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DONCASTER CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN!

2022/2025

Designed & Written by
Young People for Children &
Young People!



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YOUNG
ADVISORS



Child Friendly
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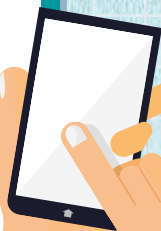


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Foreword!



Riana Nelson

Director of Learning, Opportunities & Skills



The Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) sets out our partnership vision and priorities working to provide a place for Children and Young People to learn, grow and thrive. This plan covers a wide range of organisations that are committed to making Children and Young People's lives better.

All Children and Young People in Doncaster, regardless of their background or circumstances, deserve to have a safe, healthy, happy childhood where they can enjoy family life, school and feel a part of the community. This plan has been developed by Children and Young People, Professionals and the Volunteers who support them.



Councillor Lani-Mae Ball

Cabinet Member for Education, Skills & Young People



We believe this plan sets out the strategic direction and priorities for Services, Children, Young People and Families across Doncaster. Our responsibility as a Board is to play our part in ensuring the actions included in this plan are delivered, performance is monitored and solutions are found. We want Doncaster to be a great place to live for all Children and Young People and we want to make sure they have the opportunity to become everything they want to be.



Introduction!

**DONCASTER
YOUNG
ADVISORS**



Doncaster Young Advisors!

Hey! We are Doncaster Young Advisors, and we want to welcome you to the Children and Young Peoples Plan 2022-2025! Designed and written by us, young people, for young people - **TAADAA!**

Our ambition is to make Doncaster the most Child Friendly Borough in the Country and by that; we mean a safe, happy, healthy, connected and inclusive place for all children and young people. To make this happen we need a plan... everything is better when you have a plan!

We want this plan to make a real difference and to shine a light on what the children and young people of Doncaster want and need, in order for them to reach their full potential and live in a place they can be proud of.

We want the very best for you, and dedicated services are all working together to give their best to make sure you have all the tools and resources you need to shape your future and have access to a wide range of opportunities.

We have paved the way to build a better Doncaster with you at the heart of it, aiming to go above and beyond to meet your needs, and make Doncaster the 'Most Child Friendly Borough in the Country!'.

We hope you enjoy reading it!

Follow us!



Delivering Together

Doncaster Delivering Together is our 10 year Borough Strategy to improve the quality of life for residents, communities, businesses and future generations.

Thriving, People, Places and Planet



Tackling Climate Change



Developing the skills to thrive in life & work



Nurturing a Child & Family Friendly Borough



Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all



Building transport and digital connections fit for the future



Making Doncaster the best place to do business & create good jobs



Promoting the Borough and its culture, sporting and heritage opportunities



Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs

Doncaster's Achievements So Far

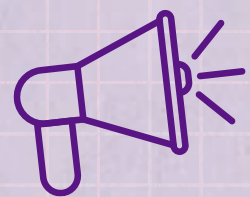
We think Doncaster offers Children and Young People a great start in life and since our last Children & Young Peoples Plan in 2017 there have been lots of achievements:



In 2021, 97% of families received one of their top 3 preference schools, compared to 93% nationally



A new Mental Health Service 'With Me In Mind' has been rolled out in Schools across Doncaster



We have increased the voice and participation of primary aged Children by appointing a Junior Civic Mayor & Primary Ambassadors



We are the very first Local Authority in the Country to run a Junior Make Your Mark Campaign



98% of our Early Years providers have been rated good or outstanding by OFSTED



2022 Make Your Mark results saw a total of 8,453 Young People taking part which is equivalent to 28.93% of the 11-18yrs population.



New Mental Health resources have been developed by Children & Young People and available in all schools and online.



71% of Doncaster Schools have been rated good or better by OFSTED



Permanent exclusions have reduced by 87% during 2020-2021

Your Voice!

This plan is based on what you have told us through consultations and surveys....
Here's what you have said!

"There needs to be more fun stuff for us to do"

"I want to be able to manage my work load at school better"

"Shorter waiting lists to get help for my mental health"

"I want to feel valued and have my voice heard"

"I wish people would stop dropping litter!"

