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+ 1001 Voices Transport Meeting

By Annabelle Cooper, deputy member of youth parliament, June 2014

On Friday June 13 a member of the Northumberland youth cabinet and a member from the Northumberland youth parliament attended a meeting with the creator of 1001 Voices, an online survey which is emailed to young people.

The aim of the meeting was to create a survey focusing on public transport, which we'll use to gather young people's opinions.

The questions were designed to gather information on whether they use public transport, their opinions of it and their reason(s) for using alternative transport. We also hoped to find out about promotional savings or schemes that they use.

Our plan is to use this in our campaign for cheaper and more suitable public transport either by using them as evidence or as a stepping stone to kick-off ideas.

For more information about 1001 Voices email 1001voices@northumberland.gov.uk

+ British Youth Council Convention

June 2013



A British youth council convention event was held at Northumberland County Hall.

Young people who engage in youth voice from across the region attended and participated in workshops covering topics such as influencing decision makers, using social media as a campaign tool and leadership.

The event, attended by over 40 young people, ended with a Question Time style panel debate where the members discussed a number of issues, including voting at 16.

Ewan Kirk, member of youth parliament for Northumberland, said: "I enjoyed the day, it was my first convention meeting and it was especially good to meet all the other

young people from across the region. Having the event here in Northumberland made it all the better!”

+ Induction Residential

April 2013



Northumberland youth parliament members have attended a residential at PGL Caythorpe Court, near Grantham.

The weekend gave participants an opportunity to network and share experiences. There was a mixture of newly elected members and returning members.

Finola Fitzpatrick and Callum Crozier represented Northumberland at the policy discussions and training workshops. There was also an opportunity for some outdoor activities and team leadership challenges.

Finola said: “The weekend was a great chance to meet others with similar views. They were just as passionate as we are.”

+ 700 ballots returned in youth parliament vote

October 2012

More than 700 ballot papers have been completed by young people in Northumberland as part of the ‘Make Your Mark’ project.

The project allows young people to vote for issues that are most important to them. The three most important issues in 2012 were:

- cheaper, better and more accessible public transport
- preparing young people for work
- marriage for all

Councillor Lesley Rickerby, executive member for children and young people at Northumberland County Council said: “It’s fantastic to see young people so engaged

in thinking of ways to make positive changes in society. Collecting more than 700 ballots is very impressive and I'd like to congratulate all those who took part."

The project is run by the youth parliament, whose members in Northumberland have led the project with help from the Northumberland youth service.