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Greater Manchester Youth Network is expanding its services to Bolton with new programme

[Greater Manchester Youth Network \(GMYN\)](#) is pleased to announce that they have launched their first programme in Bolton starting this summer for supporting care-experienced young people.

This marks a new development for the charity who have expanded their services to another Greater Manchester borough after successful delivery in other areas.

The young people who attend will be able to develop essential life skills, positive wellbeing and positive support networks that will aid their transition to adulthood. The age group for this programme is 16-25 year olds.

A new member of GMYN staff will be leading this programme. Carolyn Paine is the new Programme Coordinator working alongside Hassan Ahmed. Carolyn says: "I am really excited to be joining GMYN and be working with young people in Bolton alongside Hassan, who has worked for GMYN for a number of years.

"We have been out and already meeting young people and various professionals, everybody has been very friendly and welcoming. We have lots of ideas for our 1:1 support and group sessions, but we're looking forward to getting to know what support and activities our young people want.

"Please get in touch if you want to know more about GMYN and the support we can offer."

This new programme is part of GMYN's wider strategy to support over 1000 disadvantaged young people over the coming year. GMYN has always provided support to young people in Bolton, but this is the first large project for care experienced young people they have delivered in Bolton. They are hoping to expand this programme and support many more young people in the future.

Alex Fairweather, CEO and Founder of GMYN, says: "This is a very exciting time for us, we've seen so much growth and more demand for our services over the last few years we're excited to continue this into Bolton.

"Bringing diverse skills, experiences and backgrounds to our Bolton youth programme will help us prepare for the next journey in GMYN's mission to support care experienced young people in this borough."

The charity is calling for care-experienced young people that live or reside in Bolton to come along to their sessions.

For more information about the Manchester-based youth charity, please see their website [here](#).