

# The First Ever Young People's Parliament 19th July 2006

## Report to Children & Young People



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On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 124 children and young people, between the ages of 10 to 25, crammed into one of the Guildhall's largest (and hottest!) rooms to launch the first ever meeting of the Hull Young People's Parliament (HYPP).

Welcomes and introductions were given by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Christine Randall (Lead Councillor for Children and Young People) and Nigel Richardson (Director of Children & Young People's Services).

Nigel also made a promise to you that the Council would listen seriously to your ideas and be answerable to you on what the Council was doing.

- **The Key Question**

You all got stuck into the Key Question "**What are the main issues facing children and young people in Hull and what can we do to change them?**" and came up with 224 issues and ideas! A full list of all the issues are at the back of this report.

- **Issues and Conversations**

All the issues you raised in the morning session were grouped into themes. There were 33 conversations in total! We also asked you to make three key points, or recommendations of what needs to happen to change things. You can find a full list of these at the back of the report.

- **Voting**

After four hours of hard work, in very hot conditions, you took a formal vote to state which issue you wanted to take immediate action on. **Remember**, this does not mean all the other issues and ideas are not important, they all are, we just have to start somewhere!

**The vote came out like this:**

- ✓ More activities for children and young people - 20
- ✓ Images of children and young people, stereotyping - 19
- ✓ Underage drinking and smoking - 16
- ✓ Housing and homelessness - 11
- ✓ Teenage pregnancy - 10
- ✓ Crime and anti-social behaviour - 9

- ✓ Cheaper fares for children and young people - 9
- ✓ Where to go for help - 6
- ✓ School issues - 5

- **What happens now?**

As promised, there will be a meeting to talk about the need for **more activities for children and young people** with Nigel Richardson and Councillor Christine Randall. Many of you put your name down to come, but if you didn't you're still invited!

We're having a planning meeting on:

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Kingston Youth Centre on Beverley Road,  
12.00 - 2.00pm**

Lunch will be provided and please let us know if you need any help with transport, we are happy to pay bus fares or other expenses.

This meeting will be to help you work together to get your points across to Christine and Nigel. If you would like to come, please let us know as soon as possible so we can make sure we've got enough food! Call Yvonne at Hull Youth Council, 585297 or email [hullyouthcouncil@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:hullyouthcouncil@hullcc.gov.uk)

The meeting with Christine and Nigel is on:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Guildhall, 5.00 - 6.30pm.**

Even if you can't make the planning meeting, please come to this one. Please let us know if you are coming as soon as possible and again, any help with transport, just let us know.

Remember Nigel's promise? It's really important you support each other to make sure the views of the Hull Young People's Parliament are listened to and acted on!

- **What you thought to the day**

The majority of what everyone said about the day was really positive, there's a full list at the end of the report. Obviously there are some things we need to get better for the next HYPP - here's some of them:

**Food** - We'll talk to the Guildhall about a more 'children and young people friendly' buffet - so please let us know if you have any reasonable requests! We'll also do our very best to get pudding!

**Access to Disabled toilets for young men** - we will raise this issue with the Guildhall and ask them to address it. We will make sure an appropriate toilet is signposted and available for the next HYPP.

**Space** - this will become an even bigger problem as the Parliament grows! For the next Parliament we'll not use the tables in the Banqueting Hall because they took up a lot of space. We'll have circles of chairs instead. We'll also try to make sure there's enough room to get refreshments and lunch.

**Time** - we plan to devote a bit more time to agreeing and debating on issues in the afternoon and developing the Parliament more, so we might even end up using the Council Chamber next time!

**Voting** - as mentioned above, this is an area we'd like to develop and over time we'll all get better at it.

**Adults controlling the situation** - some of you felt there was too much adult involvement. We are really pleased that children and young people want to get involved in running the Parliament, before you know it us adults will take much more of a back seat. It's fair to say we're all learning how to do this and it takes time to get things where they need to be. If you want to get involved in running the Parliament let us know, we could sort some training out to help you do it.

**Ages** - 10 to 25 is a big age range! We realise that children and young people may want to discuss issues with people similar in age. At the next Parliament we will try and split conversations into two groups, to give children and young people the choice.

