Role Title: Volunteer Panel Member

Purpose of Role: To work with other Panel Members and Youth Justice Workers to devise individual and imaginative programmes of work to address young people’s offending behaviour. To communicate the content of those contracts in writing to, and in terms easily understood by, young people, their parents and carers.

Responsible to: Volunteer Coordinator

Main Duties

1. To take part in Referral Order panels as planned in conjunction with the Volunteer Coordinator.

2. To communicate to young people the consequences of non-compliance with the contract agreed.

3. To subscribe to the principles of restorative justice and include in contracts ways that enable young people to make good the harm they have done.

4. To include the views of the victim of a young person’s offending when devising contracts.

5. To include young people in the formulation of the conditions of contracts.

6. To facilitate the progress meetings of young people recognising their achievements and areas for further work.

7. To consider, when appropriate, whether young people should be returned to court for a formal review of their order.

8. To subscribe to the Leeds Youth Justice Service’s principles of anti-oppressive practice respecting diversity and difference. To treat all people attending panels with respect.

9. To adhere to the Leeds Youth Justice Service’s confidentiality statement.

10. To comply with Leeds City Council’s Health and Safety guidelines.

11. To attend further training and supervision on a number of occasions throughout their career as a panel member.