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East Lothian's Youth Strategy

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Being young in East Lothian

East Lothian covers an area of approximately 270 square miles. Unlike most areas in Scotland, the population in East Lothian is increasing and is expected to grow by 2.2% over the next 5 years.

The majority of young people said they feel safe in their neighbourhood and feel safe and secure in their school

There is a projected increase in the number of 0–17 year olds living in East Lothian and this places increased pressures and demands on existing schools and other resources for children and young people.

Children and young people 0–17 years old form 22.1% of East Lothian's population, which stood at 91,280 in 2000.

A total 26.44% of all people living in East Lothian are under the age of 21.

To achieve positive outcomes for young people in East Lothian, all children and young people deserve to have accessible and effective Services.

Drug users, drunks in the street and walking through dark areas make young people feel unsafe





Since being appointed Champion for Youth, I have had the pleasure to meet and work with young people from all over our county. Young people have shaped this document through their contributions to a wide-ranging survey carried out over the summer of 2008. Information gained has been analysed together with Student Evaluation of Learning Systems (SELS) in Schools.

63% of young people attend activities outside school. Their main interests are sports, gigs, discos, music lessons, outdoor activities, internet, film making, drama, visual arts, volunteering and creative writing

90% of young people said that school helps them keep safe and healthy, teaches them about healthy eating, personal relationships and the dangers of drugs, alcohol and smoking

Walking is the main form of travel for young people and 32% use a bicycle

East Lothian Council is committed to work with its partners and to engage closely with young people to develop services, which will improve young people's quality of life. The organisations and services that worked with young people in developing this document have listened carefully and **youthvision** is testament to their dedication to working with our young people.

Working with young people within their communities is recognised as a key means of securing a smarter, wealthier and fairer, healthier, greener, safer and stronger Scotland for our young people. I'd like to thank all the young people who took part and I am determined that the findings in this document will be used in future plans. I look forward to East Lothian becoming a place where young people feel valued, are successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.



Ruth Currie

Cllr Ruth Currie
Champion for Youth

A shared vision

East Lothian Council helped us identify what young people aged 12 to 25 want in the future. Young people from across East Lothian worked with the Council's Community Learning and Development Service to develop the first *youthvision* for East Lothian and this is the result.

Free sports activities, health promotions in schools and health drop-ins with better access to health information are all seen by young people as being important to improve their health



We recommend that decision makers in services which young people use take account of this document and remember that young people have a voice and will say what they think and believe in.

We would like to continue working with the Council and its Partners to implement this vision.

We are the present and the future of East Lothian and our wishes deserve serious consideration.



East Lothian Youth Council





Organising events for young people, involving them in planning, running consultations and involving them when making important decisions are ways to ensure that young people's views are heard

Youth vision

youthvision provides a framework for:

- Identifying and addressing the needs of young people
- Working in a planned way with and for the benefit of young people
- Including young people in decision making processes
- Working in partnership in order to make the best use of our resources and strengthen our activities

youthvision will play a key role in delivering the principles outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly Article 12:

“The right of young people to voice their opinion, have their views listened to and be taken seriously.”

youthvision promotes youth engagement and active citizenship, it builds respect for human rights and mutual responsibility

We want to create a more successful East Lothian with opportunities for all to flourish.

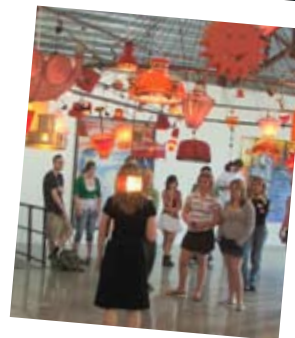


Schools Councils, Youth Councils and groups, meetings with local Councillors, media and text messaging are good ways of getting young people's views across

