

Pilot Build Site Launch - YIF



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The Youth Investment Fund (YIF) is looking for four organisations - delivering youth work - to pilot a range of new facility concepts and the delivery process associated with their construction. The pilot will test facilities designed to meet the needs of smaller youth organisations, with space requirements ranging from circa 100m² to 350m².

Each of the four sites should be: situated in one of YIF's eligible investment locations; able to demonstrate demand for youth services; and available immediately to accommodate a building project (subject to planning permission). Applicants must own the site or have legal rights to develop on the site.

The selected organisations will receive the funding and project support needed to create a single pilot facility, which will be delivered with the support of YIF-provided construction experts during 2022 and 2023.

Applications close 11:59pm, Sunday 3 July 2022. For further information, please refer to the linked application guidance. Applications and clarification questions should be sent to yif@dcms.gov.uk.



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Flexible large space for activities/sports



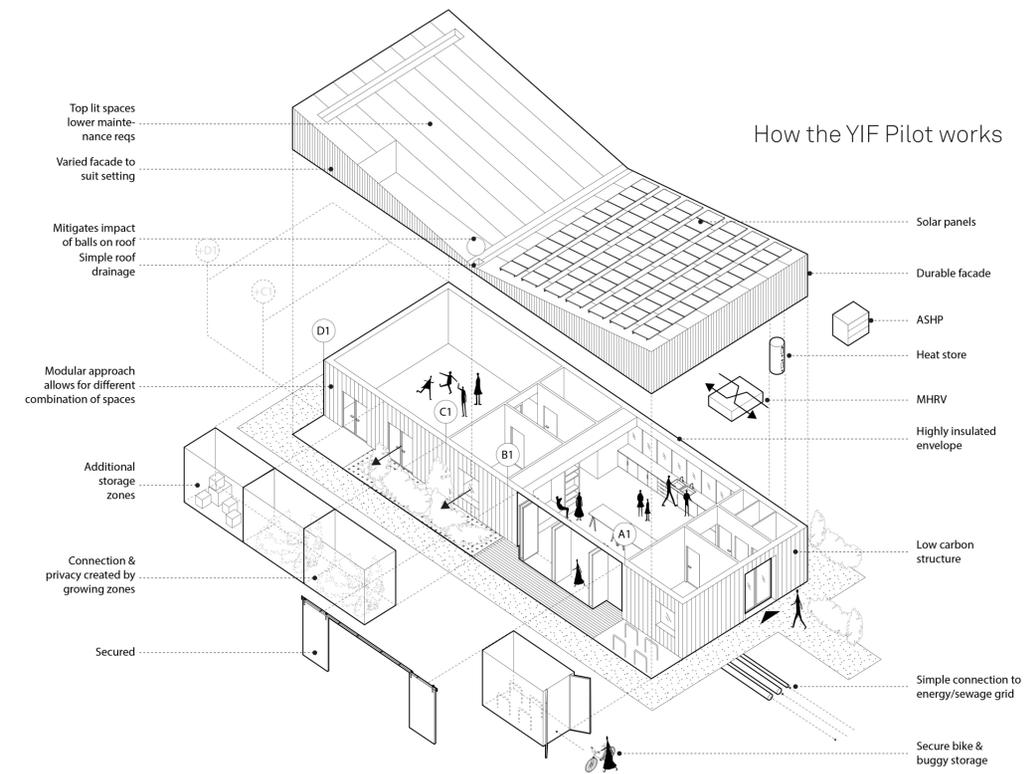
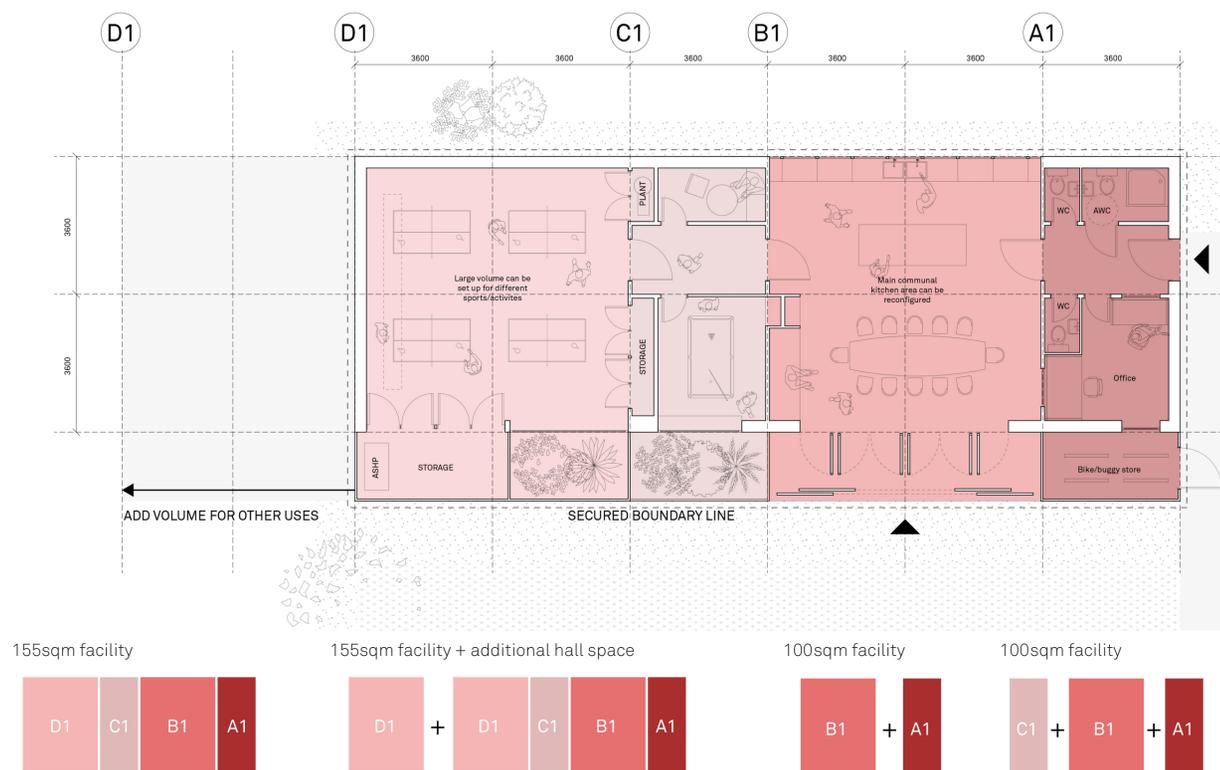
The heart/communal kitchen



Counselling/Study Room

These interior images show a range of settings that the YIF pilot facilities could support: spaces where young people can gather and participate in personalised development; communal gatherings; sporting activities; or a mentoring setting to exchange experience and ideas. An important aspect of the YIF pilot facilities is to create an environment that supports the journey from youth to adulthood in a safe, open and inclusive space.

The YIF pilot facilities will meet a range of needs for organisations working with young people, while being straightforward to commission, efficient to build and environmentally efficient to run. These pilots will test various user requirements, layouts and construction approaches to achieve these aims.



The YIF pilot facilities are being designed to cater to a range of youth activities and location settings. The diagrams below show how YIF pilot facilities could be located:

- **In an urban setting**, possibly as a satellite facility to an existing youth service such as a local authority or youth organisation that requires additional building space to meet demand;
- **In a rural setting**, where there are limited community facilities or multiple organisations might need a home;
- **At the edge of town**, where new development is being located and social infrastructure is planned;
- **A suburban location**, where an existing youth facility may need replacement.

In all these settings it will be important to locate the facility at the right point between home, school and transport links, so as to set the location up for success.

YIF Pilot adapts to different needs, sizes and settings

