



OUR MANIFESTO.....

We're calling on all political parties to focus on young people. We believe young people need:



YOUTH WORK

Recognise the value of youth work and develop a government-wide strategy that acknowledges its contribution to young people's personal and social development. Invest in it and make it more accessible to young people.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Youth work based support can help young people take the opportunity that apprenticeships offer. Skilled youth workers support young people through the first crucial 6 weeks when the drop-out rate is highest and provide wrap around support for more vulnerable young people entering work for the first time.



YOUTH PROVISION

Social action is great but a range of services catering for different needs should be available to young people and across a broader age range than 16-17 year olds.



FINANCIAL SKILLS

Young people need financial know-how at key transition points in their lives – when they start a job, when they start living independently. Building these skills are as important as formal qualifications in supporting young people's life chances. Government needs to back a comprehensive programme of financial capability and see investment in services of this kind as a long-term benefit.



YOUTH VOICE

Lower voting age to 16 years and acknowledge the contribution young people make to society at this age. This will help young people develop the habit of voting from a young age. Political parties will need to focus more of their policy on young people.



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