

Key Messages from Consultation with Children & Young People

Headline	Message	Source	Age	Reference
'Nothing To Do, Nowhere To Go'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More exciting things to do • More safe places to go • More friendly adults to help and inspire • More positive role models • Activities affordable and accessible to all • Schemes designed by young people for young people 	<p><i>Gloucestershire Children's Fund</i>, November 2002, in Coney Hill, Podsmead, Matson, White City, Barton and Tredworth</p>	5-13	
'Neighbourhood play needs and wishes of Gloucestershire's children are not being met. Children know the problems and can create wise and cost effective solutions'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide basic playground, sports and wheels facilities in every neighbourhood. Children need to play in their own neighbourhood. • Teenagers want to play! Provide age appropriate facilities and youth shelters in every neighbourhood • Provide skilled playworkers in every neighbourhood to increase the play value of local facilities and enable children to have a strong community voice • Establish a Neighbourhood Children's Network to promote services for children and mutual support to children living in nine neighbourhoods • Improve access to district leisure facilities by making them affordable and accessible 	<p><i>Neighbourhood Children's Commission</i> – All Neighbourhood Project areas in Gloucestershire – including Coney Hill, Podsmead, Matson and White City in Gloucester City.</p>	5-11's; 12-16's and parents	

Transport is the big issue for young people in Gloucester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can't get to evening venues (eg Megabowl); have to hang out in own neighbourhoods 	GYM etc	13-19	
Affordable social life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UGC too expensive; lack of leisure for youth – discos, cafes, fitness, skating, youth shelters & sports/play facilities 	GYM etc	11-19	
Make the park safer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of environment, lighting, litter, bullying, equipment, supervision... 	Young Community Counts	8-16	
Validate Proof-of-Age Card is a good idea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face many age barriers; feel insulted if asked age and not believed; card gives confidence 	Podsmead &, Matson NP, GYM	12-16	
Relationship between Police and young people is not good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many y/p hold negative views of police officers; level of trust varies; most have major concern about crime 	Police/Youth Service	13-19	
Top issues nationally are health, families and education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families are very important; same standard of education for all; achievement & enjoyment in & out of school 	CYPU National Consultation	13-19	
Talk to us in a language we can understand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No PR stunts, jargon, statistics – but respect, relevance, and opportunities 	<i>Up Front</i>	13-19	
Listen and respond to our concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve us, give feedback, and act 	<i>Up Front</i>	13-19	
A Consultation with Young People on their concerns and what help they want from Connexions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social skills, i.e. wanting to get on better and manage their temper • Finding good places spend time with friends. Focus groups mentioned specific facilities such as skate parks and adventure playgrounds • School age young people were 	Connexions Gloucestershire A Consultation with Young People Presented by Taylor Wells Associates 2001	13-19	

	<p>concerned about sexual health issues (incl. HIV/AIDS) and being or making someone pregnant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The post school age group were concerned with transport and places to meet friends. Issues surrounding independent living and getting help with problems also featured. • All age groups reported they wanted help with choosing careers, courses and other post-16 options. This included help with CV writing and learning how to fill in forms. • Money worries and information on how to claim benefits was a primary personal concern for all ages. 			
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Key Messages Reference Sheet

Source	Age	Area	Date	Method	Address	Contact
Neighbourhood Children's Commission	5-11s; 12-16s	NP areas	2001-2	Children's commission; survey; video	postman @gnpn.demon.co.uk	Pip Levett GNPN
Gloucestershire Children's Fund	5-13	NPs etc	Nov 2002	Peer consultation / action research	swcfg@mail.nch.org.uk	Karen Williams
Connexions Gloucestershire	13-19	County	2001	Consultation with Young People – with Taylor Wells Associates	www.connexionsglos.co.uk	Eugene O'Kane
Gloucester Youth Movement	15-21	Glos.	1999-2003	Mixed peer consultation	www.bananas-gov.co.uk	GYM Co-ordinator: Shahina Bhaiyat
Police/Youth Service Consultation	13-19	Glos Chelt FoD	Research 2001; pub Mar 2002	Focus groups	lyn.oatey@virgin.net	Lyn Oatey Youth Service
<i>Up Front – Young People tell the government, politicians and the media what they think and what they need</i>	13-19	Nation al	July 2002	Survey / focus groups	www.cypu.gov.uk	Children & Young People's Unit
<i>CYPU National Consultation</i>	13-19	Nation al	Nov 2001 – March 2002	1300 y/p surveyed	www.cypu.gov.uk	Children & Young People's Unit