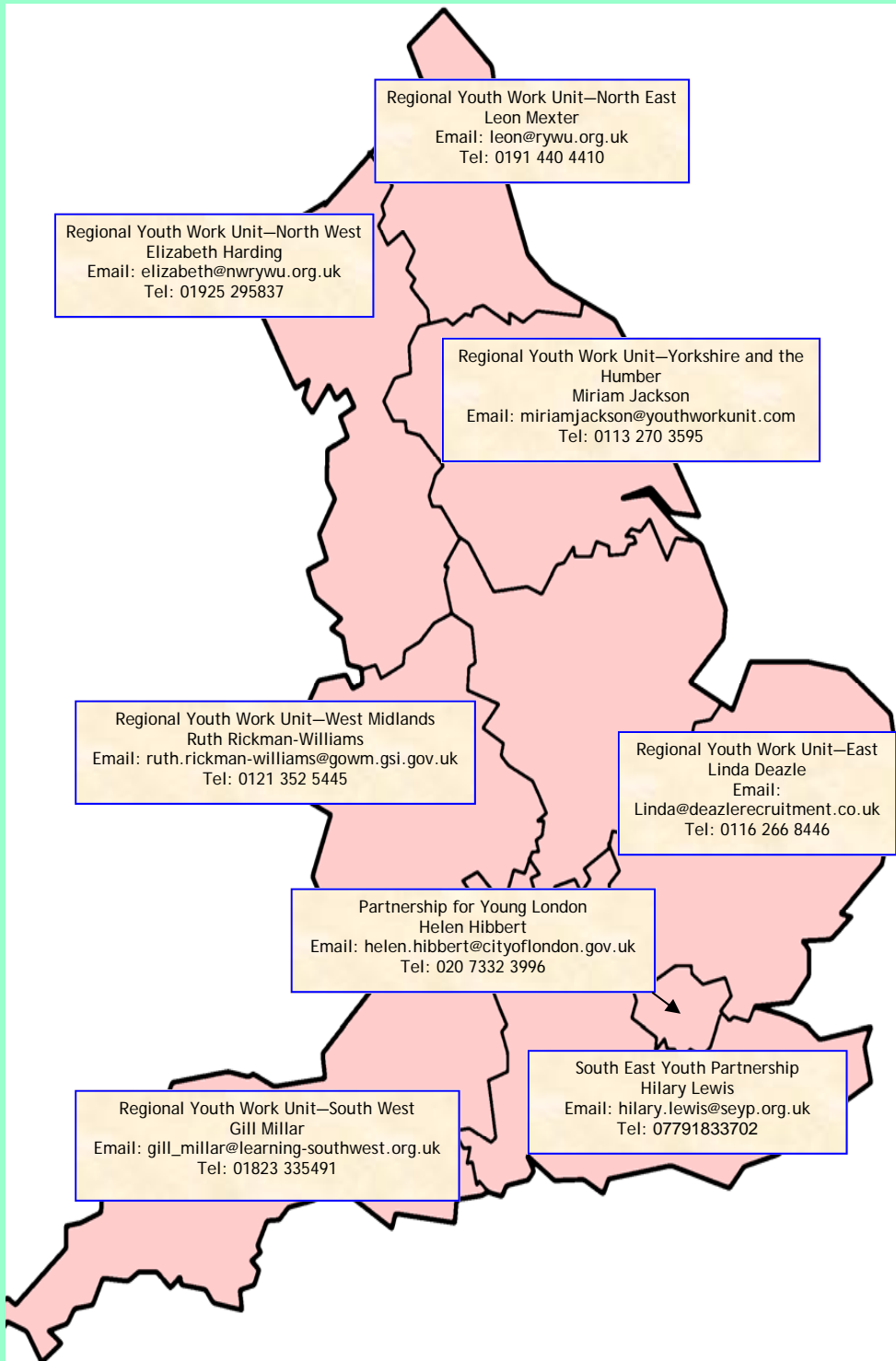
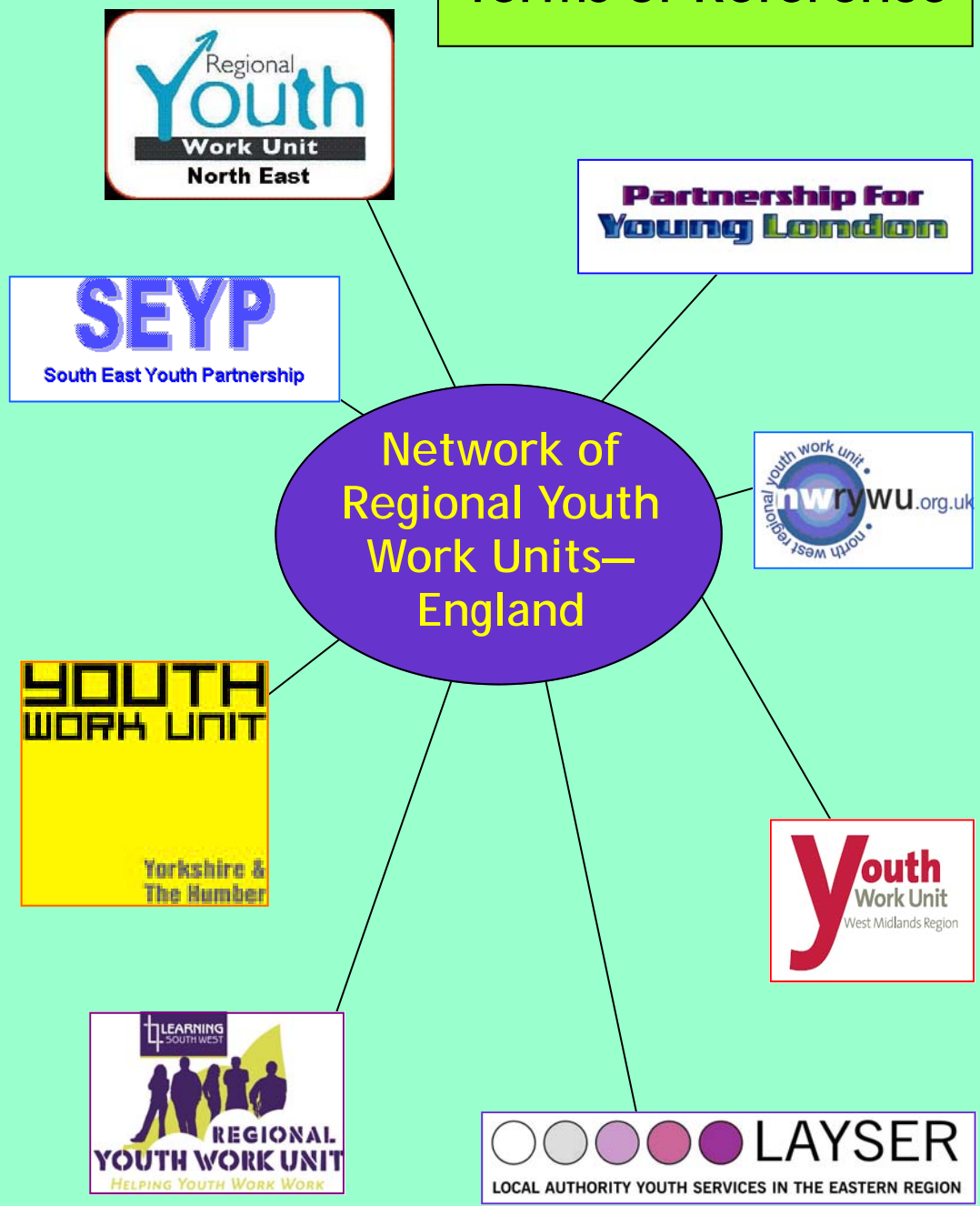


