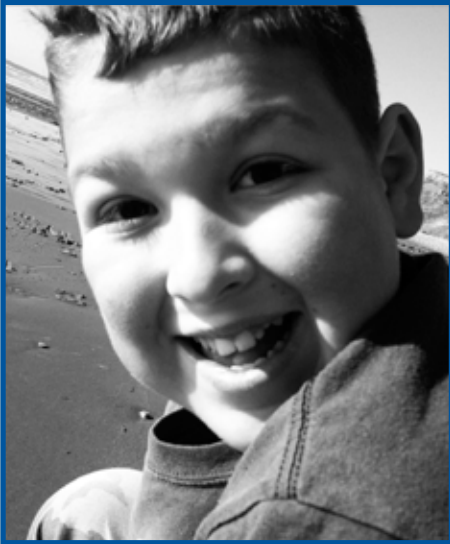


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Oskar Mason

My name is Oskar and I go to Cowes Enterprise College. I am in year 7. I am standing as a candidate for the Isle of Wight Youth Council representing the Cowes area and as a member for Youth Parliament. I enjoy going to the skate park, playing basketball and walking my dog. The reason I want to be on the youth council is because I think I can make a difference. I'm sure you've heard lots of people saying things like "I will listen to your views" but when I say that I mean that.

In my opinion, the three most important things to young people in my area are:

1. Somewhere to be with friends
2. A good education
3. Having our opinions valued

If I am elected the one main thing that I would hope to achieve is upgrading the skate park in Cowes.

I think I should be a youth council member because I can fairly represent your views, I'm not afraid to speak out and most importantly, I understand you.

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Natalia Kerr

Hello I'm Natalia and I am standing as a candidate for Youth Parliament and as a Youth Councillor in East Cowes. I go to Christ the King where I am a Senior Prefect and recently took part in a mock court trial. In my spare time I am a voluntary youth worker in Cowes and enjoy spending time at the beach.

- Youth unemployment is a massive issue and we need to change that. If I were elected I would campaign for smaller businesses to offer employment and volunteering opportunities for young people to give them the experience needed to go forward in the working world.
- I would also like more recognition and easier access to apprenticeships and vocational courses. I believe this is a valuable way to give young people the skills needed in a competitive world.
- I believe that there should be more places for young people to go, feel safe and be themselves, There should be more facilities for young people such as youth clubs, drop in's and cafes.

I believe the Island could be a great place for young people to live. Your voice needs to be heard. So vote for me if you want someone who will listen to what you want, represent you and try to make a difference for you.

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Tom Turtle

My name is Tom and I'm currently running for iwyc in the constituency effecting east and West Cowes.

A problem the youth have always had to face is the constant lack of respect from society's older generations. This has to end now. No longer can the youth of the island stand back and accept the constant slander that we are accustomed to everyday. With your vote I will be able to work in accordance with the iwyc to help boost the prestige of the islands youth by working closely with the isle of wight county press and other local media to boost the ever growing youth talent that is created within the heart of the island. Not only this I hope to work in accordance with local councils to make new and improved purpose built youth facilities across Cowes and East Cowes to give the struggling youth a place to socialise and feel comfortable.

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Lawrie Mason

I am standing as a candidate for the Isle of Wight Youth Council representing the Cowes area and as a member for Youth Parliament.

My name is Lawrie and I am currently in the sixth form at the Isle of Wight College. I have lived in Cowes for the last five years I enjoy kayaking, scuba and snowboarding in my spare time. I have been an active member of the Youth Council for the last three years and would very much like to continue to represent the voice and opinions of young people. In my time on the youth council I have been involved in many projects including promoting better standards of youth facilities and encouraging youth employment.

In my opinion, the three most important things to young people in my area are:

1. Transport
2. Fun
3. Jobs

If I am elected the one main thing that I would hope to achieve, is cheaper transport for young people of the Isle of Wight.

Vote for me and you will have an experienced youth councillor to speak for you on the matters that are important to you. I will listen to all points of view and represent everyone fairly.

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Luke Belcher

My name is Luke. I am 11 years old, and I go to Christ the King College.

I have lived in East Cowes since I was born and I went to East Cowes Primary, Holy Cross and then on to Christ the King this year, I also attended Seashells.

I enjoy all sports especially running (short distance).

I am currently practising drums, and in my spare time I do a lot of scootering and gaming, I am quite well known at the Skate Park.

I live at home with my mum, dad, dog and cat. I enjoy helping people at school and at home.

For Halloween I went to an Elderly Community accommodation and helped with a party.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Keeping active
2. Staying safe
3. Good education

What would I want to achieve?

To help more of the East Cowes to use things like: the library, and the youth club and to help bring more activities to East Cowes.

Why vote for me?

Vote for me because I respect everybody's opinion.

If I say I will do something trust me I will try to get it done.

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Willoughby Matthews

Hi, my name is Will, I'm 14 and I live in Cowes. I have two sisters and a brother and I go to Medina College in Newport; the subjects I enjoy the most are Music and Technical ICT. My main hobby is sailing, which I do at Gurnard Sailing Club and from the many clubs in Cowes. I sailed in Cowes Week this year, in the Sonar class from which we gained a tremendous 4th place! I go to the Cowes Buccaneers Explorer Scout Unit at 2nd Cowes Sea Scouts and I am part of Cowes Sea Cadets, which has encouraged me to join the Royal Navy as a Logistics Officer when I leave school. I am actively involved with IYWAC (Island Youth Water Activities Centre) of which I am part of the Young Users Group, which I have been for three years. Treatment of youths on the Isle of Wight is important to me, as we are often treated like Second Class citizens. I dislike litter, and I don't like hunting!

What is important to young people on the Island?

- Recreational Facilities for minimal price – Things to do out of school that don't cost much e.g. sports clubs and drama/music groups etc.
- Cheap Travel – particularly to the mainland.
- Employment Opportunities.

What would I want to achieve?

The main thing that I would like to achieve if elected is more availability of outdoor sporting opportunities for young people on the Isle of Wight.

Why vote for me?

You may well ask, why vote for me? Vote for me, because I will campaign to make the Isle of Wight a better place for you. I will campaign for more provision for young people and more activities available for you, such as water sports, music and art!

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Zara Fuller

I live in Northwood, and I'm 13 years old. I like listening to people and making things happen. I play football and I like to eat peas. I don't like adults being rude to children and wish to see adults being more respectful to us.

Moreover, I would like to see schools taking bullying more seriously and showing empathy for students, and listen to children's ideas about what teachers can do.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Public transport prices.
2. Better shops.
3. Homework.

What would I want to achieve?

I would like to achieve cheaper public transport prices, such as the Red Jet and Southern Vectis.

Why vote for me?

Because I let young people's voices be heard.