**ABOUT US**

YMCA Wellington and District is an independent organisation affiliated with YMCA England and Wales, which is the largest youth organisation globally with over 58 million members in 119 countries.

Since its establishment in 1859, YMCA Wellington has continuously adapted to meet the changing needs of young people, regardless of race, religion, or culture. As a registered charity and company, YMCA Wellington and District has been providing support and accommodation for young single individuals aged 16-25 in Wellington since the early 1990s.

We currently offer 40 units of accommodation through partnerships with Thrive Telford, Bromford, Maninplace, and Stay for Floating Support provision. Our core activities include providing individual support for tenants, assisting with various life skills, promoting healthy living, offering financial guidance, aiding in job searches, facilitating college entry, and providing housing-related support. We also offer floating support services to anyone aged 16+ in the wider community.

Additionally, we run the Holly Project, a peer-support service for survivors of CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) and their families.

We are also developing a 28 property move-on scheme at the former Wellington Girls High School/New College site, for people who are ready to move out of supported housing and need an affordable 1 bedroom home. This is due to open in May 2024.

**Our values**

The way we act at YMCA is characterised by five strong and distinctive values:

* **We seek out**
We actively look for opportunities to make a transformative impact on young lives in the communities where we work, and believe that every person is of equal value.
* **We welcome**

We offer people the space they need to feel secure, respected, heard and valued; and we always protect, trust, hope and persevere.

* **We inspire**

We strive to inspire each person we meet to nurture their body, mind and spirit, and to realise their full potential in all they do.

* **We speak out**
We stand up for young people, speak out on issues that affect their lives, and help them to find confidence in their own voice.
* **We serve others**
We are committed to the wellbeing of the communities we serve and believe in the positive benefit of participation, locally and in the wider world.

**Services provided by YMCA Wellington and District**

* Short term supported housing accommodation (up to 2 years) for people aged 16-25
* Floating Support and advice for customers in the wider community covering finance, health, education and employment issues
* The Holly Project - peer-led CSE survivor support