

# Make Your Mark 2024

## Information sheet

for Leicestershire schools, colleges, youth groups  
supporting 11 to 18 year olds



**1<sup>st</sup> Nov-28<sup>th</sup> Jan:** [Register to vote](#) using this link

**29<sup>th</sup> Jan-8<sup>th</sup> March:** Ballots can be held by all registered places  
[Polling station and voting guide PDF](#) helpful guide on how to set up  
polling stations to vote

**21<sup>st</sup> March:** deadline to submit ballot results

Link to [Make Your Mark film](#) on Instagram and link to [Make Your Mark Film](#) on  
Facebook, produced by Leicestershire Communities team, Leicestershire County Council.  
30 second clip useful opening to a teaching/talking session

[Make Your Mark timeline](#) useful breakdown of timings for voting and results

[All Make Your Mark resources](#) for schools and youth groups including an editable  
presentation for your students and young people and ballot papers for voting

[Link to live Facebook film](#) (27mins)

From previous Make Your Mark vote results

Health and Wellbeing was voted the top priority – the issues within this were Access to  
mental health support; Child poverty; Ban conversion therapy.

Listen to this young panel of experts discuss how to take action and make change, brilliantly  
hosted by Chante Joseph

## Further Suggestions:

### **GET THINKING** in PHSE or youth group sessions

- Why is it important to vote in an election?
- You can't vote until you are 18 because you are not old enough to have an informed opinion. Discuss.
- The British Youth Council campaigns for a law change so voting in national elections begins at 16. Discuss.
- In 2023, the youngest district councillor in the UK won the East Cambridgeshire local election at just 18 years old. Is this old enough to be an effective leader?
- Why should our government listen to young people's views?

**GET VOTING** Hold a class ballot, or a whole school ballot, using the resources above. Discuss the results in PHSE or youth group sessions

### **GET IN CONTACT**

Got something to say about access to mental health support, the cost of living crisis, plastic pollution, cyber bullying, or any issue affecting young people you want the government to listen to and act upon? Send an email to your MP

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### **GET INVOLVED**

- Take action as a school or youth group on the main issues raised in Make Your Mark. Work with your Member of Youth Parliament, your class or your friends to raise awareness of the issues you care about.
- Think you know what members of parliament do? Have a go yourself in this online game <https://learning.parliament.uk/en/resources/mp-for-a-week/>