Dewsbury Town Deal Youth Voice Champions

What is the aim of a Youth Voice Champion –

- To have the youth voice heard
- Put forward ideas/feedback and opinions on the regeneration of Dewsbury
- Opportunity to attend walkabout with Board Members on the 28th April
- Opportunity to attend the Town Board Meeting on the 30th June



Youth Voice Champion Members



Sufian

Jordan

Anum

Leighton

Zainab

Naima

Rameesa

Saman

What has happened so far?

Rachel Ellis – Student Community Development
 Officer – Kirklees College

 Set up 'Pop up Stall' to recruit "Youth Voice Champions"

- Pioneer House 29th March
- Springfield Centre 1st April



Students were shown the Blueprint Video, given an update on the Town Fund projects and offered to leave comments around 3 questions.

- 1. How safe do you feel when visiting Dewsbury?
- 2. What do you think needs to happen to bring more footfall into the town center?
 - 3. What mode of transport do you use and why?



Feedback

- Feedback from the questions asked at the Pop-up session have been collected and viewed and can form part of a wider report once wider engagement has taken place.
- Members of the Youth Voice Group thoughts from the walkabout on the 28th April where we visited the Arcade, Market and Daisy Hill sites.

Next Steps for the Youth Voice Champions

- To engage with the wider student population within both Pioneer House and Springfield Education Centres.
- Create a questionnaire that can be used to capture thoughts and comments
- To engage with Town Board members
- To explore other avenues of connecting and engaging with the youth sector within Dewsbury and surrounding area



