

Make Your Mark



Each 11-18 year old gets 3 votes: 1 UK issue, 1 Devolved issue and 1 local issue

UK Topics	Tally of Votes	Total
<p>Protect the Environment- We believe that we have a responsibility to protect the environment from the effects of climate change for the next generation; and that the Government should look towards carbon neutral alternatives.</p>		
<p>Votes at 16- Give 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote in all elections/referendums.</p>		
<p>Tackling Hate Crime- We should be educated on how to report hate crime. We believe the Government should invest in creating safe spaces that promote unity in communities.</p>		
<p>Make the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) Statutory Law – This is important for children’s rights. The UK government agrees with it but they don’t currently have to follow it; we believe they should and make sure our voices are heard in all decisions that affect us.</p>		
<p>Welcome Refugees- Everyone deserves the right to live without fear of death and persecution so we believe that refugees should be welcomed into communities in the UK.</p>		

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Devolved Topics	Tally of Votes	Total
Curriculum to Prepare Us for Life- Schools should cover topics like finance, sex and relationship education and politics		
Tackle Child Poverty- No-one should have a disadvantaged start in life just because of their financial position; the Government should do more to put an end to child poverty.		
Mental health- Services should be improved with young people’s help, and should be available in schools.		
Stop street harassment- We think it needs to be recognised more. It could be stopped through investment in local strategies; and by both consulting young people and educating young people.		
Put an end to knife crime- Too many young people’s lives are lost to knife crime; the Government need to do more to help end the knife crime epidemic.		

Local Topics (please add topics below)	Tally of Votes	Total

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