SOLIHULL'S YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION RESEARCH REPORT

"Solihull is a clean and great place to be so I can not mention the rubbish.....one thing we know is that we need to act quickly but just saying that we need to doesn't mean we are. So seriously start now like as soon as you read this. Everyone knows that even one person doing something right/wrong can change something a lot. So I'm urging you to act quickly."

Survey respondent, 13 years old



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Are young people concerned about Climate Change?



Young people believe the government, including local councils, has the most power to change the course of climate change for the better.

Schools



Schools are where young people hear climate change talked about the most. Yet they want schools to provide more knowledge on how to tackle climate change and more time to take action.

Should Solihull Council take action on CC?

81%

think Solihull Council should take action on climate change, 17% were unsure and only 2% were against.





1 in 3 want to see more energy efficiency in homes and have support to make more sustainable choices.

1 in 2 want Solihuli Council to

focus on the natural environment.



1 in 5 would like the Council to support their action and advocacy.

Do young people act on climate change?

Causing less damage to the environment is a priority for young people. 2 in 3 young people are already choosing to act on climate change.

Working together is a strong motivator for youth climate action, with families having a significant influence on involvement.

What action would yp like to take ?

Buy sustainable/climate change friendly things	35%
Volunteer and/or take part in climate activities such as	31%
Try to influence my family and friends to take action	29%
Avoid single use plastics	27%
Change my diet to make it more environmentally	25%
Use public transport instead of travelling by car	17%
Walk, cycle, scoot instead of travelling by car	14%
Reduce my energy use, e.g. turning devices off when	14%
Recycle	2%

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2 in 3 are unsure or don't know anything they can personally do to help.



Young people expressed strong views that governments and businesses are not doing enough, and this can lead to disempowerment.



Young people don't have enough opportunity or support to take action.

What can enable action on CC? Young people need.....

