

Make Your Mark 2019 Results



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Introduction

What is Make Your Mark?

Make Your Mark is a consultation on what's important to young people across the UK what issues they care about the most. This year 10,288 young people voted. Young people get three votes, one from a list of five on a UK topic, one from a list of five on a devolved topic and a space to write about any local issues they are passionate about. These ballots are sent out nationally by the British Youth Council to pre-registered schools and distributed to local young people's organisations by Sheffield Futures.

What Happened next?

The national results were announced at 3:30pm on Friday 25th October, and three members of Sheffield UK Youth Parliament joined the Members of UK Youth Parliament from up and down the country at the House of Commons on the 8th November, where the top five issues were debated and two issues were chosen to become the national campaigns for the year ahead.

Sheffield Youth Cabinet will be working on improving these top issues locally.

Please feedback any suggestions to the Sheffield Youth Cabinet on how we can increase voting and range for young people to be involved.

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Comparison to last year

This year, there has been a change nationally in the Make Your Mark process. Previously young people had been given one vote. This year they were given three - a UK wide issue, a devolved issue, and a space to write a local issue. This has had an impact on the amount of time it took young people to vote and may have impacted on the number of schools opting out this year.

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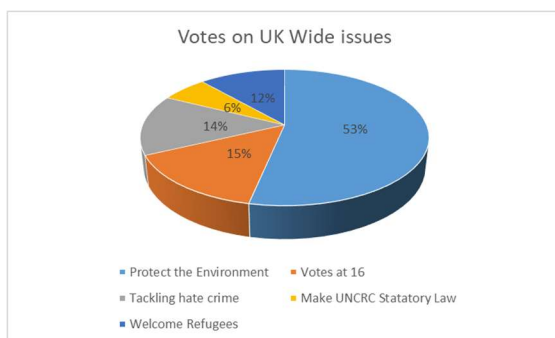
A total of 77 young people chose to cast their votes using the online portal and 96 young people votes through attendance at Sheffield Futures youth provision 'Youth Sheffield'



Citywide Picture

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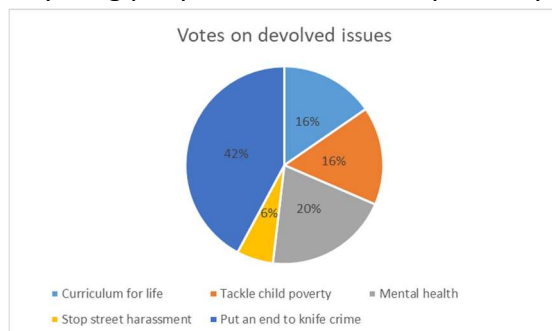
Of these 10,288 young people the UK wide topics they voted for were as follows:



The top 3 issues voted were:

- 1) Protect The Environment 53% - 5,485 votes
- 2) Votes at 16 15% - 1,509 votes
- 3) Tackling Hate Crime 14% - 1,482 votes

Of these 10,288 young people the devolved topics they voted for were as follows:



The top 3 issues voted were:

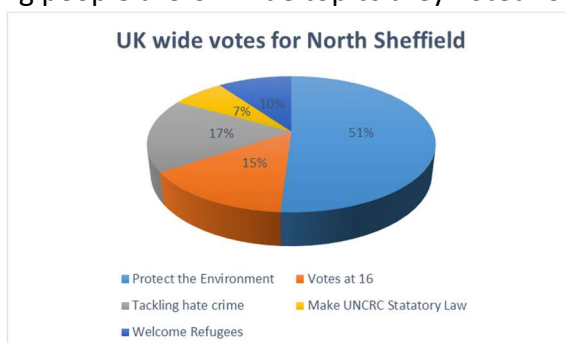
- 1) Put an end to knife crime 42% - 4,336 votes
- 2) Mental Health 20% - 2,095 votes
- 3) Tackle child poverty 16% - 1,657 votes



North Sheffield

Across North Sheffield, **6 schools** provided young people with the opportunity to vote in the Make Your Mark Ballot an increase of 1 from last year. **3,489** young people cast their votes in total at the various schools in North Sheffield.

