

An Introduction to Make Your Mark

Dear All,

Thank you for taking the time to get involved with Make Your Mark 2024! Make Your Mark is a biannual consultation of 11 to 18 year olds run by the **British Youth Parliament** that aims to give young people a chance to have their say on what matters to them.

Each consultation has **10 broad themes** for you to vote on and we, in Worcester, will be using the consultation to form our manifesto and what projects we work on to actively represent you. If you want to get involved with this after Make Your Mark and see how your vote makes an impact, you can **join us at Worcestershire Youth Cabinet!**

This year the categories for Make Your Mark are:

1. Education and Learning
2. International relations
3. Health and Wellbeing
4. Rights Equalities and Democracy
5. Jobs, the Economy and Benefits
6. Crime and safety
7. Culture, Media, Sport
8. Climate Change and the Environment
9. Transport
10. Youth Work and Young People's Services

In this document you will find a bit more information about what each category means to ensure you are an informed voter!

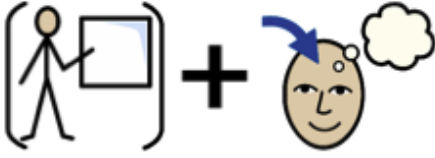


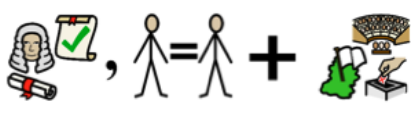
Thank you for getting involved with Make Your Mark from everyone at Worcestershire Youth Cabinet.


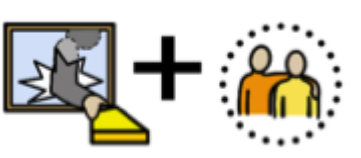



Kind Regards,


Anusha Salhan

Chair of Worcestershire Youth Cabinet September 2023 - August 2025

The Categories

Category	What does it mean?	Why does it matter?
<p>Education and Learning</p> 	<p>Your pathway to understanding the world, honing skills, and getting ready for the challenges life throws at you.</p>	<p>It's not just about classes; it's about building a toolkit that helps you navigate the exciting journey ahead.</p> <p>Your vote can influence local education policies, ensuring that schools in Worcestershire provide the best opportunities for you and your peers.</p>
<p>International Relations</p> 	<p>It's like global teamwork. How countries interact, solve problems, and shape the world together.</p>	<p>The decisions made on this global stage affect the opportunities and challenges you'll face in the future.</p> <p>Your vote can have an impact on local policies that contribute to global cooperation and diplomacy, affecting Worcestershire's role in the wider world.</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> 	<p>It's about feeling good, physically and mentally, so you can live life to the fullest.</p>	<p>When you're in top form, you're ready to take on anything life throws at you.</p> <p>Your vote can influence local healthcare services, ensuring that Worcestershire provides accessible and quality healthcare for all.</p>
<p>Rights, Equality and Democracy</p> 	<p>It's like the rulebook for fair play in society, ensuring everyone gets a shot at success.</p>	<p>Your ability to speak up and be treated fairly is at the heart of it. It's about creating a world where everyone has a voice.</p> <p>Your vote can shape local policies that promote equality and democracy in Worcestershire,</p>

		<p>creating an inclusive community for everyone.</p>
<p>Jobs, the Economy and Benefits</p> 	<p>It's the adulting arena. Jobs, how money works, and the perks that come with it.</p>	<p>Your career choices and financial stability are influenced by the economy, shaping your journey into adulthood.</p> <p>Your vote can influence local economic policies, impacting job opportunities and benefits in Worcestershire.</p>
<p>Crime and Safety</p> 	<p>It's the balance between keeping your community safe and ensuring everyone plays by the rules.</p>	<p>A safe environment means you can focus on your passions without unnecessary worries.</p> <p>Your vote can shape local law enforcement and safety measures, making Worcestershire a secure and vibrant place for all.</p>
<p>Culture, Media, Sport</p> 	<p>It's the world of expression – from films and music to sports. What makes life interesting!</p>	<p>These elements shape your identity and the things you enjoy. It adds another dimension to your everyday activities!</p> <p>Your vote can influence local cultural initiatives and support for media and sports, enriching Worcestershire's cultural scene.</p>
<p>Climate Change and the Environment</p> 	<p>It's about taking care of the planet, ensuring it stays in good shape for not only our generation but also generations to come.</p>	<p>Your vote can influence local policies to address climate change and protect the environment in Worcestershire, ensuring a sustainable future.</p>
<p>Transport</p> 	<p>It's your way of getting from A to B. From trains to buses to other ways for you to explore and connect.</p>	<p>Accessible transport opens up opportunities, allowing you to venture beyond your immediate surroundings.</p>

		Your vote can impact local transportation policies, making sure Worcestershire has accessible and efficient transport options.
<p>Youth Work and Young People's Services</p> 	<p>It's like having a support system. Mentors and services geared towards helping you navigate the challenges of growing up.</p>	<p>Your vote can shape local youth services, ensuring Worcestershire provides the support and opportunities needed for young people.</p>

Now you know all about what each category means, you are ready to cast your vote and Make Your Mark!

