

YOUTH MATTERS : NEXT STEPS

NATIONAL CONSULTATION

WHAT EVERYBODY SAID

Empowering Young People

- 83% of adults/organisations and 85% of young people supported proposals for empowering young people to shape local services
- 68% of young people want to help local councils decide how to spend money on providing activities for young people
- 71% of young people would do up to four hours of activities in their spare time if they had the opportunity
- 73% of young people thought that having more places for young people to go would stop some teenagers getting into trouble
- 83% of young people thought that a card with discounts and money to spend on activities would encourage them to do more in their spare time
- 33% of adults/organisations agreed with the proposal to introduce an opportunity card but 46% were unconvinced

Supporting Choices

- 63% of young people wanted to receive information and advice on education and career choices face to face
- 45% liked the idea of receiving it through work experience; 30% via a website; and 25% by visits from young adults already in work
- 26% of adults/organisations agreed with the proposals to devolve responsibility for IAG to children's trusts, schools and colleges; 31% disagreed; 43% were not sure
- 90% of adults/organisations supported new national quality standards for information, advice and guidance (IAG)
- Young people told us that they mostly went to parents (60%); friends (51%); for information, help and advice to teachers (25%); Connexions (19%); and youth workers (16%)
- 66% of young people thought that IAG was good or very good

Targeted Support

- 70% of adults/organisations supported bringing together within children's trusts responsibility for commissioning different services which provide support to young people with additional needs
- 62% of young people would like one professional person to go to for advice and information

Young People as Citizens

- 60% of young people would get involved in the community if it was recognised in some way