

RISE UP

SLOUGH YOUTH PARTICIPATION CONFERENCE

Summary



This illustrates the common themes that came up across all 4 groups of participants. They talked passionately about wanting more youth spaces for sport, art and cultural involvement, affordable and reliable travel, tackling homelessness and building family homes, celebrating local history and people, nutritious food shops and places to grow own food, a cleaner more attractive town, better job opportunities and consistent work experience for young people and safe youth spaces to socialise, talk and learn.

"Thank you for organising this, fantastic workshops. Need more of this, really felt the young people had a voice" (youth attendee)

The Youth Voice Team met all our 7 objectives below & received positive feedback from attendee's. 'Rise Up' 2024 was a success and we look forward to hosting an annual youth participation conference. 93 people attended out of

possible 120 places so we would want to ensure next time we fill all places to maximise impact and utilise our resources fully.

1. Facilitate youth networking.
2. Provide self-development opportunities.
3. Promote cohesive working among Slough's youth and community participation groups.
4. Show we listen to young people and act on what's important to them.
5. Drive meaningful political, economic, or social change by ensuring the voices of young people are heard by leaders.
6. Create a catalyst for individual sense of empowerment and fostering leadership skills.
7. Increase attendee knowledge of local services for young people.

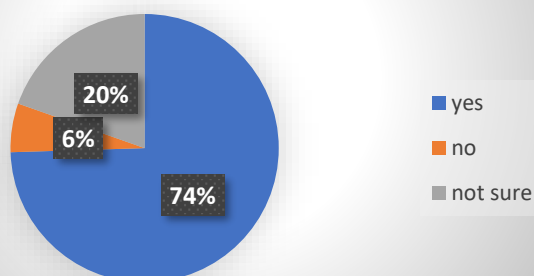
We will consider feedback to make sure we continue to improve the services and opportunities provided for the youth and share findings with local decision makers.

Key Points:

- **What happened on the day?** 4 workshops were held on Resilience, Know Your Rights, Personal Power and The World We Want To Live In. there was a marketplace of local services youth participants networked with and a Q&A panel where they put their questions to the experts!
- **Positive experience for all:** Participants found workshops interactive & valuable but would like more activities, time outside and increased opportunity to network.
- **Better knowledge of what's out there:** Participants reported gaining greater knowledge of local services, volunteering opportunities & are better equip to make a positive impact on their community.
- **Consistent Youth Influence:** Local young people were involved from the inspiration of the conference through planning and onto hosting the day & running a workshop 4 times!

Developing community leaders

Q4. Do you feel more confident in your ability to lead & make a difference in your community after attending?



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