"Poster displays in school about where and how I can get support"

"I want to feel safe where I live"

"Make services easily accessible, as I don't know what's available to me"



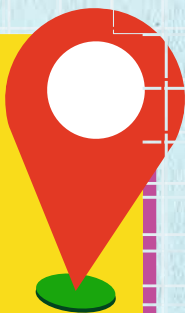
What We Already Know!

Here's some data about what we already know about
Children & Young People in Doncaster.

67,632

Total Population of Children &
Young People 0-18 in Doncaster

(Dec 2021. Office for National Statistics)



220

Young People presenting at
A&E for self harm

(Jan 2021 - Dec 2021. Doncaster Council)



419

Number of CAMHS referrals

(Dec 2020 - Nov 2021. Clinical Commissioning Group)



2,378

Number of Children & Young People
receiving Early Help Services

(Dec 2021. MOSAIC)



192



Number of Children & Young
People Missing from Education

(Dec 2021. Attendance & Pupil Welfare Service)



2,460

Number of Children and Young People
with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

(Dec 2021. Special Educational Needs)



597

Number of Anti-Social
Behaviour incidents

(Jan-Dec 2021. Early Help Service)



373

Young People Not in Employment
Education or Training (NEET)

(Dec 2021 Participation & Transition Service)



priorities

Connecting Young
People in Doncaster

our **Vision** is to make Doncaster the most
a place for children and young people

Delivering High
Quality Services

Building an
Inclusive Doncaster

Creating a Happy
Healthy Doncaster

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Best Child Friendly Borough in the Country
People to learn, grow and thrive!

Ensuring a Community
Focused Doncaster



Promoting a Strong
Education & Skills System



Providing
Opportunities for
Participation &
Engagement



Delivering a Quality
of Place in Doncaster



Connecting Young People of Doncaster!

**What
you have
said!**



“I want to be able to find information about lots of different and exciting things that are happening in Doncaster and find out where or how I can get help if I need it.”

What are we going to do?

1

We will make it easier for Children and Young People to find information by developing a dedicated website to access information about what's happening in and around Doncaster and promoting existing platforms such as the Families Information Service, Kooth and E-Clinics.

2

We will improve our use of social media by posting on various platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube as well as sending information out to your schools, colleges and educational settings.

3

Make sure information is available in all formats to meet the needs of all Children and Young People including those with sensory impairments.

4

We will work with services to make sure they are working towards Child Friendly Doncaster Status.



2

Building an Inclusive Doncaster!

What
you have
said!



I want to live in a place that makes sure everybody is made to feel welcome and treated fairly and able to get involved no matter what!

What are we going to do?

1

Promote the value and contribution Children and Young People bring to Doncaster and their communities.

2

We will work with schools and colleges to improve understanding of Children and Young People who need a little extra help including those with sensory needs.

3

We will champion diversity and challenge discrimination by creating an Inclusion and Fairness Forum.

4

We will make sure services are inclusive to all Children and Young People.

3

Creating a Happy and Healthy Doncaster!

What you have said!

"I want to know what to do to keep my mind and body healthy, and to know where to go if I need a little help to get me there."



What are we going to do?

- 1 Deliver lots of programmes to support you and your families health and wellbeing.
- 2 To make sure Children and Young People are aware of and have access to local quality mental health and wellbeing support.
- 3 Will make sure your teachers know how to support you through issues around bereavement, stress, anxiety and low mood through quality training.
- 4 We are going to create healthy and vibrant communities through physical activity, sport, diet and nutrition.





Providing Opportunities for Participation and Engagement!



**What
you have
said!**

I want to have the opportunity to take part in lots of different activities, events and community groups regardless of where I live.

What are we going to do?

1

Increase the availability and quality of activities, groups and programmes for Children and Young People to access.

2

Plan community and celebratory events for children and young people to participate and engage in including Queens Jubilee, Civic Mayor Awards, Forum Events and LGBTQ Pride.

3

Make sure you have the chance to have your say on issues that are important to you by building on the many ways you can get involved such as Young Advisors, Youth Council's Make Your Mark, Junior Civic Mayor, Primary Ambassadors and many more.

