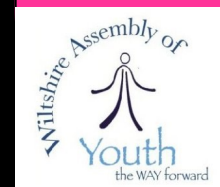


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Max Slater **East Wiltshire (Marlborough)** **Standing for WAY & UKYP** **Age 16**

- With education being obligatory until the age of 18, it is simply ridiculous that some children and most 16-18 year olds pay over £800 per year for transport to school. Education is free and therefore I will campaign for transport to education to be free. I will also campaign for the adult age on bus and train fares to be raised to 18.
- Mental health continues to be under-funded, under-resourced and over-looked by our government. We need an NHS that actually diagnoses and treats mental health as seriously as physical injuries. The highest rate of mental health problems are found in young people; I will be fighting for quicker and better treatment as well as more awareness around these overlooked and worrying issues.
- Tuition Fees are an embodiment of our outdated class system and encourages old-fashioned views that only the wealthy deserve higher education. Is it right that more jobs require degrees while the cost of these degrees continues to rise? Many students live in crippling debt for the rest of their lives - I will fight to reduce these extortionately high fees.
- Why should your rate of pay be determined by your age? Why should you have to work more hours at the same job to earn as much as someone who is older? More employers are paying their workers different rates for the same job due to their age. This injustice needs to stop. I will campaign for more equal wages between adults and 16 year olds.

Yasmine Read **East Wiltshire (Salisbury)** **Standing for WAY & UKYP** **Age 12**

- My name is Yasmine and I would like to stand for WAY and UKYP because I generally like to help young people.
- Improving the Arts. Funding for arts education programmes both inside and outside schools is being cut back or dropped. Many arts organizations have had to make reductions in hours and in some cases resources. We need the arts as it boosts young people's potential and confidence. This is something I feel very strongly about and something I will focus on.
- Fair Wages for all. The national living wage is going to make the minimum wage in the UK £7.20 per hour, but only for those over 25. 16-17 year olds will get £3.87 and 18-20 year olds will get £5.30 per hour. How is it fair that someone doing the same job is paid differently just because of their age? I will be campaigning for a national minimum wage for all age groups.
- Public Transport Costs for Young People. Public transport in Wiltshire is very expensive for young people. I will campaign for cheaper fares so that young people are not paying a high price for independence.
- Improving Mental Health Services for Young People. Students struggling with depression or other mental illnesses have a harder time feeling motivated, learning, concentrating, taking tests, etc. I will campaign to make sure Wiltshire's mental health services meet the specific needs of young people, as with timely and proper treatment, mental health challenges can be addressed and students can reach their potential.

Jessica Hammond **East Wiltshire (Salisbury)** **Standing for WAY & UKYP** **Age 12**

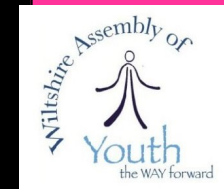
- I really want to stand for election to be the voice that says what you guys want and need. I never give up and listen to everyone's ideas.
- The cost of transport is preventing some children from going to certain schools. The government needs money but it is injuring the future of our generation. Six formers shouldn't be required to pay full adult fares - they still go to school. Buses should be on time, being there early but not leaving till the official time.
- The hygiene and number of public and school toilets are very unpleasant. The smell of toilets and amount of soap must be improved. If I'm elected I would try to make sure every school and public toilet has air fresheners and a supply of soap that is checked daily. There also must be at least three or more toilets in every building and floor.
- The government needs to support schools. I think every school should have library so students may read in leisure or use it to study. More waste bins need to be in every school and street to prevent littering and people having to but waste in recycling bins.
- The current facilities available to young people could be better. I propose a park for every village and more clubs in and out of schools.
- I would like to raise awareness that life skills should be taught from a young age. I will try and make sure every school supports at least three charities.

Edward Northeast **East Wiltshire (Marlborough/Great Bedwyn)** **Standing for WAY & UKYP** **Age 17**

- GCSEs should become optional (apart from English and Maths), with schools introducing young people to vocational qualifications/apprenticeships. Our education system neglects people with learning difficulties/those who don't want to sit in a classroom. This will also bring down tuition fees as the demand for University will go down.
- 16 and 17 year olds should have the vote (at least in the European referendum). We are the future of this country so we should be able to decide who is running it. You can join the army, work (apprentice based) and get married but you can't choose who is running the country.
- School transport should be free up to 18 years. We now have to stay at school until we are 18 so should be treated the same as 16 year-olds. Bus fares are roughly £500 every year. I will also campaign for a direct bus route from Marlborough to Devizes.
- Mental health services for young people need to be improved, making them more accessible. Young people need more education about mental health; it should be treated with the same dignity as physical health issues.
- Even if 16 year olds got the vote we wouldn't have democracy in this country. Some members of the European Commission are unelected but able to push legislation through, whilst elected members are not. EU law is superior to UK law. I will be campaigning to leave the European Union. Vote for me to restore national sovereignty to Britain and to bring back true democracy.

