

TEEN TALK

UPDATE
SEP 2023



9 total
Attendees

May: 5, Jul: 4

Next session 3 Oct - Eco friendly Ripon

Upcoming sessions:

14 Nov - Mental Health

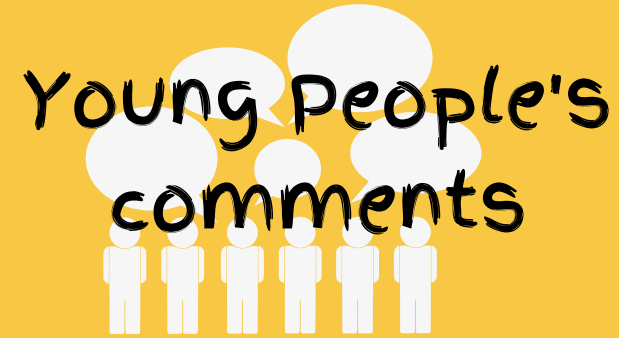
20 Feb - Employability & Volunteering

2 Apr - Ideas for Summer Holiday Activities



Themes
Discussed

- Volunteering
- Where is welcoming
- Mental Health
- Wants/Needs
- Government



There is lots for children but never for teenagers

Bullying is a big issue

Community Helper means more than volunteer it makes more sense

There is a big gap in consideration of young people's issues, ideas and what they need

Interested in volunteering but without incentives probably wouldn't do it

People in Ripon think teenagers are all bad and up to no good

Lack of affordable and reliable transport limits opportunities



Young People are keen to access sex education in a more informal setting
Young people want somewhere to go that is theirs
Young people asked for a dedicated youth centre

Young people know where to go for help with their mental health and well-being concerns
They understand how to improve well-being
On a score of 1-10 almost scored 5 or under for their current well-being
Young people express negative impacts from Covid lock downs

Young People are not sure how government works
Young People are unsure where they would gain information on who to vote for
Young people would like to vote at 16

There are places in Ripon where young people feel unwelcome
The Library & YMCA were the top places they felt safe and welcome

Young People are keen to volunteer
Perceptions of volunteering wasn't understood
Young People feel unsure of their future

Ripon Teen Talk is an opportunity for Ripon's young people to develop a voice and influence in their community.

Young people share experiences of growing up in Ripon and help to highlight need and identify gaps in provision for young people.



SUCCESS

The aims of Teen Talk is to:

- meet 6 times year to provide a focus for youth voice
- provide a space for young people to have a voice which will be fed into the youth voice partnership and local democratic structure by YMCA staff