4

Source more funding opportunities to strengthen and expand the Local and Universal Offer.



5

Ensuring a Community Focussed Doncaster!

What you have said!

“I want to live in a community where i can access local services and have an active role in shaping them”

What are we going to do?

1 We will provide you with opportunities to have your say on local services and the community where you live.

2 We will engage with you to understand your lived experiences to inform local planning.

3 We will strengthen community resilience and reduce health inequalities.

4 We will listen and respond to your ideas and suggestions.

6 Promoting a Strong Education & Skills System!



**What
you have
said!**

I want my education to make sure I feel ready to be who I want to be when I grow up.



What are we going to do?

1 Ensure every Child and Young Person achieves their full potential.

2 We will make sure if English isn't your first language you will have the same opportunities to learn as your peers.

3 Improve Reading, Writing and Maths to build strong foundations in learning.

4 Raise aspirations and improve career pathways and strengthen information, advice and guidance by bringing careers into the curriculum.



7

Ensuring Doncaster is a High Quality Place to Live!



**What
you have
said!**

I want sustainability and safety to be promoted to make sure Doncaster is a place that I want to grow up in and be proud of.

What are we going to do?

1 Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour and tackle the root causes.

2 Respond to the Climate Change Emergency to improve and maintain a pleasant and sustainable clean, green environment for everyone to enjoy.

3 Look to increase the number of sustainable affordable housing across Doncaster and supported accommodation for care leavers.

4 Reduce the number of Children and Young People at risk of exploitation by raising awareness in the community through regular engagement.



8 Delivering High Quality Services!

What
you have
said!

I want there to be lots of people who can help and support me, and for them to all work together to make sure I get the best throughout my life.

What are we going to do?

- 1 Continue to ensure that Children have the best start in life by focusing on the first 1001 days.
- 2 Invest in early intervention and prevention services including the new 'Your Family' Community Hubs.
- 3 There will be more staff trained in the role of Lead Professional to help support Children, Young People and Families.
- 4 Support Children and Young People through transitioning phases including into adult life.

What Will Be

1 Connecting Young People of Doncaster!

- Introduction of a new website for Children & Young People.
- More users of social media platforms such as Youth Forum Groups and online support such as Kooth.
- Information and resources are accessible to all Children and Young people.
- Increase in the number of services signing up to Child Friendly Status.

2 Building an Inclusive Doncaster!

- Increase in the number of good news stories to celebrate the positive contributions of Children and Young People.
- Staff and teachers are trained to know how to recognise and support a Child or Young Person who may need support.
- A kinder and compassionate Doncaster with a focus on reducing bullying.
- Services are more accessible and easy to navigate for all Children and Young People.

5 Ensuring a Community Focussed Doncaster!

- Increase in participation in all annual consultations delivered by partners including Pupil Lifestyle Survey, Make Your Mark.
- Local Plans will reflect the priorities within communities across Doncaster.
- Communities are working together to help families build resilience and reduce health inequalities such as mental health and food poverty.
- Produce an annual "You Said We Did" report based on what Children and Young People have told us.

6 Promoting a Strong Education & Skills System!

- Increase in the number of Children and Young People gaining a good standard of education in KS 1-4.
- There are no barriers to learning if English is not your first language.
- A strong early learning foundation focusing on Reading, Writing and Maths and use of peer mentors to ensure a future where Children and Young People can adapt and thrive.
- Reduction in the number of Young People not in employment, education or training (NEETS)

The Impact?

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Creating a Happy and Healthy Doncaster!

➤ More opportunities and resources for families to explore healthy eating, positive wellbeing and support families with food poverty.

➤ Children and Young People feel more supported around mental health and wellbeing.

➤ Staff and teachers are trained to know how to identify and support Children and Young People as well as having a Wellbeing Room in all educational settings.

➤ There is more fun, activities and engaging resources to encourage positive lifelong habits including exercise and diet.

4

Providing Opportunities for participation and Engagement!

