

Isle of Wight Youth Council 2012/14

Newport



Alister Webb

Education. Transport. Environment.

These are the priorities for us, young people living on the island. In 2012, only 44.2% of GCSE students achieved 5 A*-C grades. People on the island should be achieving better things, it is not a fault of our own, but that of the island's education system, which if changed, could present entirely different lives for the island's next generations.

£2.25 - That's how much we have to pay for practically any through ticket on the island's buses. It would cost me £22.50 every week just to get to sixth form and back using southern vectis buses. This alone would take over 6 hours to earn on legal minimum wage. Even on a realistic wage like £4.50 per hour which most of us are on, it would take 5 hours just to get to and from school. This is ridiculous, and must be changed.

For those of us who care about the environment, you may already know that the council is trying to recycle. However, this is only a start, the island is still far from carbon neutral, if I am elected I will attempt to bring wind turbines to the island.

I think I should be elected because I have already been on the Youth Council for 2 years so I know how to get things done and how the system works.

If you want a better island and someone with experience - vote for Alister Webb.

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Freddie Green

My main policy if elected as one of the representatives for Newport West would be to work with the community to create places for the youth to socialise safely together during the week and weekends. A good example of this would be Newport's youth cafe where young people can come and socialise safely together. My policy would be to create more of these cafes around the island for younger people to give the youth a place to spend their free time positively.

My second policy if elected would be to create more sports facilities for the youth around the island from a MUGA to other facilities which may be wanted by the community for the youth, be it a basketball area, football ground or even an area to play cricket with friends. My goal would be to give the youth whatever sporting facility they wish for their area in the North West constituency.

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Charlie Sherwood

My name is Charlie Sherwood and I'm standing as a candidate for the Isle of Wight Youth Council to represent the Ryde area of the island. I was born here in 1996 and have lived in Wootton ever since. I attend the Island Innovation Sixth Form Campus (formerly Nodehill) where I'm currently studying for my AS's at A-level. I'm currently taking; History, Geography, English Language and German. My biggest personal interests are History and Politics. The most important things to me are my family, my friends and my future prospects in terms of University and becoming a Solicitor. Previously, I attended Medina College where I served firstly as a member of the School Council before becoming Deputy Head Boy and Peer Mentor, roles that won me the Head teachers 'Student of the year award' at the end of Year 11.

What I feel is important to the young people of the island?

1. Bus fares
2. Create more job and work experience opportunities.
3. Creating Youth Cafés in across the island, beyond Newport.

What do I want to achieve if elected?

I want the youth of this island to feel that there are people who are working to make their lives here better.

Why vote for me?

Over my years in school and now in Sixth Form, I have met a wide variety of young people with different views and opinions and I believe that they deserve to have their voices heard where it can make a positive difference.