- **The Next Hull Young People's Parliament!**

The next HYPP will be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Guildhall.**

Because the **negative image of children and young people and stereotyping** was only one vote behind more activities for children and young people, we thought it would be a good idea to focus on this at the next HYPP.

**We'll also be asking you to bring resolutions!** A resolution is an idea you bring from your group to ask the HYPP to vote on. Before you bring a resolution to the Parliament you should discuss it and vote on it at your group or School Council.

An example of this could be that your group wants to campaign on getting a 'Teenage Park' in your local area. You bring this to the HYPP and ask all the representatives to vote on it. If you get a good response you can use that in your campaign and it should add more weight.

Another example could be that a group want to ask the Hull Daily Mail to stop

using the words 'Youth' and 'Youngster' and use 'young people' instead. If they bring it to the HYPP and get a positive vote for what they want to do - they can tell the Mail that 124 children and young people at the HYPP voted for it. It's powerful!

If you want to know more about creating a resolution please contact any of the organisations listed on page 16, we'll be pleased to help.

It's also Local Democracy Week so it's doubly important you're there! More details will be sent to your group, college or School Council shortly.

To find out more about Local Democracy, check out the website [www.localdemocracy.org.uk](http://www.localdemocracy.org.uk)

Also look out for the article on the Hull Young People's Parliament in the September edition of Hull In Print! If you would like to write something for the 'Kickin' Off' page - just contact Hull Youth Council.

- **Don't Forget!**

Please don't forget to talk about HYPP in your groups, schools and colleges. If you want to get more active in your local community contact Hull Youth Council to find out about your local Youth Forum, the HYC Publicity Group and the Coalition of Hull's Young People. Please see page 16 of this report for more information.

If you want to get active on some of the issues raised at the first HYPP - let us now, we can help you arrange a meeting. For example Kris Woodall from the Warren would like to get a meeting together to look at Housing and Homelessness. If you'd like to get involved please contact him at the Warren on 218115 or email [empower@empower.karoo.co.uk](mailto:empower@empower.karoo.co.uk)

- **A BIG Thank You!**

Finally thank you for getting involved in the Hull Young People's Parliament. If you filled in your contact form you should have already received your certificate. If you haven't got one, please let us know.

Thank you also to the adults who supported you on the day and who will be helping you stay involved and active in your own groups.

Thanks also to all the facilitators, helpers, funders, guests and Guildhall staff for making sure things went ok.

**Thanks Again**

# Your Issues

## World/National Issues

1. Help people in different countries.
2. Help people in Africa.
3. Help CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development).
4. Too many wars and too many deaths.
5. New voting laws.

## Stereotyping

6. Stereotyping schools and pupils.
7. Being stereotyped.
8. Stereotyping of all young people!!!!.
9. Tackling the negative portrayal of children and young people in Hull, mainly by the media.
10. Respect – to have respect.
11. Stop stereotypes from both kids and adults x 2.
12. Trust in young people.
13. Because someone has had a bad past or in care they shouldn't have to have an assessment to keep their babies.
14. People saying bad things about Hull and giving us a bad reputation.

## Transport

15. Pay less for buses.
16. Lower bus fares for kids.
17. Low bus fares for young adults (teenagers)
18. Travel costs – bus fares cheaper.

## Disability

19. Even if you have a disability, you should be given a job.
20. Not enough youth clubs for young people with disabilities.
21. Hull Dock Museum not wheelchair friendly, all museums should be wheelchair friendly.
22. Don't close the special schools, they are needed.
23. Less parks more special schools for disabled.
24. More facilities for disabled people.
25. Disability access around Hull.
26. More facilities for people with disabilities.
27. Campaigning against the discrimination of young people with disabilities.
28. More low floor pavements for people with disabilities – so they can get on buses/coaches.
29. More disabled access.
30. Disabled people should be treated the same x 2.
31. Mainstream schools to get involved with disabled young people.

## Housing and Homeless

32. More help for young people who have left home and need support i.e. with money of family issues.
33. Better support for Homeless young people.
34. Housing for young people.
35. Better housing estates and shopping centres.
36. Homelessness for young people.
37. Homeless.
38. Housing for young people.

