Authoring Knowsley Action Plan

Young leaders held a roundtable with stakeholders from Knowsley Council in January 2026 and presented the recommendations from the Authoring Knowsley report that they felt were most possible to achieve in the next 6 months. The report is available on the Youth Focus North West website. These are outlined below alongside the actions that were agreed on by those who attended the roundtable.

Safety

"Knife crime isn't an issue in the Borough statistically [...] lived experiences are different to what the statistics are saying"

Recommendations from young leaders

- Training for young people - knife saver course for young people and know your rights training for young people, including when being stopped and searched
- Police trained in how to understand young people better

Actions

- Crime and communities manager - request know your rights and stop and search training for youth groups delivered by police officers. Youth organisations to request what they would like
- Feedback from the crime and communities team to youth groups twice per year, visit services to disseminate info and updates about the work being done
- Instead of knife saver training, spend the community safety budget on positive activities such as life saving first aid training for young people across the Borough
- Request that the new highest ranking Police officer in Knowsley to come and speak to youth groups in Knowsley, building relationships between young people and the police through regular visits

Things to do



Recommendations from young leaders

- Online youth directory
- Inclusive social and sporting activities open to all genders

Actions

- As part of the Local Youth Transformation Programme, young people will co-produce Knowsley's local youth offer website. Additionally, through the Local Youth Transformation Programme, the Council is co-producing a digital youth hub that will enable young people to access information and services advertised across multiple platforms, quickly and easily through one single directory.
- The online youth directory may not be as effective as young leaders hope. There was a suggestion of an app that all local groups can upload information and events that is then community run with relevant safeguards in place
- Crime and communities team have a community safety budget which is used to fund youth groups that support crime prevention measures. Team to consider how to make these activities accessible to all, what that looks like, and whether the activities can be open access

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"We can see the data and the numbers but our roles aren't useful unless we hear the voices of the people"

Mental Health

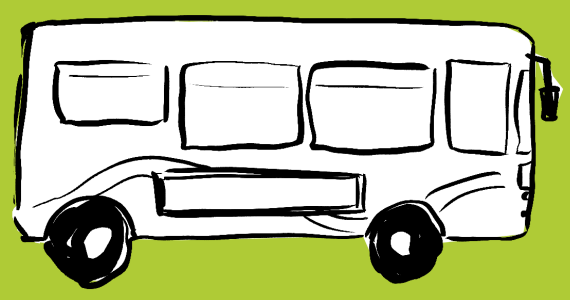
Recommendations from young leaders

- Adults trained in children's mental health and SEND, so they understand the conditions that young people have and know techniques that work for them individually

Actions

- Crime and communities team to consider what it means for police to speak to young people in a way that factors in their mental health
- Knowsley workforce development fund is available for training for the workforce. If eligible, training is fully funded and could go towards training adults in children's mental health and SEND.

Travel



Recommendations from young leaders

- Buses should be free or heavily discounted for young people under 18 and it should be more accessible to get to places in Knowsley

Actions

- Knowsley council is currently piloting having youth workers on buses with the aim for all councils across the Liverpool City Region to follow
- Crime and communities team to speak to MerseyTravel to see what is possible in lowering fees, and feedback to young leaders

Other Actions

- Community intelligence team to build relationships with young people in Knowsley and offer to share presentations of data they've gathered and any facts with them in a youth friendly way
- Authoring Knowsley report to be shared with elected representatives such as MPs and counsellors with an invitation to speak with youth groups in the borough
- All to consider who they can share the Authoring Knowsley report, findings, and recommendations with and how they can support the work to make the change that young leaders recommend in Knowsley.
- Share feedback and updates with young people across Knowsley through existing youth groups and workers