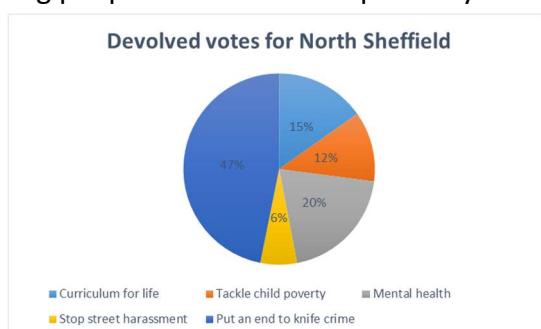
Of the 3,489 young people the UK wide topics they voted for were as follows:



The top 3 issues voted were:

- 1) Protect The Environment 51% - 1,779 votes
- 2) Tackling Hate Crime 18% - 612 votes
- 3) Votes at 16 15% - 508 votes

Of these 3,489 young people the devolved topics they voted for were as follows:



The top 3 issues voted were:

- 1) Put an end to knife crime 47% - 1,634 votes
- 2) Mental Health 20% - 696 votes
- 3) Curriculum for life 15% - 530 votes

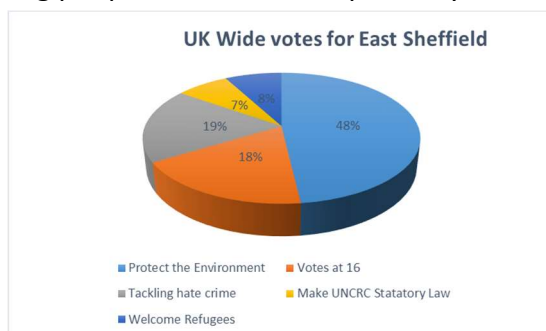
The key local issues from across the area were litter (301 votes), environment (121 votes), knife crime (109 votes), homelessness (95 votes), and mental health (56 votes).



East Sheffield

Across East Sheffield, **3 schools** provided young people with the opportunity to vote in the Make Your Mark Ballot. **1,431** young people cast their votes in total at the various schools in East Sheffield.

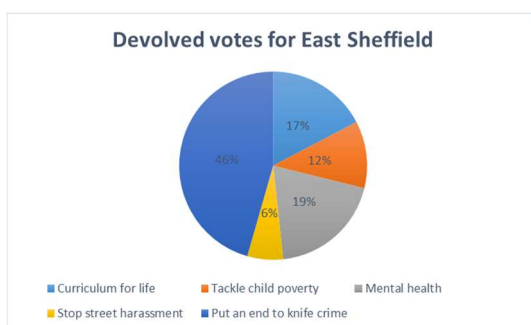
Of the 1,431 young people the UK wide topics they voted for were as follows:



The top 3 issues voted were:

- 1) Protect The Environment 48% - 689 votes
- 2) Tackling Hate Crime 19% - 265 votes
- 3) Votes at 16 15% - 259 votes

Of these 1,431 young people the devolved topics they voted for were as follows:



The top 3 issues voted were:

- 1) Put an end to knife crime 46% - 652 votes
- 2) Mental Health 19% - 278 votes
- 3) Curriculum for life 17% - 248 votes

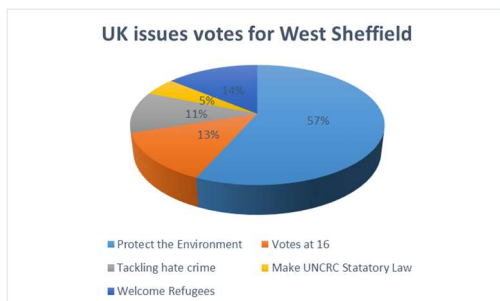
The key local issues from across the area were litter (91 votes), crime (37 votes), cheaper transport (33 votes), environment (25 votes), bullying (24 votes), mental health (23 votes) and drugs (21 votes).



West Sheffield

Across West Sheffield, **9 schools** provided young people with the opportunity to vote in the Make Your Mark Ballot an increase of 5 from last year. **4,565** young people cast their votes in total at the various schools in North Sheffield.

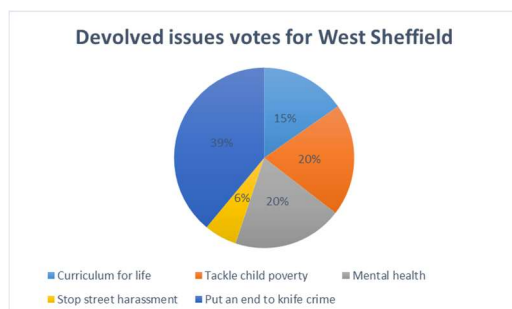
Of the 4,565 young people the UK wide topics they voted for were as follows:



The top 3 issues voted were:

- 1) Protect The Environment 57% - 2,585 votes
- 2) Welcome Refugees 14% - 640 votes
- 3) Votes at 16 13% - 609 votes

Of these 4,565 young people the devolved topics they voted for were as follows:



The top 3 issues voted were:

- 1) Put an end to knife crime 39% - 1,779 votes
- 2) Tackle Child Poverty 20% - 920 votes
- 3) Mental Health 20% - 899 votes

In terms of local issues, the most common were litter (411 votes), transport (251 votes), cheaper travel (188 votes), knife crime (184 votes), homelessness (153 votes), environment (147 votes) and save the trees (117 votes).

