

Involving Young People in Sutton: Have Your Say



We work with lots of young people in the borough to get your views on policies and decisions that affect you.

We want to do more to ensure that your voice is heard on issues that are important to you. This could range from what you think about schools, local parks, transport, youth groups, leisure centres, libraries, your local GP service and much, much more.

We have outlined a range of proposals of how we think you could get more involved and now we want you to have your say.

You can give your comments by emailing us completing this form and posting or emailing to us or by participating in one of the consultation sessions running during June - August.

The Big Idea

We already work with lots of young people through lots of different groups and we want to make sure that all young people who want to get involved in what happens in their local area can get involved. This could be through a variety of ways, as set out in the next few pages. We want your views on these ideas.

We want you to tell us what you think will work in Sutton and we are aiming to link services and ideas together so that it will be easier for you to get involved, at whatever level you are comfortable with. This could be simply by giving your views or perhaps you would like to volunteer or even be a young adviser. There are lots of opportunities to get involved and we want you to tell us your ideas too.

Idea 1: Young Advisors



What is it? Develop a Young Advisors Programme. This will be an opportunity for young people to get involved in what affects them locally and will include:

- Providing a voice for young people
- Raise awareness of young peoples issues
- Involvement in the design/ review of services
- Designing youth friendly documents & literature
- Influencing and feeding back on consultations
- Help and support adults to engage with young people

How would it work?

Young Advisors could be any young person who is interested in getting involved and having their say. There could be up to 15 Young Advisors across Sutton, perhaps some representing their local area and others with interests in certain topics, such as the environment or health.

A key role for the Young Advisors would be to represent young people in Sutton and to feedback ideas and issues to their peers.

Good Idea? What do you think?

Please circle one

Very Good

Good

Neutral

Poor

Very Poor

Please explain your choice:

Idea 2: Young People's Website



What is it?

Develop and support an interactive website for young people in Sutton to find out information on local issues, share information on ideas and find out how to get involved.

How would it work?

The website would give information on all services and activities available in Sutton, including the Sutton Youth Parliament, Council Services (including Youth Service), NHS and local organisations working with young people, eg. Jigsaw4U, Connexions and the Volunteer Centre.

It would also give information on funding opportunities for young people, allow them to have their say and use blogs and social media to get involved and keep in touch.

Good Idea? What do you think?

Please circle one

Very Good

Good

Neutral

Poor

Very Poor

Please explain your choice:

Idea 3: Targeted campaigns to raise awareness of issues affecting young people



What is it?

Develop a range of targeted work to raise awareness of opportunities for young people to get involved.

How would it work?

Working closely with young people, develop a series of campaigns to raise awareness of youth issues. These could include:

- Health issues, eg. alcohol, teenage pregnancy, smoking
- Staying safe, eg. Knife crime
- Getting involved, eg. Volunteering opportunities for young people

Good Idea? What do you think?

Please circle one

Very Good

Good

Neutral

Poor

Very Poor

Please explain your choice:

Do you have any other ideas on how you would like to be involved?

Please send us your views using any of the following methods:

By email: ceconsult@sutton.gov.uk

By post: Involving Young People in Sutton Consultation
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Thank you for taking the time to give us your views. If you would like further information on this work, please complete your details below:

Name:

Address:

Email address:

We will only use your information to update you on these proposals and how you can get involved.