

### **Why young people don't vote**

- Young people are not interested in voting.
- Younger people don't think the government care.
- Some young people don't pay tax so they aren't interested.
- Young people don't fully trust the government.
- Some feel that adults are making decisions on behalf of the younger people.
- The government are more interested in doing things for adults.
- Younger people are not fully aware of Government policies.
- Politics is about self-interest.
- Political parties aren't what they claim be to.
- People aren't interested in registering.
- Young people think the government aren't interesting in issues that young people have.
- Young people don't feel involved because of the age gap.
- The government change ideas.
- The language politician's use is confusing.
- Politics is too much about money.
- A lot of responsibility to find out about politics.
- Young people don't know what voting means to them.
- Parents influence on whether young people vote.
- Young people aren't informed of policies.
- The government done seem to want to know what young people have to say.
- Young people are viewed as a group rather than individuals.
- People are not fully aware of where they need to go to vote.
- The government make promises they cannot keep.
- Not prioritising issues young people have.
- Young people don't know how to vote.They are not aware of the electoral process and often get little or no information about the candidates or their policies
- Voting takes up to much time.
- Young people aren't taught about voting in school.
- Voting and who to vote for is not advertised affectively.
- Young people don't understand politics
- Some feel they aren't given a choice.
- Young people aren't the target audience.

### **How we can get more young people to vote**

- Be involved in assemblies and discussions about the whole voting process.
- Get young people involved with activities to do with voting.
- Have PSHE/Citizenship lessons in school/college/sixth form and explain how to vote.
- Try to build confidence in young people so they are confident in voting.
- Put posters and leaflets around schools so pupils are aware.
- Use billboards as advertisement.
- Training school councils on statistics.
- Community events for the younger community.
- Hold events in Intu, as that is a popular place with young people
- TV programs about politics and voting.
- Group discussions with young people.
- Introduce voting into schools through school councils.
- Have screens around schools informing about elections and voting.
- Use YouTube videos to inform about policies.
- Set up a Youth Twitter Page and entertaining snapchat
- Create competitions to get young people involved.
- Sixth form ambassadors.
- Advertisement in shops.
- Council meetings which involve young people.
- Homework topics.
- Councillors to keep promises and do what they say they will do.
- Hold more event programmes for young people.
- Councillors to hold workshops within schools.
- Have younger people groups to advertise voting.
- Taught in schools what polling stations look like and what the process is.
- Shadowing Councillors
- Attending council meetings
- Schools should have lessons on voting. Some schools have good systems in place such as Landau Forte college, which holds mini elections.
- Council could run workshops and invite trips to their offices to learn about politics. They consider offering opportunities for young people to shadow senior politicians
- Make politics relevant to young people
- Consider reducing voting age to 16