



Your Voice Your Vote summary report 2019

Introduction

Your Voice Your Vote is the local version of an annual consultation run in previous years called Make Your Mark. Make your Mark is the youth consultation run through the UK Youth Parliament supported by the British Youth Council and delivered in Local authorities across the UK in September each year. In March 2019 the decision was made due to limited capacity that we would not elect a new team to UK Youth Parliament for North East Lincolnshire but that we would still like to take part in the successful annual youth consultation with young people locally.

Youth Action Group discussed the options of contributing to the national Make Your Mark consultation but felt that it would be better to create our own local version that would be informed by local young people rather than consulting on topics young people from NEL had no say in. It was also decided that if there were topics on our consultation that were the same as the Make your Mark topics that we would contribute our votes to this to give young people from our area a say on a national level. They decided to name it 'Your Voice Your Vote'. The branding for this is in line with Youth Action who are the main young people's group driving this consultation.

This consultation is run in the same way as we did with Make Your Mark and uses the same timetable. Results continue to inform local priorities for young people. Results are sent to inform the National Consultation with British Youth Council through the UK Youth Parliament Make Your Mark campaign. The main difference this year is the process for choosing the topics to consult on. To do this we received responses from around 300 local young people who told us what they would like to see as the top ten issues on the ballot paper. This was carried out at the annual Skills show where young people attending almost all of the local schools and colleges submitted over 500 views on what they would like to see as the issues on the consultation this year. This means that **ALL** of the ten issues to vote on should be relevant to young people in North East Lincolnshire, where previously there may have been issues important to young people in other areas nationally.

Who voted?

All secondary academies, special schools, Pupil referral units and colleges were offered the opportunity to take part in the Your Voice Your Vote consultation. There were five secondary academies one special school and one of the colleges who took part. The voting was also sent out for use in local youth groups. Youth groups who submitted votes were Young Carers, Duke of Edinburgh and Youth Voice groups including Youth Action and Our Voice Listen Up.

There were **4183** votes cast. From the possible students who could have voted in these academies we saw a 50% turnout across the board. It is notable that Toll Bar Academy saw a turnout of 82% this year and this level of voting has been sustained for the last 3 years.

Unfortunately we have not received votes this year from Healing Oasis academy Wintringham Oasis Academy Immingham and Franklin college who normally take part. Other academies that chose not to take part include Ormiston Maritime Academy, Beacon Academy and Humberston academy. We will continue to offer the opportunity and look at how we can make the process work in different settings to allow the maximum number of young people to have their say.

Positively, votes from Cambridge Park Academy came in at 60% turnout and John Whitgift Academy at 77% turnout where they have not voted in the last 3 years. We hope that from the success they have seen this year they will remain involved in future years.

The results

	The Academy Grimsby	Toll Bar Academy	Cleethorpes Academy	Cambridge Park Academy	John Whitgift Academy	Havelock Academy	Youth Groups	Grimsby Institute	King Edward VI	Total	placing
Mental Health	42	348	119	19	87	14	8	251	29	917	1
Reduce knife/violent crime	43	340	125	20	32	16	7	102	60	745	2
Support exam stress	11	170	41	6	27	7	7	64	10	343	6
LGBT+/Gender id support	9	100	41	8	14	4	7	51	19	253	8
Reduce poverty	6	73	17	15	41	2	1	29	29	213	9
Cheaper transport	26	245	47	10	32	1	5	114	30	510	3
Reduce bullying	17	116	41	21	103	4	3	94	11	410	4
Life skills	22	168	24	15	12	5	3	67	34	350	5
Votes at 16	6	64	14	5	0	4	1	66	23	183	10
More activities for YP	6	73	28	14	52	2	12	63	9	259	7
Total votes	188	1697	497	133	400	59	54	901	254	4183	
Number of students	391	2060	851	220	519	978	na	2581	795	8395	
percentage turnout	48%	82%	58%	60%	77%	6%	na	35%	32%	50%	

Priority issues as voted for by young people

The two priority issues for North East Lincolnshire are the same as last year **Mental Health and Knife Crime** except Mental health has moved up to the top issue and Knife crime down to second.

This year Mental health received 22% of all votes and if you include the votes cast for exam stress support this goes up to 31% of all votes from young people in our area.

Knife crime and **Mental health** were the top two issues voted for by young people last year. Each of these issues last year saw almost 1 in 5 of young people who voted choosing them as their top issue

What has happened over the last year?

Knife Crime

- ✓ There have been 2 Knife Crime Question Time events for young people with Councillors, Police and managers of North East Lincolnshire Council. Pledges were made in these events and are being followed up.
- ✓ The Police and Crime Commissioners Office with Humberside Police are educating young people through 'no more knives' workshops in schools and bringing activities to local communities to get clear messages out to young people about staying safe and how they can help reduce knife crime
- ✓ There have been activities delivered in the community linked to the Young People's Young And Safe team and through Police and Crime Commissioners Office with Humberside Police. The activities have included pop up boxing sessions and the beats bus.

Mental health

- ✓ Over 3000 banner pens with information on services young people can access themselves for support have been distributed and received well
- ✓ Eight short films have been made by young people and resources created to go with these are available for schools to use. Another film is being created
- ✓ The plan for mental health services in the area has a young person's version with the design and content informed by young people