Network of Regional Youth Work Unit England—Members



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NETWORK OF REGIONAL YOUTH WORK UNITS - ENGLAND

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The **Network** is open to all independent units/bodies that take on the role of Regional Youth Work Units (RYWUs) in the English regions.

The **key purpose** is to create a national network for the promotion and support of Regional Youth Work Units in developing youth work and services to young people.

The Network will:

Support and strengthen the capacity of RYWUs, and promote the development of best practice amongst RYWUs in all English regions

Enable RYWUs to work collaboratively on youth work practice, and services to young people in the regions, without compromising the independence of individual units

Provide a national voice for RYWUs and ensure that RYWUs play an active role in debates and consultations on national youth policy developments affecting youth work and young people

Identify potential opportunities for collaboration between RYWUs in securing national and European funding for regional developments

Increase the opportunities for young people's voice and influence in youth policy development, cross-regionally and nationally and internationally

Establish England-wide working relationships with other national organisations with an interest in promoting youth work and services for young people. (e.g. APYCO, NYA, NCVYS, NCVCCO)

Organise and/or co-ordinate joint activities/events with RYWUs and other partners on specific issues relating to the enhancement of youth work practice

Regularly review the working arrangements of the network.



Regional Youth Work Units will:

Organise relevant meetings/discussion forums

Contribute to administrative tasks and associated costs as appropriate, recognising that units in different regions have different levels of resources available to them

Nominate representatives to meet and negotiate with national organisations with an interest in youth work and services to young people, on a case by case basis

Work collaboratively to develop cross-regional and national initiatives which will benefit youth work and services to young people

Share good practice and relevant information within the network, to support RYWUs in other regions

Contribute to the development of joint policy statements and consultation responses.

In 2008/09, the Network priorities will be to:

Promote the Network and its members

Agree minimum expectations for a Regional Youth Work Unit

Provide support to individual Regional Youth Work Units as required

Establish England-wide working relationships with other national organisations with an interest in promoting youth work. (e.g. APYCO, NYA, NCVYS, NCVCCO, DCFS and GOs)

Establish NRYWU-E statements/positions on key national youth policies

Establish protocols for joint applications to national funding sources for projects that cover more than one English region

Seek joint funding opportunities and relationships to strengthen RYWUs' work in the region.



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