## More activities and facilities for young people

39. More youth clubs.
40. More stuff to do in the summer so kids don't get bored and start doing things they're not supposed to.

41. More stuff to do in the holidays for families.
42. What is there to do for young people that doesn't cost too much money? Young people aren't rich!!
43. More money for youth activities.
44. You should have more youth clubs and it will get kids off the streets and get them out of crime.
45. Can we have more concerts in Hull?
46. Have a bowling alley in the City Centre.
47. Making more facilities/activities for young people to take part in.
48. Activities for young people are getting more expensive and more unpopular.
49. Things to do.
50. More youth clubs (facilities) – could have trips.
51. More opportunities for the artistic adults and kids.
52. Shopping centre.
53. Take a bike and quad track for people to go on.
54. Parks.
55. Shopping Centres.
56. Too many pubs and not enough parks.
57. Have more shops – we have more boarded up.
58. More community places.
59. Have more bands at the KC Stadium.
60. Do a fair for them that can't afford days out (free).
61. More free activities for young people x 2.
62. Most things in my area are for under-5 – anything for teenagers we can't do because the druggies and alcoholics take over – what can we do about it?
63. Boredom! – more activities for young people.
64. Not enough facilities in our communities.
65. I want more money to be spent on youth clubs.
66. Hull needs more youth clubs for kids/teenagers to get them off the streets.
67. Lots of things for under-5's to do, nothing for teenagers.
68. Make things cheaper.
69. Better pubs.

## **Environment**

70. Make a cleaner environment.
71. There's that much rubbish which proves obviously there's no bins – get more bins.
72. Litter
73. Air pollution.
74. Litter.
75. Litter – put the rubbish in the bin.
76. Too many people throwing litter on the streets.
77. Smelly drains.
78. Problem of horses in your neighbourhood.
79. Uneven paths leading to falls.
80. Put barriers on bridges to stop people jumping off in a bid to end their life.
81. Where I live there is a park but it is wrecked and vandalised, plus big field not used for anything.
82. There's too much vandalism in parks.
83. Graffiti.
84. They should have 'Parkies' in small parks, not big parks to stop vandalism.
85. Where I live the field is attracting adults on motorbikes – we can't go on the field because we find needles, most of it is being burnt and vandalised.
86. What's the point in making nice new things when they get vandalised and ruined.
87. More people looking after parks.
88. Better roads.
89. Why should we have to look at graffiti?

90. Graffiti – more CCTV in small streets.
91. Stop destroying animal habitats – they are dying or getting hurt.
92. Abuse of animals.

### **Crime and Personal Safety**

93. More 'be safe' advertisements.
94. To stop crime.
95. Less crime.
96. More coppers on 'footie' matches/street corners/ten foots.
97. Crime.
98. People carry weapons – can you prevent it from happening?
99. People getting out of prison early.
100. Give longer sentences to prisoners.
101. People being robbed.
102. Less violence.
103. Ways we can stop the attacks.
104. Ways we can stop vandalising houses and streets.
105. Can we have less people being really bad.
106. Violence in the streets.
107. Need more police around Hull.
108. Is Hull safe? x 2.
109. Make Hull safer.
110. Police priorities.
111. When one crime rate lowers, another one rises.
112. Security in Hull.
113. Crime.
114. People committing too many crimes and offences.
115. Less pubs for less crimes.
116. More safety when kids in town coming home from 'Position' (buses).
117. Too many attacks on the streets.
118. Gangs.
119. Do you feel intimidated by gangs on the street?
120. Violence.
121. Vandalism x 2
122. Can people stop vandalising other houses in the streets?
123. Too many psychos.
124. Kids being killed in hit and run accidents.
125. Violent video games should not be allowed for all ages.
126. Gas bombs.
127. Anti-social behaviour x 2.
128. Anti-social behaviour is a problem in Hull.
129. Stop anti-social behaviour and racism.
130. Bad language.
131. Bad language – stop it.

