

The current Hardwicke Youth Forum were formed in may 2017 through closely working with Severn Vale School.

The purpose of a local youth forum group is to give young people an opportunity to express their views, be heard and work with local adult decision makers to make their communities better for other young people and the community as a whole.

Young people who join their local youth forum may also have an opportunity to represent the group on Stroud District Youth Council (SDYC). Recognised as the active voice for young people across the Stroud district, SDYC works alongside adults from a range of small and large organisations on projects, campaigns and issues that will influence changes both locally and nationally, to improve the lives of young people in their community.

If you have any thoughts or issues you would like to raise with the group you can use the below contact details.

**We are currently recruiting new young people for Hardwicke Youth Forum**

***‘Calling all Young People aged 13-19...do you want to be involved in making a difference with and for young people in your community?’***

**If so, by joining your local youth forum group you will...**

- Have lots of fun
- Learn new skills such as Leadership, Team Work and Social Skills
- Meet new people and making new friends
- Design projects and events
- Have a voice in local decisions that affect young people
- Be taken seriously and help to change how your community sees young people
- Attend training and youth voice events designed to help you in your role
- Attend group meetings every 2 weeks

If you would like more information or to talk about joining, please contact Jemma or Rachael via;

**Tel:** 01453 754504

**Text:** ‘I’m Interested’ plus your name and postcode to 07896 690140

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