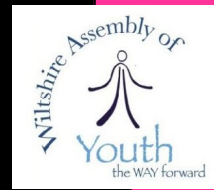


Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY) & UK Youth Parliament (UKYP)



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Maisy Humphrey West Wiltshire (Trowbridge) Standing for WAY & UKYP Age 14

- I am a feminist, pro-human rights, pro-choice, pro-equality young person with an opinion.
- I believe that the amount of racism, sexism, xenophobia and homophobia that goes on in our community should stop. We need to fight this by teaching young people to reach their own decisions and opinions on social justice matters.
- In our schools, it seems the only type of education that's promoted properly is traditional qualifications. I will campaign for improved awareness of BTECs, apprenticeships and college courses. People learn in different ways and schools should do all they can to help everyone achieve their full potential.
- Previous ambassadors have promised things such as youth cafés or places for young people to socialise. I intend to make these dreams a reality. The council puts aside money for projects like this, and it's never used. I propose to use this money to build somewhere for young people to go.
- Adults often complain about the 'disruptive youth' hanging around the streets. That being said, anywhere for us to spend our time is too expensive for us to regularly go. I aim to enforce discounted opportunities for young people to spend positive leisure time.
- For some reason, in our society, sex seems to be a taboo subject. Sex should be talked about freely at an early age - although there is little you can do to stop young people having sex, you can at least make it safer. Sex education should be improved in schools and be inclusive of all sexualities.

Jake Le'Maire West Wiltshire (Warminster) Standing for WAY & UKYP Age 17

- Mental health must be tackled within schools. Young people cannot turn into adults without being able to understand what it's like to be afflicted by poor mental health. Schools need to show students ways to signpost poor mental health and remove the stigma behind it created by the media. Tackling this problem at a younger age may lead to more openness about the mental health and that it is not something to laugh at. Learning packs could be created to help the teaching of topics like this. Just because we can't see it doesn't make it less serious.
- There is a genuine need for people to learn life skills such as dealing with banks and maintaining a car. I would promote partnership working, where professionals from outside the school environment would come in and give presentations about these subjects. This will result in young people gaining important information which will be needed in the future; as a result people will be better prepared for life outside school.
- Sex education is generally heterosexual sex education. It is vital that LGBTQ+ education and LGBTQ+ sex education is taught within schools - young people may have no indication about their sexual identity which may be damaging to them as adults. Also, young people may not know how to keep safe and protected during sex with the same or different gender. Lessons will help young people understand who they are and what it's like being LGBTQ+. These lessons may include teachings about different sexualities.

Kirstie Stage West Wiltshire (Tisbury) Standing for WAY and UKYP Age 16

- I would like to tackle the current issues regarding Public Transport and, in particular, the lack of punctuality and the extravagant costs; the cost for many young people plays a significant barrier within society. On a global scale, its inefficiency is a sheer polluting factor in increasing carbon emissions.
- I would like to bind relationships between different generations. Young people have technological expertise; this could offer the older population the chance to improve their skills - eradicating the sense of division. I would like to look at encouraging a scheme to help educate others to feel more comfortable with the use of technology.
- Networking between schools and the local community is an area that I would like to promote. Communicating more, sharing goals and making links would ensure that all primary and secondary schools can create smooth transitions and most importantly, new friendships!
- Spreading public awareness of Mental Health issues within young people, supporting those with body image problems (for example anorexia and bulimia). With increasing rates of depression, self-harm and adolescent suicide, I want to ensure that there is a higher awareness within education. Young people are the future generation; don't make us suffer in silence.

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