

Formative evaluation of v

The National Young Volunteers' Service
Young Peer Researcher Summary

What is v?

An organisation that has created volunteering opportunities for young people aged 16 - 25 over the past 4 years. This is a summary of v's successes and challenges, as identified by young researchers working on their evaluation.

Successes

Diversity

Since v started 456,000 young volunteers have been recruited from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Impact of volunteering

Volunteers have reported a number of positive impacts including work and life skills.

Youth led

Young people have the opportunity to design and run their own projects and v supports and funds such opportunities.



Peer Researchers hard at work

Possible Improvements

Diversity

Advertising could aim to be more inclusive, reaching and engaging even more people.

Youth led

Dedicate even more resources to youth-led activities.

Challenge

Retention

Project staff and v needs to ensure that there are high quality volunteering activities, with support, to ensure that young people continue to volunteer once they have been recruited.