



Sussex Youth Commission on Policing and Crime





Purpose

The Sussex Youth Commission (SYC) provides a system for young people aged 14-25 to shape the future of policing and crime prevention in their areas, working in partnership with the Police & Crime Commissioner and Sussex Police.

Who is the SYC and what does it do?

- SYC members are from areas across Sussex
- Aged 14 – 25
- Diverse backgrounds
- ‘Big Conversation’ resulted in priority areas
- Findings turned into recommendations
- Now the SYC is working on ways to shape policing and improve it for young people in Sussex



Advising and challenging

- Youth Independent Advisory Group (IAG) meets every two months
- Each IAG is themed (i.e. Healthy Relationships/Digital Safety/Tackling Radicalisation)
- SYC members can advise and challenge senior officers at Sussex Police on policy
- Improving policing for young people and influencing policy

Key benefits

Police & Crime Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A productive means to hear from young people and hard-to-reach groups • Better decisions about policies and funding affecting young people • Increased awareness of the role of the PCC and positive news stories • A model that can be embedded and integrated with local ways of working
Young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great way to make a difference to their communities and influence decisions • Personal development through valuable life and employment skills • Facilitates progression into training, education and work
Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to improve relationships with young people • Can use the Youth Commission as a critical friend and a sounding board for new ideas • Supports and enhances their Children and Young People Strategy
The wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process brings diverse groups in the community together • The 'Big Conversation' gives thousands of young people and multiple local partners the chance to get involved • Facilitates collaboration between community members and organisations • People feel safer and have more confidence in the police and the PCCs



National recognition

Compact Awards 2015



Examples of change (so far...)

- Sussex Police is producing a 'know your rights' video with the ideas put forward by the SYC
- SYC will be participating at decision-making strategic meetings at Sussex Police
- SYC has advised on Sussex Police's Rape and Serious Sexual Offenses (RASSO) campaign, which is due to be launched in September 2016



From the Commissioner...

"I'm incredibly proud of all of my Sussex Youth Commission members ...they have shown the value of trusting and investing in young people to start the conversations and ask the questions that we might otherwise find difficult or perhaps would not even think of."

Katy Bourne, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner