
THE YOUTH TIMES

CYPJS participation event platformed young people's perspective on Service Priorities

Young people felt it is important for their workers to be 'alongside us through the good times and the bad.'

On 20th June 2023; a follow-on event from a participation day utilising the Lundy Model, 8 young people open to Leicester City Children and Young People's Justice Service (CYPJS) met to discuss their suggestions for the service. Young people's voice is at the heart of our service and is also reflective of some of the key principles of a Child First approach within the young justice system (YJS).

Through facilitated discussions with staff, young people identified what they would like CYPJS to prioritise from their perspective, as seen to the right. Thanks to all involved.

- Keeping youths off the streets
- Facilitate more positive activities such as sports and arts (these quite often male dominated and girls lack confidence to attend so should allow friends to attend/ balance girls and boys or girls only groups)
- Regular contact and check ups
- Build relationships/ rapport
- Make sure there is mutual understanding of each other. Make sure young people understand why they are involved, what is going to happen and what they will be doing
- Keeping us safe
- Help with education, training and employment placements
- Workers should have an excellent understanding of my life and excellent communication
- Enjoyable and useful reparation
- Workers to understand them
- Workers to listen and see things from our point of view