

Early Adopters Programme Birmingham

Young Futures Hub Pilot and Local Youth Transformation Programme

Newsletter Edition 1

COMING SOON: A New Space for Birmingham's Young People

Birmingham is getting ready to launch something big — the **Young Futures Hub**, an exciting, youth-designed space created *with young people, for young people* and the **Local Youth Transformation Programme**. Both form the **Early Adopters Programme**, funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

This new government initiative, part of the National Youth Strategy, will help Birmingham enhance a high-quality youth offer working collaboratively with partners across the city.

What Is the Young Futures Hub?

The Young Futures Hub is a **flagship, inclusive youth space** for ages **10–18** (and up to **25 with SEND**) that brings support, creativity and opportunity together in one place.

Young people can expect:

- A safe, welcoming place where they feel a **sense of belonging**.
- Support for **mental health and wellbeing**
- Access to **youth workers and specialist services**
- Help with **careers, skills, and volunteering**
- Space for **youth-led creativity and co-design**

Birmingham is proud to be one of only **eight local authorities** leading this work nationally.

Where Will It Be?

A Two-Phase Launch

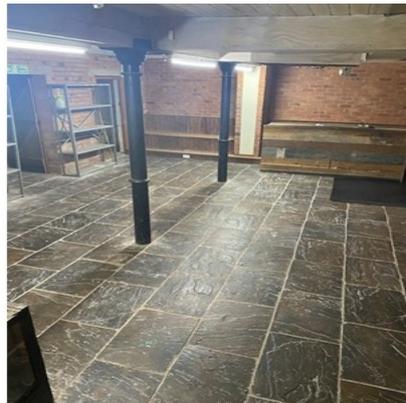
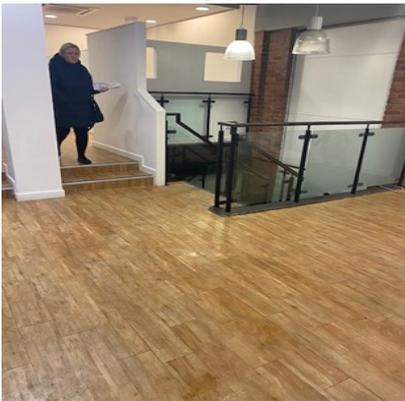
Phase 1 – Library of Birmingham (April 2026)

A fully functioning temporary Hub will open inside the **Library of Birmingham**, giving young people early access to support and connecting closely with the DWP Youth Hub.

Phase 2 – Permanent Home on Cannon Street (Summer 2026)

The Hub will then move to a brand-new city centre base on **Cannon Street**, delivering high quality support and advice by youth services and partners.

Cannon Street Exterior



Interior ground floor and basement to be refurbished to create relaxed meetings rooms and open plan areas. Design to be informed by young people

Why This Matters for Birmingham

The Young Futures Hub supports the city's 0–19 transformation strategy and the Birmingham Youth Strategy, working alongside Best Start Family Hubs and the District operating model to ensure that every young person can:

- Access support early
- Feel connected
- Build confidence & resilience
- Find safe spaces and trusted adults

A Partnership Approach

Partners from across Birmingham — youth providers, police, schools, mental health services, community groups and more — are already shaping the Hub's programming, co-delivery, outreach and launch activities. The Hub will provide:

- A central space for **joint delivery**
- Better **coordination** between services
- Shared areas for **meetings and targeted activities**
- Clear **referral pathways**

The Local Youth Transformation Programme

The wider LYT programme helps build a stronger, more joined-up system for youth services. In Birmingham, this includes over 18 months capacity building the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and developing the youth offer by:

- Developing a youth work **service standard**
- **Funding and bid-writing support** for small VCS organisations
- Establishing VCS **local youth partnerships** in each district
- Launching **seed funding** for innovative youth work
- Creating a **digital youth offer**

Key Dates to Remember

- **April 2026:** Temporary Hub opens at the **Library of Birmingham**
- **Summer 2026:** Permanent Hub opens on **Cannon Street**
- **May onwards** deliver the LYT initiatives

Further updates and partner briefings will follow as we get closer to launch.

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