

# Empowerment of young people



# What is Empowerment?





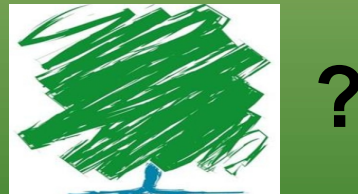
# Grassroots Empowerment

UKYP believes stereotypes of young people presented in the media should not prevent young people being empowered. UKYP believes all are equal and all deserve empowerment.

# Government

Local government and empowerment

National government and empowerment



# Young People and Neighbourhood Councils

- Young people can bring up issues
- Young people can have a say
- Young people can affect decisions???

*“It wouldn’t make any difference as I am not at an age where I can vote.”*

A Young Person on the Neighbourhood Councils

# National Voting

75% under 18 would vote

Further 20% if knew more

Higher than adult



Members of Youth Parliament protest against university tuition fees in the streets of Birmingham

# Councils and forums

UKYP

Peterborough Youth Council

Neighbourhood councils

Police youth forums

Social Networking debates

# Good

- Youth council and UKYP
- Potentially Neighbourhood Councils
- Many adult politicians
- Youth Bank
- Police Youth Forums

# Bad

- Access
- Time
- Money
- Confidence
- Some adult politicians
- Level of support
- PYC – No national links to BYC £54 =  
YOUTH BANK – 50% discount on training
- PYC – No website

# What's happening in the future

- Regular meetings with Cllr Cereste.
- Go on Youth Council residential
- Retain strong links between YC and UKYP

# Suggestions for the future

- Report of Neighbourhood Council meetings sent to the Youth Council.
- Secondary heads member for the GPP – 2<sup>nd</sup> school Heads board elect one person to attend the GPP – many decisions affect young people and schools.