

CHANGING YOUNG LIVES AT SEA



Tall Ships Youth Trust is a vibrant and highly professional youth development charity that offers life-changing voyages to young people aged 12-25, onboard our iconic vessels.

The young people we help

We equip young people with the skills and empowerment needed to realise their true potential. Each year, we take 1,000 young people on a transformational voyage, 75% of whom experience some form of disadvantage. The challenges they face include:

- learning, physical or mental difficulties
- behavioural, emotional or social difficulties
- caring responsibilities
- ethnically diverse backgrounds
- low income support/single parent household
- not in employment, education or training
- on the cusp of, or involved in criminal activity

What we do

Our voyages offer young people a **unique, physically and mentally challenging residential environment**. Everyone sets off on a level playing field with no preconceived ideas regarding backgrounds or abilities. During a voyage they develop a range of skills, which can be transferred to their day-to-day lives to help them overcome any barriers and thrive.

Empowering young people

After a voyage with us, **young people's self-esteem and life chances are transformed**. Working together, they take part in all activities and pull together to overcome common challenges, such as preparing to sail in bad weather and living in close quarters. This helps **develop communication, teamwork and critical thinking skills**.

The successful completion of tasks, including those they may at first resist (such as cooking and cleaning), helps to **build confidence, self-esteem and resilience**.

Onboard our yachts, there's a real but managed risk and so, the young people have to put their trust in each other and the adults. This helps to **break down barriers, develops their ability to create strong relationships and gives them positive adult role models**.

Many of our beneficiaries are referred to us by schools and other youth organisations. This partnership approach ensures young people receive a continuum of care beyond their voyage experience.



SCAN ME
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"I'm often judged on my diagnosis rather than my ability and that sucks! But Tall Ships Youth Trust has given me a direction when I thought my life was pretty rubbish. They believed in me!" Will (16)

Our vision

A society where all young people have the opportunity to develop their full life potential.

Our mission

To enable young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to fulfil their life potential through experiences at sea and by breaking down the barriers they face in society.

Our values

Inclusion – Adventure – Excellence

More than 120,000 young people have experienced a life-changing adventure, sailing over two million nautical miles with us – that's equivalent to sailing round the world 92 times!

LIFE-CHANGING IMPACT



*Outcomes based on survey responses from 74% of 626 young people who sailed on a residential voyage with us in 2021/22. In a typical year, we take 1,000 youngsters to sea.

Our unique learning environment

Formed in 1956, we're the **UK's oldest and largest youth development sail training charity**. Utilising our fleet of four 72ft Challenger yachts and a 55ft ketch, we sail all-year round and provide young people from across the country, with transformational voyages.

Our vessels provide young people with a **unique outdoor learning experience**. Each voyage is supported by a professionally trained crew. Their **knowledge and expertise ensure a lasting impact** on those who sail with us. We measure this impact using a framework developed by the Association of Sail Training Organisations (ASTO).

Sail training and maritime careers

We're one of the UK's largest issuers of Royal Yachting Association (RYA) certificates with more than 500 awarded a year. Up to 20% of the young people who sail with us, are recommended to return and train as a volunteer, giving them the opportunity to support others and work towards a career in the maritime industry.

Duke of Edinburgh (DofE)

We're an Approved Activity Provider (AAP) for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which is nationally recognised and respected by employers. We support more than 150 young people a year to achieve their DofE expeditions and Gold Award residentials.

Our valued volunteers

As well as working with their peers, young people learn and grow from the shared life experiences of our sailing staff and volunteers.

Hundreds of individuals aged from 16-65, volunteer with us every year to share their sailing and life skills. They dedicate their time in return for **seeing the young people transform** on their watch. We simply couldn't do what we do without their **incredible enthusiasm, energy and support**.



"My first voyage opened my eyes and showed me I can do better. It completely changed my life." Katie (19)

"After 20 years in youth work, I thought I'd seen it all, but we built a level of trust and engagement with the young people during the voyage that would have taken six months to achieve on land. Within four months of the voyage eight of the nine young people had gone into jobs, apprenticeships or college. Amazing!"

Colin, Senior Youth Manager



Each year, our volunteers generously donate an average of 38,000 hours of their time, both on and off shore