➤ Increase the support for community, voluntary, faith sector groups, youth workers and other organisations to expand the delivery of activities across Doncaster.

➤ There is a calendar of events for Children and Young People.

➤ Increased opportunities for Children and Young people to come together to hold decision makers to account.

➤ More positive activities in Doncaster for Children and Young People and their families to take part in.

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Ensuring Doncaster is a High Quality Place to Live!

➤ More Children and Young People know about all the different types of Anti-Social Behaviour and the consequences of committing these offences.

➤ There are improved safe green and clean environments including parks.

➤ Number of care leavers accessing housing support.

➤ Reduction in the exploitation of Children and Young People.

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Delivering High Quality Services!

➤ All Babies and Infants are able to develop good social and language skills ready for learning.

➤ More families are supported in their communities as early as possible through Family Hubs and community groups.

➤ Increase in the number of early assessments completed.

➤ More Children and Young People will feel ready to progress from childhood through to adulthood.

Governance!

This page tells us who is responsible for making sure we do what we say we will do!

Children & Families Executive Board

The purpose of the Board is to provide Senior Strategic Leadership to the partnership's Children and Families portfolio, to guide, advise and oversee delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan, championing the voice of children and families and to hold the partnership to account for its delivery.

Joint Commissioning Resource Group

Manage the Children's Commissioning dashboard. Oversee the Starting Well Joint Commissioning Plan.

Youth Advisors Forum

Hold the Children and Families Board to account, coordinate Young People shining a light on specific themes/topics.

Workforce Development & Practice Group

Leadership Charter
Partnership learning framework.

Adolescents Group

Oversee delivery of the Adolescents Strategy.

Joint Strategic Performance & Improvement Group

Develop and implement single quality and performance framework. Manage the performance dashboard/compliance of the C&YP Plan. Continuous improvement framework.

Children & Family Cell

Partnership response to response and recovery. Oversight of operational challenges and finding solutions.



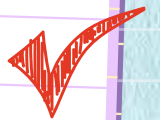
The Participation Principles!

To make sure Doncaster delivers the Child Friendly Ambitions there are targets we need to hit to make this happen and we call these **The Participation Principles**. They are looked at every year to make sure we are all doing our best for you and every Child and Young Person in Doncaster!



Inform

Children & Young People are able to make informed decisions with information tailored to them.



Involve

Children & Young People are encouraged to be involved and share their opinions on services.



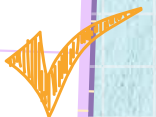
Include

Children & Young People from all backgrounds and circumstances are made to feel welcome and included.



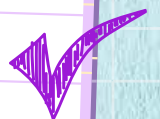
Inspire

Children & Young People are given opportunities to develop skills, experience and to participate.



Impact

Children & Young People shape services and initiatives and are told about their impact on them.



Forum Groups

YOUNG ADVISORS



Shaping and improving services across Doncaster for children and young people

Our GOAL is to make Doncaster the most Child Friendly Borough in the...

COUNTRY!



YOUTH COUNCIL

Working to make sure young people have a say on decisions made in Doncaster



Have your say!

Be a **CHANGE MAKER** use your **VOICE** and **REPRESENT** Children & Young People and have a say in what happens in Doncaster! We have many forums that you can be a part of!

DONCASTER
YOUNG
COMMISSIONERS

YOUNG COMMISSIONERS

Making sure commissioned services meet the needs of children and young people in Doncaster

JUNIOR CIVIC MAYOR

Representing local children of primary age across Doncaster and ambassador for the town



LGBTQ+ YOUTH HUB



Raising awareness and supporting LGBTQ+ young people across Doncaster



PRIMARY VOICE

Making sure local children of primary age have their say and voices heard



You could be running campaigns, raising awareness and working with lots of groups and organisations in Doncaster to achieve our goal of being the Most Child Friendly Borough in the Country!

SEND
Forum

Making sure the voices of young people with special educational needs and disabilities are heard

PRIMARY AMBASSADORS

Representing local schools to make sure children of primary age have their say and voices heard



We believe that it is so important that all Children and Young People have their voices heard and are being listened to!



