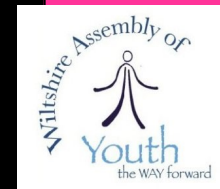


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**Daniel Sutton** North Wiltshire (Chippenham) Standing for WAY & UKYP Age 13

- I would want to change the view on homosexuals in secondary schools as I (being a member of Sheldon School) have witnessed the word "Gay" being used as an insult, and if someone is openly homosexual they will be exploited and teased. So, if we introduced primary school children to the concept of homosexuality earlier - they may be less harsh and exploiting to the LGBT community in later life.
- As I live in Chippenham my attention has been turned to the recent talk of the oncoming "Range" being built. At the time I'm writing this we are unsure whether it is going to commence. I am aware of both arguments as it would cause a lot of pollution and traffic, but it will also help give resources to those who need new houses such as the oncoming wave of refugees. So, I would try and allow there to be only a couple of warehouses in any one region.
- My final topic is the underfunding of schools in Wiltshire. Other schools in different counties are funded well and may build new buildings and have better facilities. What's worse is that this is going to affect every school across Wiltshire and possibly not allow children to be the best they can. I would campaign and try to get the Government to fund the schools in Wiltshire fairly.

**Matthew Jameison** North Wiltshire (Royal Wootton Bassett) Standing for WAY & UKYP Age 15

- Current Affairs in Schools – Understanding the global issues that affect them is not a priority for many young people; yet it should be, these issues affect everyone, more discussion at a younger age will create better individuals who are more confident in the world and themselves. I will push for discussion on current affairs in schools.
- Awareness of Mental Health – A quarter of the population has a mental health problem and yet awareness of mental health is surprisingly low. Improving awareness of mental health awareness should be a major concern for all, as it will improve society greatly; this issue is very personal to me and I know that more needs to be done.
- Life Skills – Preparing young people for life is the goal of education, so why are so many young people unaware of how to apply for a loan, buy a car, or rent a house. Basic personal finances are essential skills that are all too easily neglected; they need a much greater focus to be put on them so young people know how to live after they leave school.
- Votes at 16 – The vote should be given to young people in society. We are expected to be mature and to take control of our lives; how can we if we have no say in the politics that define our lives? Giving the vote to young adults is the best way to encourage change on all levels of society – not just the local one.

**Harry Woodhouse** North Wiltshire (Royal Wootton Bassett) Standing for WAY & UKYP Age 16

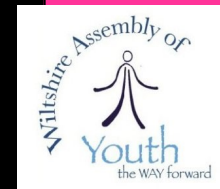
- The world is finally doing something about climate change but an equally serious problem is facing us - the Plastic Crisis. Industrialisation and the increase in the consumer goods sector have seen a huge rise in the use of plastic. Unfortunately, the majority of plastic does not get recycled and instead gets wasted. The oceans are the world's largest dumping ground with 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic trash. Each year, 8 million tons of plastic are added to the count. Plastic acts as a sponge for harmful pollutants which kill off creatures and infect the world's supply of sea food. If I am elected I will campaign for a more eco-friendly nation where the amount of plastic waste will decrease and the dangers of BPA and similar products will be dealt with.
- I will encourage schools to ban single use water bottles, buy more water refilling stations, provide more recycling bins, and increase education on plastic waste in schools. I will encourage students to buy BPA free refillable water bottles
- I will contact companies who are also making a stand against plastic waste and BPA, in order to get more support, e.g. Selfridge's Project Ocean.
- My policies will help inspire change around the world and in our country through fighting the plastic crisis.

