

## **Recent Youth Led Projects**

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### **Stroud District Youth Council and the Local Youth Forum groups**

Whilst a general overview of our youth participation service, including strategy and structure documents, can be found on our website <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/community-and-living/youth-and-community-work> recent youth led projects in localities have included:

- ‘A day in the life of a teen’ event that brought young people and adults together to explore various youth related issues;
- A series of live music events in a rural market town increasing community cohesion amongst young people;
- An information gathering and sharing video project on mental health, entitled ‘what I’d like you to know’;
- Speed watch initiatives with the Police relating to safe and social driving in rural areas;
- Various consultative projects with local stakeholders, including the Police and Parish and Town Councils around issues relating to anti-social behaviour and regeneration.

Respective youth forum groups also had a huge influence in the re-opening of four youth centres in the district, whereby they ensured a youth voice was heard in determining the need for such places and their subsequent design.

The district youth council have a long history of working with adult decision makers to influence changes. Whilst some young people have been members for up to 5 years, relationships with organisations like the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group are ongoing in which to help make changes to services.

A full list of the key projects and issues being tackled by Stroud District Youth Council during 2017/18 can be found on our new website [www.stroudyouthvoice.co.uk](http://www.stroudyouthvoice.co.uk)

This is an exciting range of projects and campaigns which are ongoing and represent good continuity and resilience. They are decided upon by members, some of which relate to national campaigns led by the British Youth Council, whom we are a member organisation – this enables Stroud’s youth voice to be heard both regionally and nationally.