

## HOW CAN THINGS GET BETTER?

What can the young person do to make things better for you?

This is not about punishing the young person. It is about helping you to feel better.

### What could be done if your property was stolen or damaged?

Can it be replaced or repaired. Try not to be unrealistic.

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### What could you do if the victim was physically hurt?

Can the young person do something to show they are sorry? Could you do some voluntary work for a charity? Could they do something about the problems in their life that caused the offence?

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### What could the young person do if you do not feel safe?

Could they reassure you that they will never harm you again?

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# THE VICTIM



## **PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE -**

THINGS TO DO AND THINK ABOUT

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**WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE AGREED TO TAKE PART IN A YOUTH CONFERENCE.  
WE APPRECIATE THE COURAGE AND COMMITMENT IT TAKES TO DO THIS.**

**The Youth Conference is an opportunity:**

- To tell people, especially the young person who offended against you, how?
- The offence has affected you and close to you.
- To hear what the young person has to say about the offence and to ask him/her your questions.
- To have the young person make amends for what he/she did.
- To put all this behind you.

Most people feel nervous about taking part in a Youth Conference. It takes courage. You may also need support before, during and after the Conference.

To make the most of this opportunity, you should prepare so that your nerves will not get in the way of saying and doing what you think is in your best interests.

This form is designed to help you to prepare. It will tell you what you will be asked and it will help you to think what you would like to say.

Ask for us to arrange to assist you prepare for the conference if you think it will help or ask your family or friends to come with you. It is important that you say what you think and feel.

**WHAT COULD COME OUT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR YOU AND THE YOUNG PERSON?**

**1.** How do you feel about talking with the young person at the conference?

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**2.** What good things could come out of meeting with the young person for you?

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**3.** What good things could come out of meeting with you for the young person?

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4. What could stop these good things from happening at the conference?

- Your feelings, attitudes or actions?
- The young person's feelings, attitudes or actions?
- Anything else?

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## WHAT HAPPENED?

At the conference the young person will be asked to tell the others what happened in committing the offence. You may wish to ask him/her some questions. Prepare what you want to say in the space below.

**Note:**

**The conference is about the young person accounting for their behaviour and responsibility to you. If you feel in any way that you contributed to his/her actions remember, that they still had no right to do what they did.**

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## WHAT WERE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR YOU?

**You will be asked how you have been affected by the offence.**

- What was the reaction at the time of the offence?
- How did your family and friends react when they heard what happened?
- How do you feel now?
- What hardship, cost, hurt, inconvience etc. have you had to put up with since the offence?

**What was the hardest thing for you?**

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