

# # Young Voices Conversation

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Providing young people with opportunities to  
give feedback about policing and community  
safety



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## Why is it important for the Police and Crime Commissioner and South Wales Police to engage with and seek feedback from young people?



Working on behalf of and in the best interests of young people, is a joint priority for the Police and Crime Commissioner and South Wales Police. Our Children's Rights Charter and Joint Equality Plan outline our commitment to promoting a culture where young people's opinions and contributions are recognised, valued and acted upon. Providing young people with opportunities to comment on and challenge the delivery of services that affect them, is key to helping the Commissioner and police to jointly improve on the services provided to children and young people.

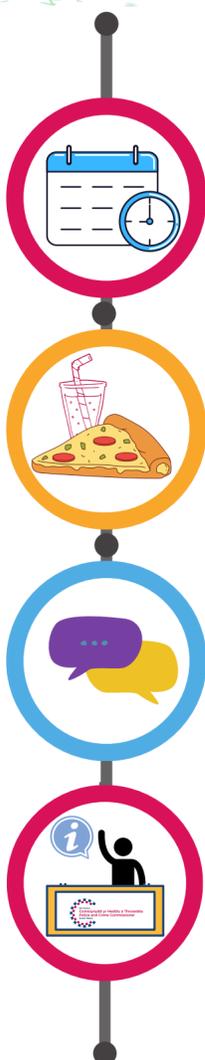
## What is our Young Voices conversation all about?



Our Young Voices Conversation aims to provide a regular forum for representative groups of young people between the ages of 14 and 25. Young people will be invited to question and comment on policing and safety issues, speaking to police leaders and other organisations about the issues that impact on their everyday lives.

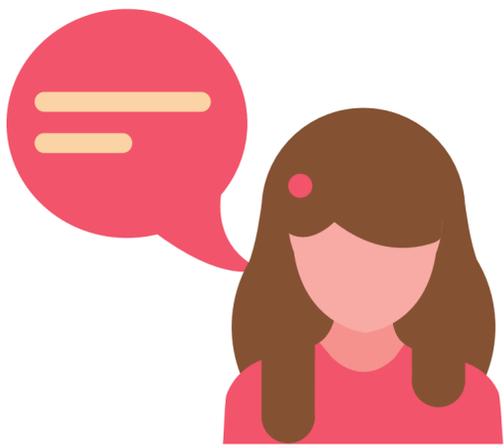
Our aim is that by providing an open forum for young people, we can encourage a cross section of individuals to be a part of these important conversations. We would like varied opinions and life experiences to be voiced and taken into account.

## What can attendees expect if they join us at our Young Voices Conversation?



- Our Young Voices Conversation will be held three times a year in community venues across the South Wales Police force area.
- The events will be held on a weekday from approximately 5pm and will last around 2 hours.
- Refreshments will be provided for all attendees.
- Topics of discussion will be based on the issues that youth organisations and groups suggest to us, as well as topics that the Commissioner and South Wales Police would like to raise and seek feedback on.
- There will also be an opportunity to visit stalls of local organisations and police departments to find out more about their work.

## Why is it important for young people to be involved in our Young Voices Conversation?



Young people have a right to be listened to and receive information about services and issues that affect their everyday lives. By being involved in our Young Voices Conversation, we hope that young people will feel that they are having the opportunity for their voices to be heard and will feel valued when their feedback is taken into account by the Police and Crime Commissioner and South Wales Police.

Through establishing this forum, we want to encourage and empower young people to:



- Question and comment on policing and community safety issues in a constructive way
- Have their voice heard and express their views
- Speak directly with the Police and Crime Commissioner and his team, the police and other organisations.
- Share their personal knowledge, awareness and experience of community issues.

## How will we encourage children and young people to take part?



Our aim is that by working closely with local organisations, youth groups and forums, and drawing on the expertise and advice of youth workers, we can encourage children and young people, who may not ordinarily engage with us, to have the confidence and willingness to take part in this forum.

We acknowledge that not all young people have the self-confidence or ability to publicly express their views. Therefore, to ensure this forum is accessible, we will provide a range of options for participation, taking into consideration learning and language needs.

## How will the Commissioner and South Wales Police use the information and advice provided by children and young people?



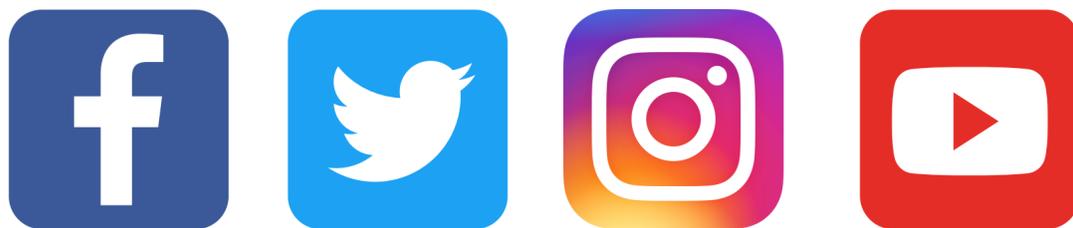
The advice, challenges and information shared by young people at our Young Voices Conversation will be carefully considered by the Commissioner and South Wales Police. Actions arising from the comments of young people will be progressed with the police or relevant partners. The Commissioner and his team will report back to the organisations and youth groups involved in our Young Voices Conversation about the outcomes that arise, to ensure young people see the impact of their contributions.

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