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Cecilia George **East Wiltshire (Salisbury)** **Standing for WAY & UKYP** **Age 15**

- I live in Salisbury and study at South Wilts Grammar School. I am running for positions on the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth and UK Youth Parliament. For me the WAY is important as it gives me such a fantastic opportunity to help and better not only my community but also the whole of Wiltshire.
- If elected to the WAY, I will work towards getting the council to subsidise gym memberships to make this popular way of exercise more available to people in full-time education. With low or no sources of income, many under 16s find affording the gym difficult or impossible, due to the expense. I want to see this change.
- Secondly, drug and alcohol abuse is closer to home than many think. Currently, personal and social education covers the consequences of the use of drugs and alcohol by pupils and how it harms us, but not the effects felt by young people who suffer from having drug and alcohol-dependant family members. They suffer in silence due to fear or embarrassment and I would like to see schools tackle this issue alongside the current programme.
- Finally, I would like to promote participation in sports by setting up our own Wiltshire based campaign. I would also like PE departments in schools to have a policy of being aware of available clubs beyond school and of working not only with the clubs but also with pupils to maximise participation and get more people active.

Rebecca Richards **East Wiltshire (Salisbury)** **Standing for WAY & UKYP** **Age 15**

- Anti-bullying schemes. Although many schools work to combat bullying there are still too many incidents and I believe that young people deserve a programme to inform and empower them to act against bullying.
- Improved interschool relationships. Many of the current interschool relationships are purely sporting and I would aim to initiate a development in arts, music, academic and social collaborations.
- Transport. Many people pay too much for necessary transport, for example when travelling to school. I would make an effort to bring down the costs of these essential journeys.
- Mental health. I feel that there is a large stigma surrounding mental health, especially in young people. I would love to cut down the stigma, by showing how many people are affected by mental health, while still living an ordinary life.
- Cheaper leisure activities. Most young people want to have a place to go and have fun after school, but many of the activities available are too expensive for young people to use on a regular basis. I would like to make more leisure activities available for young people, at an affordable price.

Beatrice Wood **East Wiltshire (Salisbury)** **Standing for WAY & UKYP** **Age 12**

- I have quite a lot of experience with politics. I am in Year 7 so I have a broad idea of what primary-aged children need and, as I am on my current school's council, I have a good idea of what older children need.
- Free individual music and art lesson in schools. I believe it is important for all young children to have the same opportunities, however rich or poor they are. I think all children should have music or drama lessons without parents having to feel pressured to pay expensive fees. Music or drama could open doors to less advantaged children who, otherwise, might not have a good chance for a career.
- More support in PSHE. Many children (especially older ones) become curious and increasingly anxious about getting a job and going out into the world. I feel strongly that PSHE lesson should cover this aspect more, as they significantly lack support in these areas.
- Traffic and safe crossings. Children and families walking to school have noticed the lack of safe road crossings. I would try to improve these conditions and help to sort out safe traffic lights or bollards where they are needed.

Harry Forbes **East Wiltshire (Marlborough)** **Standing for WAY & UKYP** **Age 17**

- The UK Youth Parliament has existed for over ten years. Over this time it has taken well over £1 million of taxpayers money, wasted on all kinds of things from free taxis to complementary food for MYPs, and has achieved nothing. Elections are open to considerable fraud, and most young people don't even know the UKYP exists. If elected I will campaign to clean it up, while also providing a genuine choice against the bland left wing consensus often presented by candidates.
- I will encourage the values of self reliance and enterprise amongst young people and campaign for the teaching of the virtues of hard work and entrepreneurialism rather than the something for nothing culture.
- Young people demand that our country is made a safer place. We want less crime, and this begins with tougher discipline in schools, transitioning to tougher sentencing for criminals.
- We will choose who makes the laws of this country, and this means restoring power to the people by leaving the fundamentally undemocratic European Union.
- I will argue for a one nation policy, where individuals are left to get on with their lives without the social engineering which we often see from governments and councils. Pride in our country and the shared values of our glorious history is something unites us all, and I will also campaign for the teaching of patriotic values in our schools - every school should fly a Union flag, and every child should be proud to be British.

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