

Area Board Report from Caypig
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What the young people have thought about the Area Board

The Calne CAYPIG (Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group) has been involved in the Area board since September 2008. We have fed to the Area Board the issues that have been raised at the CAYPIG meetings, which operate from Calne Youth Development Centre (Wiltshire County Council)

A few issues have been:

- opening Smoothie bar
- public transport
- dog fouling
- Astro turf
- social spaces E.G More Parks for teenagers and skate bowl
- mud Jumps
- outdoor parkour facility
- I.D card for young people
- School Youth Councils
- Town Youth Council
- Subsidised transport for evening to take young people places E.G youth centre and two other areas of the town
- Permanent youth worker based at John Bentley School.

The young people from CAYPIG have had positive involvement where they have talked about the issues above. The Area Board Members have responded well with the issues brought up by the youths and have also made suggestions for the young people and helped them initiate action.

The young people have enjoyed going to Area Board meetings and have felt more respected and listened to during the meetings with the adults. We have not only spoke of the young peoples issues but also issues that have been raised by the board members or members of the public, this has helped us become more aware of the wider community and of the issues that exist in the town.

This has helped us understand about the democratic process like not shouting out, listening to others and understanding everyone has a voice and should be heard. It has also helped us work with the town and district and county councillors as well as local community partnerships, as a result young people from CAYPIG are represented at two local partnerships, these are: Calne Community Are Partnership and Calne Area Transport. In the future, many of us would like to sustain our involvement and we will do this with the support of Calne Youth Development Centre.