

Young Flintshire 2024 Pilot Summary

Young Flintshire promotes meaningful youth engagement and empowerment within the local community.

The Young Flintshire model aims to support national and local priorities, as well as priorities identified by the participating young people.

It will feed directly into the Council, ensuring the voices of secondary school learners are directly represented in the council's decision-making processes.

In June 2024, two learners from each secondary school council and representatives from Youth Council were invited to County Hall, to explore key findings from the Young people Spring '3 Issues' Consultation. They were then tasked with conducting a consultation within their schools and community settings on:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- School and education
- Community - amenities and safety



Young Flintshire Aims

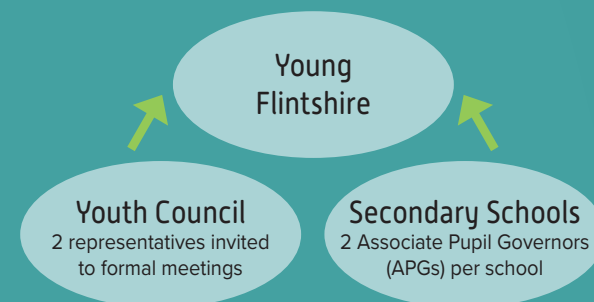
- **Young people having their voice heard and speaking to decision makers.**
- **Opportunities for young people to feed into other working groups and projects running within the council.**
- **Awareness of how Flintshire County Council works and educating on democracy to young people and communities.**

Councillor Mared Eastwood chaired a follow-up meeting in July 2024 with the learners to review the findings with delegated officers from the local authority to share their responses, initiatives, and other relevant information regarding the issues outlined in the reports.

Key discussion points covered during the meeting included:

- School nurses are available in different ways in different schools. Young people felt that it would be good to have a consistent approach across schools and that everyone should have access to a school nurse.
- There is lots in place to help young people 0-18 and families with mental health and well-being. Officers from Social Services presented on the range of support in place for young people and their families.

Young Flintshire Model



- Young people found Contextual Safeguarding, highlighted by Social Services officers, very interesting and how reporting on community observations and anti social behaviour through school staff, adults, police will help to inform this process.
- The majority of young people were not aware how Flintshire County Council does not oversee every community item and area. A takeaway message was we should report to Streetscene things we think need to be looked at - who will inform the relevant teams to resolve the report.
- Young people 'deep dives' suggested that more bins and litter picks would resolve litter and dog fouling. However, examples of projects where more bins, posters had been put in place showed no impact. It is all our responsibility to put litter in the bin and if a dog owner to put dog waste in the bin.



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Pilot Outcomes:

The pilot brought together young people from across schools and communities, allowing them to focus on shared priorities.

This fostered a stronger sense of belonging and improved their understanding of the Council's decision-making processes.

Despite the short duration of the pilot, participants built meaningful relationships, rapport, and gained confidence across different settings.

Following the success of the pilot, School Council representatives who are nominated as Associate Pupil Governors (APG's) from September 2024, will be invited from all secondary schools (including Specialist provision and the Pupil Referral Unit) to be members of Young Flintshire.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a legally binding international agreement that outlines the civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion, or abilities.

The Young Flintshire Participation Model supports all articles in the UNCRC, particularly Article 12, which states that young people have the right to express their views on matters affecting them, and for those views to be given due consideration.

National Participation Standards

The National Participation Standards in Wales guide professionals working with children and youth to effectively develop meaningful youth participation. These standards ensure children and young people are involved in designing, delivering, and evaluating services.



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Flintshire Youth Council

All young people are eligible to become members of the youth council. From September 2024, representatives from the youth council will be invited to join Young Flintshire, alongside representatives from school councils.



Flintshire residents aged 11-25 who are interested in joining the Youth Council should refer to the QR Codes for more information.