### **School Issues**

132. Horrible teachers in school – it's annoying.
133. More discipline in school.
134. People beginning school.
135. Non uniforms in school.
136. I want more work at school.
137. If we stop school uniform then more people will be bullied for what they wear.
138. Not enough schools.
139. Pressure from parents and teachers to do well – just leave us.

## **Health – including smoking, drugs and alcohol**

140. Health – obesity levels.
141. Health.
142. Underage smoking and drinking.
143. No smoking in pubs.
144. Young people should stop smoking/drinking alcohol.
145. Help underage stop drinking and smoking.
146. Drug and alcohol abuse.
147. Smoking – more shops to stop selling cigarettes to underage kids and ask for ID.
148. Stop classing young people with drug/alcohol issues as criminals – they need support, not victimisation.
149. No smoking in pubs, shops etc – designated areas.
150. Stop selling beer and cigarettes to people who are underage.
151. Too many alcoholics.
152. Underage people in pubs.
153. Stop pollution (like smoking) near children x 2.
154. Lower the drinking age.
155. Health.
156. Hospitals not clean.
157. Drugs
158. No smoking in pubs or shopping centres – designated areas.
159. New alcohol laws.
160. Alcohol rules.
161. Too many drinks.
162. I think that nothing to do is the cause of drugs, alcohol, violence and graffiti.
163. Drug dealers – where do they get their drugs from?
164. Drugs
165. Don't people know what drugs can do to them?
166. I think that nothing to do is the cause of drugs, alcohol, graffiti and violence.
167. Drugs – where do they get them from?
168. No more drugs.
169. Drugs/dealers – lots of people who take drugs live on Orchard Park. It is not a nice place to be around. Where do they get the drugs from? Drug education so that you know what drugs can do and that they can ruin your life.
170. Fleas going around.

## **Racism**

171. Racism – people can't help their colour x 2.
172. Racism.
173. End all racism.
174. Too much racism.
175. People can't help their colour. Discuss racism
176. Cut down on racism
177. Racism.
178. Discuss asylum.
179. More education for young people about asylum seekers and refugees.

## **Teenage Pregnancy**

180. Stop discriminating against teenage mums.
181. Teenage pregnancy x 2.

## **Bullying**

182. Why should people have to be bullied?
183. How can/will we stop bullying? x 7.
184. Stop bullying in Hull.
185. Bullying people over their weight.

186. How can we prevent bullying.
187. Stop bullying altogether.
188. Verbal abuse and mental bullying.
189. Bullying – have something like community wardens (adults and children).

### **Support – including abuse**

190. More support workers.
191. Support groups for young people.
192. Better funding for agencies/orgs helping and supporting young people.
193. People being more cared for – PA Workers.
194. Who do we ask for help when we've got no-one else to help us?
195. How can we stop abuse/attacks on young children x 2.
196. Domestic issues.
197. You need help with parents if you suffer terminal illness.
198. Domestic violence.
199. More support groups for people who have been mentally and physically abused.
200. Lots of suicidal people
201. The restructure regarding Youth Service.
202. Poverty.
203. Been listened to but not followed through.
204. Better benefits for young people.
205. Poverty – why should young children be brought up in these conditions?
206. Will we get listened to after this conference.
207. Jobs in Hull.
208. Jobs and better wages.
209. Work together to make things RIGHT.
210. No opportunities in hull and no potential or encouragement for students to excel in future careers.

### **Discrimination**

211. End age discrimination and stop refusing ID
212. Cut down on discrimination.
213. No discrimination in things like the police.
214. Cut down on discrimination.
215. Be nice to other people and don't pick on them because they are different.
216. Stop public discrimination against young people.
217. Documents and policies sometimes unreadable for all ages and abilities.
218. Cut down on Homophobia.
219. Letting more young children have their own rights.
220. Letting more young people have their right to speak and for them not to be punished for what they believe in.
221. Respect different cultures.
222. No put-downs for religious groups, i.e. Christians.
223. Old people.
224. Too many old people.

