



Youth Friendly
Places & Spaces

We are a collective of practitioners and young people that lead youth Friendly Spaces and Places Audits in our communities.

We empower organisations and communities to be youth friendly by conducting comprehensive space audits, enhancing safety, inclusivity, and programming to foster the holistic development of young people and create transformative spaces and places.

Youth Relevant Design Principles are for **planners, managers and designers** of places and spaces young people go. They highlight the key 5 factors of youth relevant design.

**What we look
for in a space:**

- ▶ Is it **safe**?
- ▶ Is it **appealing**?
- ▶ Is it **accessible**?
- ▶ Is it **well-resourced**?
- ▶ Is it **youth-friendly**?

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Youth Relevant Design Principles:

SAFE

Youth research supports CPTED Principles:

- » Well-lit
- » Open Space
- » Safe toilets & amenities
- » Covered walkways
- » High visibility

Appropriately Located - Consider surrounding businesses and facilities.

Deliberate and safe “hanging” spaces that are visible.

Waiting and transition areas

- » Young people need to be able to safely get in/out
- » Information on public transport available
- » Safe, sheltered bus stops & car pick up areas

ACCESSIBLE

Physically accessible - good disability access is essential. Strong connectivity with good public transport can not be underestimated.

Reasonably priced - activities, services and goods on offer should be affordable for young people. Low cost food options close at hand.

Connectivity to key youth spaces such as public libraries, malls, sport facilities, community centres.

YOUTH FRIENDLY

Vibrant and Alive - a tidy, contemporary and colourful space that reflects young people and their subcultures.

Welcoming staff specifically trained to deal with young people (strong preference for Youth Workers over security guards).

APPEALING

Socially credible - young people want to go there to connect with the space.

At arms length but within arms reach - young people want to connect with the wider community as well as purpose built youth space, however they prefer spaces which are slightly separated.

Engaging - young people want to be engaged in the space.

Involving - young people are far more likely to use space which has had their input, involvement and investment throughout the design and concept stages.

RESOURCED

Easy access to relevant social services and support functions such as youth workers and medical professionals.

- » **Free Wifi** - or internet access
- » **Low cost** or free pricing structures
- » **Multi-use** functional spaces with more than one purpose that are well-used
- » **Appropriate amenities** for what the space will be used for

Embraces Young People - a place where young people feel they are wanted and valued.

Prioritises Youth Participation - a space that includes youth in the development.