



Standing at the Crossroads – What future for Youth Work?

Notes on contributors

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Mike has been working in the Youth & Community Work sector for 12 years. Mike has extensive experience of working with young people experiencing crisis and vulnerability and has good knowledge of a range of practice based approaches, but in particular educational group work, one to one case work and streetbased outreach. Mike graduated from Edinburgh University in 2004 with an Honors Degree in Community Education and from the Open University in 2010 with a Masters Degree in Social Policy & Youth Justice.

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Tony is a formerly a youth worker, trainer, senior manager and lecturer. Tony acts presently as the Coordinator for the In Defence of Youth Work campaign, which seeks to make the continued case for youth work as informal education, "that is volatile and voluntary, creative and collective – an association and conversation without guarantees".

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