# Your Conversations

A full list of what children and young people said in all the conversations is available' please contact Hull Youth Council

- **Issues of teenage pregnancy (1), Key Points:**
  - 1) More financial support for teenage mums (especially if not supported by parents).
  - 2) More sex education and earlier (e.g. information on pregnancy/stretch marks, practice babies).
  - 3) Social group/activities for teenage mums and babies.
- **Issues of teenage pregnancy (2), Key Points:**
  - 1) Need more education.
  - 2) Need more schools that you can take your baby to.
  - 3) More activities for the baby and mother.
- **More help for obesity, Key Points:**
  - 1) More sports and development during and after school.
  - 2) Promotion of healthy eating in and out of school.
  - 3) Retain healthy eating in school – primary and secondary.
- **How to stop underage drinking and smoking (1), Key Points:**
  - 1) Raise age
  - 2) More activities that would make people less bored.
  - 3) Cessation groups for teenagers.
- **How to stop underage drinking and smoking (2), Key Points:**
  - 1) Mixed opinions whether we agree or disagree with underage drinking or smoking.
  - 2) Too much influencing and sponsoring of music/sport through beer and cigarette brands.
  - 3) The government makes too much money out of taxes from smoking.
- **Bring more discipline back into schools – truancy, Key Points:**
  - 1) Council should be offering opportunities and workshops to parents and guardians to help them understand why they shouldn't let their children and young people stay off school (how parents can help their children).
  - 2) Council should offer training for staff/headteachers to enable them to cope and deal with young people's behaviour and attitudes. Also how to create new lesson plans.
  - 3) Carry out a research study on young people to find out why they don't attend school – the hard facts.
- **Violent video games should not be allowed, Key Points:**
  - 1) Shops need to ask ages/proof of age when selling (don't always).
  - 2) Game retailers same rules as pubs (if you don't look 21, you have to prove you are 18).
  - 3) Stricter censorship laws on games needed. Games companies and shops need to look at how they market and advertise violent games.
- **How young people are seen and treated, Key Points:**
  - 1) Judgement – people judge young people before they know them.
  - 2) Media – misinterprets young people, no publicity for good young people, lots for bad.
  - 3) Dispersal Orders – young people getting moved on and accused of causing trouble.
- **Discrimination against young people with disabilities, Key Points:**
  - 1) Change attitudes.
  - 2) More help at school (primary and secondary).

- **Don't close special schools (1), Key Points:**
  - 1) Talk to the young people and ask them what they need.
  - 2) If they put young people in normal schools, they need to adapt the schools.
  - 3) Teach others intelligence should not be judged from the outside.
- **Don't close special schools (2), Key Points:**
  - 1) Provide funding for special groups in higher education so students in special groups can go onto learning.
  - 2) Teachers should have regular training in special needs teaching.
  - 3) More staff resources.
  - 4) Identify and provide support quicker.
- **Do you feel intimidated by gangs in the street? Key Points:**
  - 1) Don't stereotype groups of young people, e.g. 'chavs, moshers, emos', what school you come from.
  - 2) Youth workers to work with gangs and let them know how other people feel and make them treat with respect.
  - 3) More range of activities for older young people including creative, e.g. music, graffiti, alternative places to go.
- **Nothing to do for teenagers, Key Points:**
  - 1) More variety and different activities for young people over 13, not temporary 'flash in the pan' stuff.
  - 2) Every area in Hull should have its own range of activities and transport to get there and back.
  - 3) Find out and ask young people what they want to do and what they are interested in.
- **Anti-social behaviour for Hull is a problem, Key Points:**
  - 1) Smaller police stations should be made more useful.
  - 2) Quicker response to real emergencies.
  - 3) Clarification of what is real emergency.
- **Pressure – peer, parents and school, Key Points:**
  - 1) Lots of pressure from schools – need to get the same approach in schools.
  - 2) Give parents lessons in how to deal with putting pressure on their kids.
  - 3) Give young people lessons in school on how to deal with pressure.
- **How will we stop bullying? Key Points:**
  - 1) More wardens/community workers.
  - 2) More information on help/youth centres.
  - 3) Neighbourhood Watch/local support.
- **How do we stop litter? Key Points:**
  - 1) Young people to design brightly coloured bins.
  - 2) More metal bins down streets, not just main road (let Council know where to put them).
  - 3) Young people to design advertisement campaign to stop littering (like the speeding signs).
- **Is Hull safe? Key Points:**
  - 1) More police officers patrolling and Community Wardens.
  - 2) Cameras in parks and public places.
  - 3) Lighted alleyways.
- **Too many pubs, not enough parks, Key Points:**
  - 1) Space pubs out more – don't put them close together.
  - 2) To build decent parks where we can be safe.

