

# SOCIAL INVESTMENT IN CITIES



## BIRMINGHAM THE YOUTH HUB

A DEDICATED SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS

The Youth Hub in Birmingham offers a range of services for young people who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. The service is run by staff from Birmingham City Council's homeless service, children's services and St. Basils, which is a regional charity that supports young homeless people. The Youth Hub is for all young people up to the age of 21 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

The Youth Hub has been very successful in preventing homelessness among young people in the city. The service has prevented over 90% of the 16 and 17 year olds and almost 85% of 18-21 year olds that have come through its doors from becoming homeless.

The hub has also helped to make homeless services more efficient by aligning budgets and eliminating the duplication of services within Birmingham City Council. The Birmingham City Council estimates that there has been a cost reduction of around 250,000 EUR per annum as a result of service integration alone.

Through the Youth Hub, St. Basils and Birmingham City Council have worked to create a culture of collaboration. The social exclusion of young people is being overcome with strong supportive leadership, shared strategic outcomes and working methods which support a common vision.

