

Why should I come to a youth conference?

- You have the opportunity to influence what you want the young person to do in order to make amends to you and stop offending
- If you do not attend you will have less influence
- If you cannot attend you may nominate someone else who has been effected by the crime in your business
- 8 out of 10 victims recommend participation in a conference to other victims
- 8 out of 10 young people are glad they faced their victims and had the opportunity to put right the harm

What can the offender do in a youth conference plan?

- pay compensation for the damage and loss or partially pay for the same
- apologise face to face or in writing
- complete voluntary work or reparation directly to you or the community
- undertake activities to prevent further offending
- be required to avoid particular places for a specified period which reduces likelihood of reoffending and increases safety for victims

What happens after a youth conference?

- A report is sent to the Public Prosecution Service or the Court who accept the plan or not. If accepted, completion of the plan will be monitored until it is finished.
- If you wish you will be informed when the plan is completed.
- Non compliance with the plan may result in breach proceedings against the young person



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**THE YOUTH
CONFERENCE for
BUSINESS and
COMMERCIAL
VICTIMS**

The Youth Conference is –

- A meeting of the victim of a youth crime with the young offender to describe the effect of the crime and to influence the decision on what the offender will do to put right the harm caused by the crime.
- An opportunity to tell the young person who committed the crime your views on the consequences of the crime
- An opportunity to describe to the offender and his/her family the extent of the impact of the crime on the business, its employees and customers
- An opportunity to discuss with the young person what you want the young person to do to make right the harm
- An opportunity for you to directly observe evidence of remorse from the young person
- An opportunity for the young person to show s/he can behave responsibly and make amends to you and stop offending.
- An opportunity for the court or Public Prosecution Service to be informed of your views through a report of the youth conference provided by the conference facilitator, the Youth Conference Co-ordinator.

We value your participation - your participation is voluntary

- We will arrange the youth conference at a location and time which suits you
- We will ensure safety for all to participate in the conference
- Your expenses will be paid



How is a referral made for a youth conference?

- When a crime is reported by you to the PSNI, and the young person consents and admits guilt, they will be offered a youth conference
- Next a youth conference coordinator will contact you to meet to talk about the offenders' views, to listen to yours and to offer you the opportunity to come to a youth conference.
- If you do not choose a face to face meeting, you could participate in a video link, a phone conference meeting or make a statement, written or verbal to a youth conference co-ordinator