

# Partnership working to support young people

This scenario was developed to support learners to consider what a children's human rights approach might look like in practice.

The police were getting complaints about young people standing outside a large supermarket to gain access to the free Wi-Fi. They decided a partnership approach would be the best way to resolve the complaints in a way that respected children's rights.

## Community Police Officers:

- Reached out to the local authority community learning and development team and a local third sector organisation to get support to speak to the young people involved.
- Used the information gathered to identify the needs of the young people, which was a space where they could gather.
- Gained agreement from the supermarket to use a dedicated space in their carpark for children and young people.
- Reached out to charitable funders and a local community trust to gain funding for an outdoor youth hub.
- Used their relationship with the local third sector organisation to ensure volunteers were available to staff the hub and organise a range of activities.
- Ensured that local police officers spent time in the youth hub to build relationships with young people.

## Reflection question

Is there an area of work in your organisation where you could work with partners and children and young people to find a solution?

