

Youth Voice & Influence Service

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YOUTH
SERVICES

Who we are

The Youth Voice and Influence Service (YV&I) are professionally qualified Youth Workers, who have a passion for ensuring Sheffield's Young Residents are heard in decision making and development.



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What we do

By Youth Voice & Influence we mean:



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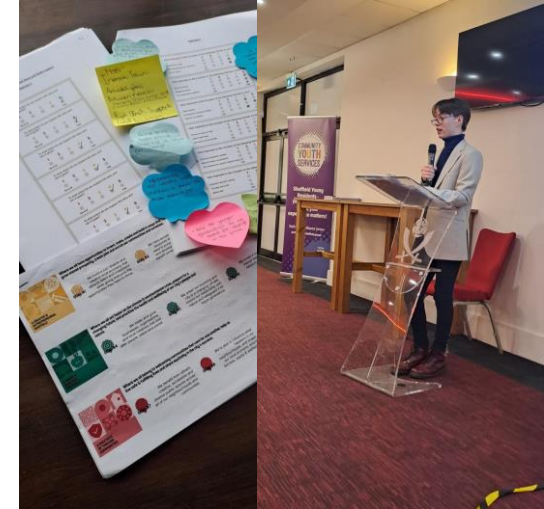
LISTENING TO YOUNG PEOPLE,
VALUING WHAT WE HEAR AND
ACTING UPON IT TO MAKE POSITIVE
CHANGE



SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING
YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHAPE, LEAD AND
PRODUCE THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES
AND PROGRAMMES



ENSURING THAT WE HAVE THE
MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO SUPPORT
YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED IN
DECISION MAKING AT ALL LEVELS



Young Residents we engage with

Sheffield Youth Cabinet (SYC)

UK Youth Parliament (UKYP)

SENDing Voices

South Yorkshire Police YP Independent Advisory Group (SYP YP IAG)

Community Young Advisors

Youth Club Attendees

Schools

Partner Organisations



What we have achieved 23/24

1774 individual Young Residents Consulted

- Films:
 - Be That Mate [be THAT mate \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beTHATmate)
 - Bounce Hate [BOUNCE HATE \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOUNCEHATE)
 - Some Moments [SOME MOMENTS \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOMEMOMENTS)
- Diverse and increased consultations & events
- Working with SEND Accelerated Progress Plan
- Violence Against Women and Girls (White Ribbon)
- Youth Voice Awards
- City Goals
- Vaping and Tobacco Campaign/ Peri natal Mental Health
- Takeover Day
- Recruitment and scoring of over 300k of youth grants.
- SYC Elections 12,074 votes cast (69 candidates)
- Regional/ National work
- Award Winning x 5



YOUTH VOICE & INFLUENCE SERVICE

SHEFFIELD YOUTH CABINET ELECTIONS 2024



PREPARATION WORK

98 young people expressed an interest in standing

69 young people produced a manifesto and stood for election

Elections material distributed to **75** polling stations



MANIFESTO KEY THEMES

Top themes include:

- Cost of living
- Crime and safety
- Transport
- Environment
- Mental health
- Education
- Equality



ELECTION ENGAGEMENT

37 schools and youth venues were polling stations

18 first time engagement venues

10 schools had more than 1 candidate



VOTES CAST

12,074 votes cast between 29th Jan and 7th Feb

MYM ballot happened from 29th Jan to 8th March - Results to be announced nationally on 25th March



DEMOCRACY AWARDS

3 bronze democracy awards for schools where over 50% students voted

6 silver democracy awards for schools where over 70% students voted

2 gold democracy awards for schools where over 90% students voted

6 special recognition awards given for supporting youth voice

Priorities 24/25

- Young Influencers recruitment
- YV&I group training & priority work
- SCC & Partner consultations (e.g. Health, Education)
- Youth Voice events x 6
- Thematic educational films x 5 (to include climate and SEND)
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Ambassadors pilot (x 7 settings)
- Arts Council Youth Grant Panel
- SCC Youth Awards
- Citywide Young residents survey
- SCC Young Residents Voice & Influence Strategy



Measuring Success

- Young residents have opportunities to have their voice heard.
- Increased number of Young Residents engaged and involved
- Recognition of skills development
- Strengthened joined up approach across the city
- You said, We did! (Holding decision makers to account)
- Producing YV& I standards (SCC & Partners)



Thank you



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