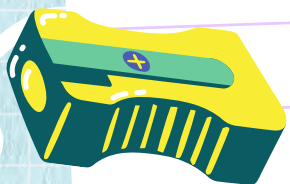
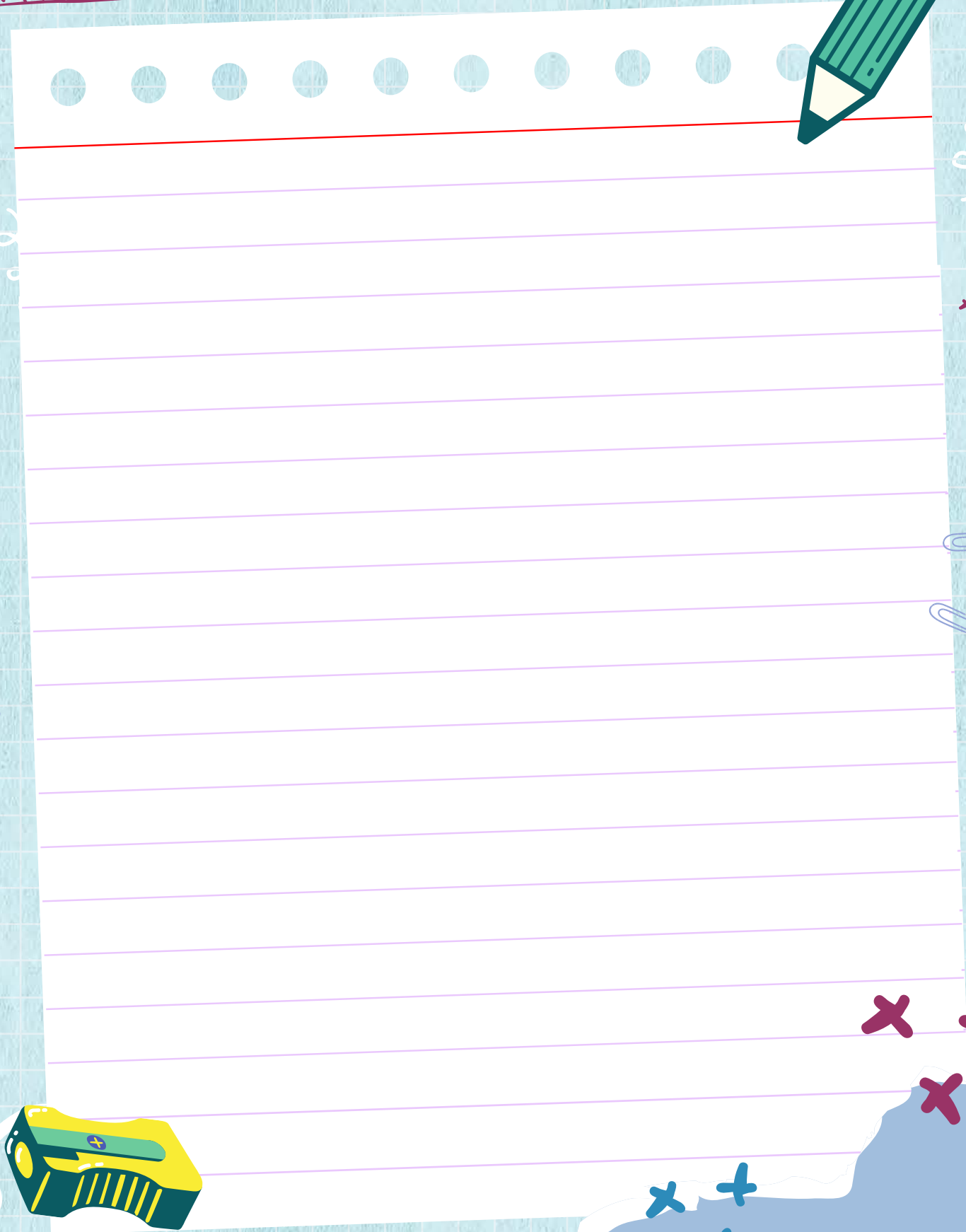
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