

Independent Academic Research Studies' Youth-led Programme for 2008			
Project	Description	Timetable	Location
Youth Empowerment Project [YEP]	The YEP is a 3 year youth-led cooperative initiative funded by V that aims to work directly with 150 young people (16-25) from various ethnic, cultural, economic and racial backgrounds by empowering them to influence policy and practices that affect them. YEP will seek to promote human rights, equality and respect to young people to combat discrimination and exclusion. The project will be delivered through five types volunteering opportunities: Research & Policy, Events & Networking, Campaigning & Awareness Raising, Creative & Art, Ambassadors & Champions.	Jan 2008 - March 2011	London wide
Human Rights in Community Cohesion Project	A research and policy project carried out by young researchers and commissioned by the Equality and Human Rights Commission, to investigate the use of human rights law and principles to promote community cohesion. The project involved desk research and interviews with experts in the field.	Jan 08 - September 08	National
Young People's Hate Crimes Project	A research project led by a group of young volunteers and funded by the Young Researcher Network of the National Youth Agency, to gain a youth perspective on policies that tackle hate crime. The project will be carried out with young people in London, Manchester and Liverpool.	March 08 - Oct 08	London, Manchester, Liverpool
Restoring Relationships Project	A research and policy project carried out by young people at IARS and Race on the Agenda to investigate how restorative justice can be used to tackle hate crime. The project is carried out with young people from across London who have been involved with, or a victims of gun and knife crime and want to make a change.	June 2006 - June 2009	London
Youth Justice Champions Project	1. To provide opportunities for 20 disadvantaged young people to volunteer and provide support to their peers. 2. To empower these disadvantaged young people to become "Young Justice Champions" to inform other young people who have come into contact with the criminal justice system or who have questions about their treatment by certain criminal justice agencies, e.g. the police. 3. To provide mentoring support to the young volunteers	Proposed (with Law Centres Federation, City University, IGE and LawWorks)	London
Homophobic Bullying and Human Rights Project	A youth led research and policy project exploring how human rights principles can combat homophobic bullying in schools. The project is led by a young person and carried out with other young people across England.	June 2007 - July 2008	National
Chaning Minds Project	Changing Minds Project is a youth-led, cooperative initiative that will empower young people to address the roots of hate incidents committed by them and others.	Proposed (with NYA and NACRO)	National