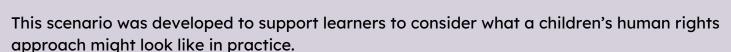


Partnership working to support young people



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?





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