **NETWORKING AND CONNECTING** – Our forums, events and training sessions offer opportunities to connect with other youth and children's organisations.

- **PVG SUPPORT** – We can apply for PVGs on behalf of member groups, saving them time and the cost of annual membership with Disclosure Scotland.

- **UPDATES ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES** – We keep our members up to date with local funding opportunities for youth and children's work, through emails and in our weekly bulletin.



- **HR SUPPORT** – Access to professional employment law advice and legally produced employment policies that are regularly updated and adaptable, provided by Law at Work. Members can also access a free phone call with Law at Work for further support.

- **FREE JOB ADVERTS AND PUBLICITY** – We can advertise member groups' job adverts and news in our weekly bulletin, reaching over 1350 youth and children's workers, and on our social media.

- **ACCESS TO DYNAMIC YOUTH AWARDS** – Members can access 10 free Challenge Sheets worth £50. Youth Achievement Awards support also available.

- **DISCOUNTED ROOM HIRE** – Our training room is available for hire for away days, meetings, training etc. at a discounted rate for members. We are in a central location just off The Meadows and can provide refreshments.

BECOME A MEMBER OF LAYC

LAYC membership is open to groups working with children and young people in Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian and West Lothian. Members must be not-for-profit, community-based and offer universal access.