

Isle of Wight Youth Council 2012/14

Sandown



Tessa Kewell

I am standing as a candidate for the Isle of Wight Youth Council, in the Sandown Bay area. I have been on the youth council for the last 5 years.

I am currently at the Isle of Wight College and applying for University to become a teacher.

I want to continue to work on:

1. Voicing the views of young people in the community, both locally and island wide,
2. Encouraging youth involvement in community projects and the local area,
3. Creating and supporting volunteering and work experience, providing practical experiences for young people.

If re-elected I will make sure there are opportunities for me to listen to and act upon the ideas, opinions and views of the young people, both in the Sandown Bay area and across the whole island.

I would love to continue my work as a Youth Councillor!

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Elspeth Venn

I'm Elspeth, I'm 16, I live in Bembridge, and currently attend sixth form at Sandown Bay Academy. I am standing as a candidate for the Isle of Wight Youth Council representing the Sandown Bay area, and as a candidate for the member of Youth Parliament. I take a keen interest in politics, current affairs and law. I also have a strong personal interest in the quality of life of the Island's youth.

I am standing for Youth Council representative and member of Youth Parliament as I thoroughly support the idea that the Island's young people should take an active role in the organisation of their local area, and despite the fact that many of the young people on the Island are below the legal age to vote, we should make the best of the opportunities we have. Furthermore, I understand that many

young people on the Island have strong views regarding the Island's transport system and lack of fun, affordable activities and facilities for use on the Island. It is hugely important to me that these views are shared and taken into consideration, so that we can make a difference across the Island.

1. The ability to voice their opinions, even if they are not able to access the opportunities to do so, for example the youth councillor scheme. This could be done by increasing the number of meetings and discussion opportunities available to young people, to allow them to share their ideas in a friendly environment without large commitments.
2. Access to a wide variety of affordable activities for all young people. It is important for young people to have access to a range of opportunities, and with the recent closure of many youth clubs and other activities, including those catering for young people with disabilities. I believe it is of great importance that this is addressed.
3. Access to efficient, economic and efficient transport across the Island, allowing them to travel between school or college and their homes at convenient times, without experiencing a negative attitude from the drivers, or an unreliable service.

If I were elected to either the Youth Parliament or Youth Council, the main thing I would hope to achieve would be a drastic change in the attitudes towards young people on public transport, primarily the buses. The ability to use the Island's bus services quickly and efficiently is essential for the majority of young people, as many of us use the buses to travel to and from school or college, and other important events. From speaking to my peers and other young people across the Island, it has become clear that many feel that the prices charged by the Island's bus companies are far too expensive. Furthermore, people often find that the driver's requests to see a form of ID are made in a rude, unreasonable manor, and there appears to be a lack of agreement between drivers as to what is an acceptable form of identification. By changing the way young people are treated on the buses, I hope to improve the quality of day to day life for many young people across the Island.

Overall, people should vote for me because I am dedicated to improving the quality of the services available to young people island wide and passionate about listening to and voicing the opinions of young people all across the island.

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Ashton Helyer

I want to make a difference to the local children by increasing activities outside of school, such as setting up Ice Skating Rinks, Graffiti Art Walls and other activities that local children will find interesting.

I would like to Set up a Careers day where children in Years 8 + 9 can get a taster of different job roles they can do, this could hopefully influence the children to take good GCSE choices for what Jobs they like to start in the future.

I would like to be approachable by many people mostly children.

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Daniel Rue

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

I have lived on the Island for 8 years and in Shanklin for 5 years. I currently attend sixth form at Christ the King College where I am doing my A Levels. Even though I may not be the loudest individual around I feel am a passionate person who cares about the community and who aims to make a difference to the lives of young people around the island. Recently I've tried to really get involved with a lot of things especially in my school such as age UK and young enterprise. I feel I have a lot to offer in terms of interacting with young people but also to be able bring my own ideas to the table. I hope one day to enter a career in either business or politics and I see this as a great chance to grow as a person whilst also being an influential force in bringing about change. For me I see the values of caring, helping and giving in young people key in order to bridge the gaps between them and older people in which some I feel misunderstand and often stereotype the young for the actions of others.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. I feel a broader range of activities need to be made available to help young people grow and feel part of the community
2. The cost transport can be quite high and better value to youngsters should be made accessible
3. Better communication between the Council and all young people is vital in order for issues to be resolved.

What would I want to achieve?

If elected, my main aim over the course of the two years is to see the percentage of young people taking part in community activities to rise significantly.

Why vote for me?

I feel that I offer a unique perspective on life, which will be beneficial to bringing about real change on subjects that matter to the young people of the Island. The young people deserve a voice and your vote can make that happen.

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Chloe Nixon

My name is Chloe Nixon and I have lived in Shanklin my whole life. I have just turned 15, and I attend Sandown Bay Academy. My main interests are scouting, dance, drama, travel and music.

I have been a member of the scouting family for 7 years and I am currently a young leader with 1st Newchurch and attend Explorers in Newport. I started theatre school (Spotlight) at Shanklin theatre at the age of 5 and I have participated in numerous amounts of productions and this Christmas I will be performing in 'Sleeping Beauty'. I have been fortunate to have been able to visit numerous countries and always enjoy discovering the diversity of the local cultures and customs. I enjoy playing the Piano and often accompany friends during school recitals.

I am a very confident approachable outgoing person. I would relish the opportunity to be a represent on the youth council as feel I would be able to put forward the views and idea's of my peers with enthusiasm and conviction.

What is important to young people on the Island?

1. Travel
2. Out school activities
3. Family and Friends

What would I want to achieve?

I hope to be able to either get free travel to school for every student or atleast bring back the student rider as it didn't just help with getting to school, it also had a great aid in getting people to be involved with activities outside their area for example, I live in Shanklin, My explorer unit is in Newport (there isn't one in my area for my age group).

Why vote for me?

I believe I could make a difference and help my peers get their point across cause I have NEVER been asked my anyone, my views on anything and I think they should be heard.