3) Upgrade all parks.

- **Orchard Park Shopping Centre, Key Points:**

- 1) Improve Orchard Park Shopping Centre – put more shops (like Bransholme Shopping Centre), e.g. clothes shops. Talks of improvements for a long time but nothing has been done.
- 2) Improve parks in Orchard Park.
- 3) Build leisure centre/swimming pool on Orchard Park.

- **Cruelty to animals, Key Points:**

- 1) Build sanctuaries that can't be harmed or destroyed.
- 2) Questionnaire so they could own an animal.
- 3) Fines and jail sentences for cruelty to animals.

- **Have a better environment in Hull, Key Points:**

- 1) Improve parks.
- 2) More solar power.
- 3) More buses/transport (not cars).

- **Travel needs to be cheaper and better, Key Points:**

- 1) Make fares cheaper – government subsidise child fares – don't charge same price no matter the distance.
- 2) Improve bus routes so don't have to get 2 buses to places such as Kingswood, school etc or pay for where going not per bus.
- 3) Bus drivers have better training to deal with trouble on buses and deal better with young people.

- **No future in Hull – no opportunities, Key Points:**

- 1) Transport links need improving.
- 2) More tourist attractions, e.g. theme parks.
- 3) Improvement of buildings.

- **Less violence on the streets and more police, Key Points:**

- 1) More police pressure and tackling real crimes.
- 2) More victim support for young people/agencies.
- 3) Better and improved street lighting.

- **More Youth Clubs/Projects, Key Points:**

- 1) Write a letter to Council to ask for more youth clubs.
- 2) Start a campaign/petition from young people.
- 3) Fundraising event to raise money and awareness around lack of youth clubs.

- **Better support for homeless young people, Key Points:**

- 1) Bonding system is victimising.
- 2) More hostels for people with no rehabilitation.
- 3) More in-house support, e.g. once got a house, help to keep it.

- **Need to do something about drugs, Key Points:**

- 1) Clean streets/parks from needles/bottles.
- 2) More education about drugs and problems.
- 3) More Community Wardens, police and support workers/groups.

- **Racism, Key Points:**

- 1) More events like Hull Together/World Music Day/Gay Pride – specifically an event like 'Unite Against Racism' to bring citizens of Hull together to STOP THE BNP.
- 2) Publicise the 'We're all immigrants from Africa' poster better, i.e. on Big Screen, bus-stop

- poster things, T-shirts etc.
- 3) More awareness of True Vision – Hate Crime reporting and where the forms are.
- **Is Hull young people friendly? Key Points:**
    - 1) Stop signs in shops that prevent young people coming in – discrimination, work with licensing.
    - 2) Why have open space when it can't be used – ball game signs, put youth shelters in open space.
    - 3) Councillors should come and talk to young people (lots).
  - **More artistic/creative things to do, Key Points:**
    - 1) More opportunities needed through schools to take part in arts/creative things.
    - 2) Create a new facility for young people excluded from school so they can participate.
    - 3) More opportunities for exhibitions for young people to showcase their work.
    - 4) Provide information leaflet for young people to promote existing and forthcoming projects.
  - **Where do we go for help? Key Points:**
    - 1) Confidential places for children and young people to go to talk about their problems (includes safe houses).
    - 2) Children and young people should be able to choose who they talk to.
    - 3) Chill Out Centre/Kick Off Zone in and out of school.
  - **Better benefits for young people, Key Points:**
    - 1) Disability benefits should be reassessed.
    - 2) Sickness benefit should be regularly assessed to get rid of fraudsters.
    - 3) College benefit should be assessed on an individual basis.
  - **More activities and facilities for children and young people (1), Key Points:**
    - 1) More funding for facilities and youth clubs.
    - 2) Youth clubs to be age appropriate – different times for different ages.
    - 3) Youth clubs built everywhere in Hull so you don't have far to go.
  - **More activities and facilities for young people (2), Key Points:**
    - 4) Not enough money for facilities.
    - 5) Age clubs to vary.
    - 6) Having clubs everywhere.