**Laura Barr** North Wiltshire (Devizes) Standing for WAY & UKYP Age 17

- Equal treatment and tolerance is something I will strive for with determination and enthusiasm, raising awareness through education and campaigning. My main area of focus is tolerance - of sexuality & gender identity, of religion, and through education.
- It is poignant that even in 2015, the fight for equality is still continuing. Equal treatment, socially and politically, is not a privilege but a basic human right. Through education, we can encourage acceptance and understanding. Educating people on gender identity and sexuality (LGBTQI+) is an effective way of encouraging understanding and therefore tolerance. Empowering people who feel they have been subjugated in society will also be effective through education and support groups, which are lacking in Wiltshire.
- Society has developed a harmful 'us and them' mentality, which has led to a copious amount of Islamophobia. By objectively educating people on the current political and social issues, we can discourage hate, and unite rather than separate. This will again be done through education and making information available.
- Through the WAY and UKYP, and by making political information available to young people within schools and their communities, we will encourage young people to explore other aspects of themselves personally and intellectually. They can therefore become more aware of the world that surrounds them, and allow themselves to have access to, and involvement in, opportunities. This will be achieved by improving the curriculum and aspirations, and funding specialist teachers in fundamental subjects like PSHE and Citizenship.

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### Thomas Coleman North Wiltshire (Devizes) Standing for WAY & UKYP 17 years

- Radicalisation and Islamophobia are contemporary, interlinking and growing phenomena. It is my belief that working with WAY and the 'PREVENT' program a meaningful action can be taken towards resolving these issues. As a member of WAY and UKYP, I want to see changes in primary school education, in particular the subject of Citizenship, with the introduction of set curriculums. It is an important subject in promoting equality and tolerance. This understanding at a young age is a crucial step to overcome these issues.
- I believe individuality and self-empowerment are very important for students, and as a member of the Devizes School Student Council, I have felt restricted under the set standards. If I were elected I would give the students a larger voice in their schools. I would try to promote more autonomy for students within schools, and ensure that their views and beliefs are heard, such as those on uniforms, and tutor groups.
- With the recent conclusion of the Paris Climate Conference agreements, I believe it is vital to work with WAY and UKYP in aiding this transition to a greener and brighter future for the coming generation. As a WAY and UKYP candidate I would like to set up several campaigns in order to contribute to this progression. As a previous experienced member of my school's Eco-Group, I would like to commence campaigns on those encouraging changes and efficiency in public transport, and the formation of more ECO-UNESCO Groups in the UK.

### Will Templeton North Wiltshire (Chippenham) Standing for WAY Age 13

- Discrimination of any sort is not acceptable and must be stopped. Discrimination comes in many different forms, for example, homosexual or transgender abuse; skin colour/racism; background; religion; or bullying. I believe that education is key to helping solve ignorance.
- Speeding/dangerous driving anywhere in Wiltshire is not right and speed limits should be enforced and respected. I want Wiltshire to be a safe place to live, especially in built-up areas and around schools with more 20mph and 30mph speed limits.
- Littering and graffiti is horrible and ruins our environment and makes our towns and villages unsightly. I hope to lobby the Council and schools to educate young people not to litter or vandalise and spoil the appearance of Wiltshire, as it is unhealthy for the local environment and wildlife.
- Caring for the Elderly. I would really like to raise the awareness of elderly people who live on their own, to ensure that they are not forgotten and have the company and support that they need.
- I would like to lobby to decrease parking fees in our local towns and villages. We need to try and help regenerate our local towns by encouraging people to visit and shop more. Current parking fees can act as a deterrent to visitors and I would like to lobby the Council to introduce new parking policies such as first 15 minutes parking for free, then lower charges thereafter.

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### Shone Biju North Wiltshire (Calne) Standing for WAY & UKYP Age 12

- One of the first concepts of my manifesto is based on littering and how bad it has become to this day. I think most people would put rubbish in a bin but sometimes there isn't one to put rubbish in. I want to try and establish more public bins to reduce littering.
- Car park charges are very high in some areas even though other car park charges that are close to it aren't that costly. I want to try and keep charges the same in all areas because otherwise it's not fair on the public.
- Bullying is another topic which is very hard to deal with. Mostly because children are too scared to report bullying because they always come with a scenario where if they told an adult about someone bullying someone they would get bullied as well because they went and told the adult.
- I also want animal testing to stop because animals may be small and inferior to us humans but they also have lives as well as feelings. They are exactly like us, they have the ability to think for themselves. We are cruelly testing products on animals to make it safe for us but what about the animal - is it safe?
- The last topic on my agenda is green energy. If more car companies switched to make electric cars it would leave less gas emission in the air and if everybody recycled there would be less things thrown away that keep polluting the world.