... We want

- strong, resilient, supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions & how they affect others
- to tackle the significant inequalities in Scottish Society
- to take pride in a strong fair & inclusive national identity
- our children to have the best start in life and be ready to succeed
- to be better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation
- young people to be successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors & responsible citizens
- to have improved the life chances of children, young people and families at risk or with disability
- to live longer, healthier lives
- to live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger
- to reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production

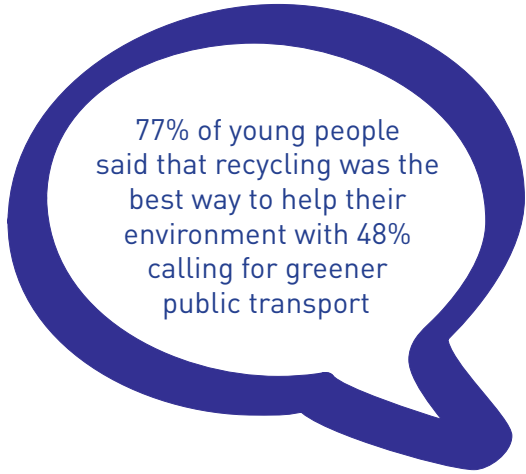
Young people say that they need better education, learning, training, leisure and jobs to improve the quality of their lives with equal opportunities for all



**A wealthier and fairer
smarter
healthier
safer and stronger
greener
East Lothian**



Partnership



77% of young people said that recycling was the best way to help their environment with 48% calling for greener public transport

youthvision is aligned with East Lothian Council's Corporate Plan and Our Contract with the People. **youthvision** assists in helping to achieve the East Lothian Single Outcome Agreement and is encapsulated in Community Planning.

youthvision embraces East Lothian's Integrated Children's Services Framework and seeks to ensure that all partner services are delivered in a well-integrated seamless manner resulting in positive outcomes for all.



Youth Vision is all about outcomes. Outcomes are the differences we want to make. Outcomes are not just what we do; but rather what results from what we do that is of value or gives benefit to others.

East Lothian's Community Planning Partnership has endorsed **youthvision** and all agencies working with and for young people in East Lothian are fully in support of **youthvision**.

All our Partners have committed to involve young people more in the planning and delivery of services across East Lothian.

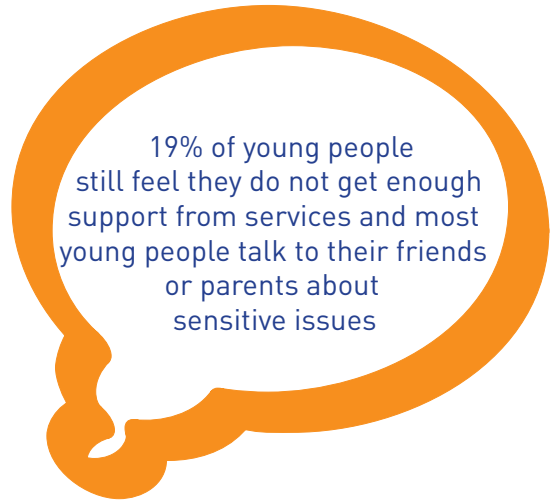




Living the Vision

youthvision has been developed and will be implemented in partnership with young people from all across East Lothian. All service providers have committed to a **Living the Vision Action Plan** to deliver the Outcomes for *youthvision*.

The plan will be updated and modified on an ongoing basis and East Lothian Youth Council in conjunction with East Lothian Community Planning Partnership will monitor progress on *youthvision*.



19% of young people still feel they do not get enough support from services and most young people talk to their friends or parents about sensitive issues



Each year an event will be organised that brings all participating partners and young people together to make sure Youth Vision is on track.

At the Annual Event we will:

- Celebrate our achievements of the past year
- Learn how we could have done things better
- Revisit *youthvision* and make any changes we think will improve it
- Listen to everyone's ideas for **Living the Vision** in the coming year
- Update our Action Plan
- Get excited about all the positive possibilities and plans and make them a reality





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