## What You Thought About it

Here's a list of what you put on post it notes to tell us what you thought of the day

- I enjoyed it x 5.
- I liked it x 2.
- I think that having the primary school children present made the atmosphere a bit awkward and they made it a bit awkward to do things properly. Also I think there was too much adult interruption to say it's a Young People's Parliament.
- We should get to pick what we eat.
- It was brill, it was good, I'll come again.
- Good but needed more time.
- It was ace.
- Boring/alright, bit of both.
- For once my opinions felt valued and it feels like something's actually going to happen.
- I loved it, it was brill.
- Overall I think it's hard to get the vote needed, e.g. more activities for young people, but it

isn't really for us older lot.

- Great.
- Should be shorter, only 2 conversations and voting.
- It was great.
- Adult supervision but no adult involvement.
- Okay but youth involvement, still the adults controlled the occasion. Maybe a youth in charge of organising the event and introducing the key issues/rules (what Michel and Youth Workers did).
- It was good but I think we should have been able to vote to cut down racism.
- It was a number 1 thing.
- The food was good, nothing bad.
- Really amazing. Learnt some good things and have been able to voice my opinion properly.
- I'm glad I decided to come.
- It was good.
- It's been excellent, I would do it again.
- It was fantastic.
- Didn't agree with the overall vote but glad I came.
- It was okay.
- It was good fun, I would do it again.
- It was okay, change the food.
- I thought today was okay but I thought people could have listened to people's opinions more.
- The food should have been better and there should have been desserts.
- It's been good.
- I enjoyed myself.
- Very influential.
- I think today was brill because we did different things.
- It was brilliant.
- Good learning.
- I really enjoyed it.
- 3 groups – Adults, High School, Primary School – okay.
- It was great – really enjoyed it.
- It was great.
- It's been fabulous.
- It was very good, enjoyed the day.
- Not a lot to do.
- Better food.
- Crap x 2.
- Boring.
- It was okay.
- Dessert and cooked food.
- It seemed to drag on a bit at first but was more spread out later.
- Do stuff instead of talking please.
- Don't like it.
- Good.
- It's helping our city.
- A bit boring, not great, rubbish.
- It was not good at the start but got better later on after conversation.
- It thought it was great.
- I enjoyed coming.
- Funny.
- It was great, thanks x 2.
- Loved it – keep it up.
- Nice day.
- Cool.
- Loved it.
- I though today was excellent

# Getting More Active!

## Youth Forums

There are 7 Youth Forums, facilitated by Hull Youth Council, for young people aged 11-25 across the City. Forums meet fortnightly at various places. All Youth Forums are open access, so you can join anytime. Forums focus on young people's issues in their local area e.g. litter, personal safety, youth provision, etc. Forums campaign on their issues to change things for the better.

## CHYP (Coalition of Hull's Young People)

The Coalition of Hull's Young People is a city-wide action group for young people aged 11-25 facilitated by Hull Youth Council and the Warren. Young people run their own monthly meetings on a Saturday to focus on city-wide issues and campaigns.

## The Hull Coalition and Youth Networks

The Coalition is for people working with children and young people in Hull. It has 7 Youth Networks and a central group which meets monthly. The main aim of the Coalition is to help children and young people get involved, raise and act on their issues. The Coalition also looks at how workers from different organisations can work better together for the benefit of children and young people and what needs to change to make this happen

Find out more by contacting any of the following projects:

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- The Warren, Tel: 218115 or email [empower@empower.karoo.co.uk](mailto:empower@empower.karoo.co.uk)
- Hull Children's Fund, Tel: 615250, or email [hullchildrensfund@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:hullchildrensfund@hullcc.gov.uk)
- The Rights and Participation Project (RAPP), Tel: 225855 or email [rapp@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:rapp@hullcc.gov.uk)
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