

Youth Consultation

Young People's views about living on Bute



Take Time Event

Rothesay Joint Campus

Wednesday 15 November 2024



Overview



Bute youth worker Shona supported by colleague Hugh attended Rothesay Joint Campus to take part in their Take Time event which is held during careers week. This event brings prospective colleges, universities, employers and services together in one place to meet with young people.

Being an island this is a key event as young people cannot always easily travel to events to experience this type of event so often don't have the opportunities that many urban young people have.

This was an ideal opportunity for Youth Services on Bute to hear young people's voices and gather views as the event was open to all pupils in the only secondary school on the island.

Having discussed with Bute Youth Action Group it was decided that we would adapt a consultation that Kintyre Youth Action Group had run previously to find out what young people felt about living on Bute and what supports or services they felt were needed.

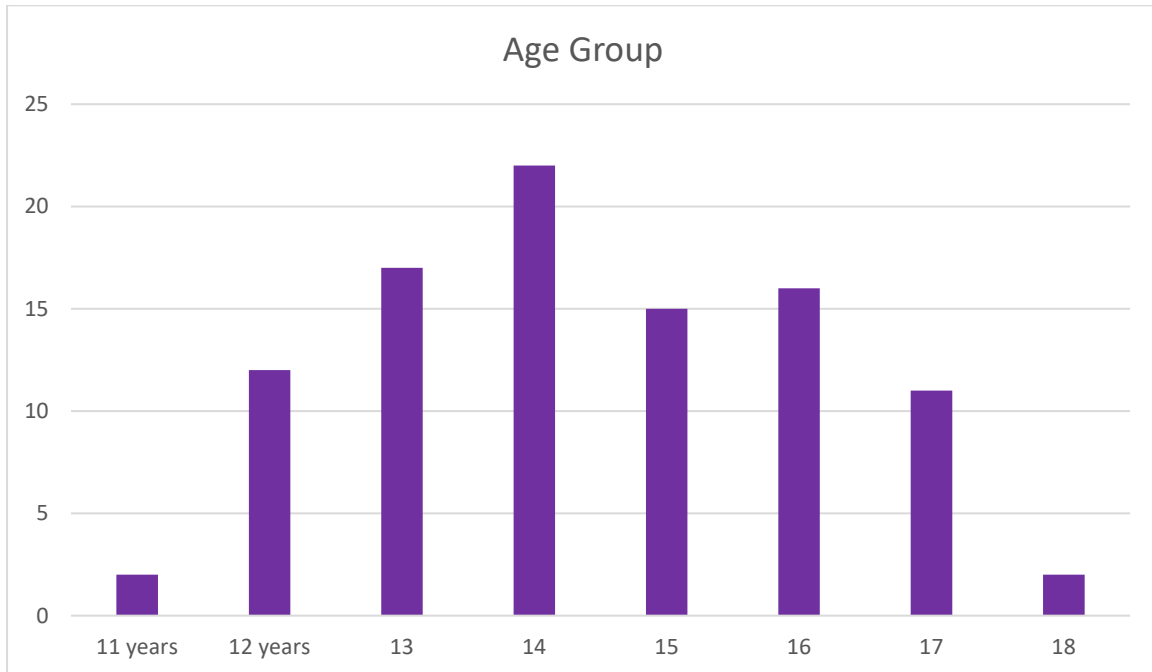
The consultation was completed by young people at the event and the personal data collected was age and their current situation.

The information collected was collated by the worker and then interpreted by members of youth action group to form this report.

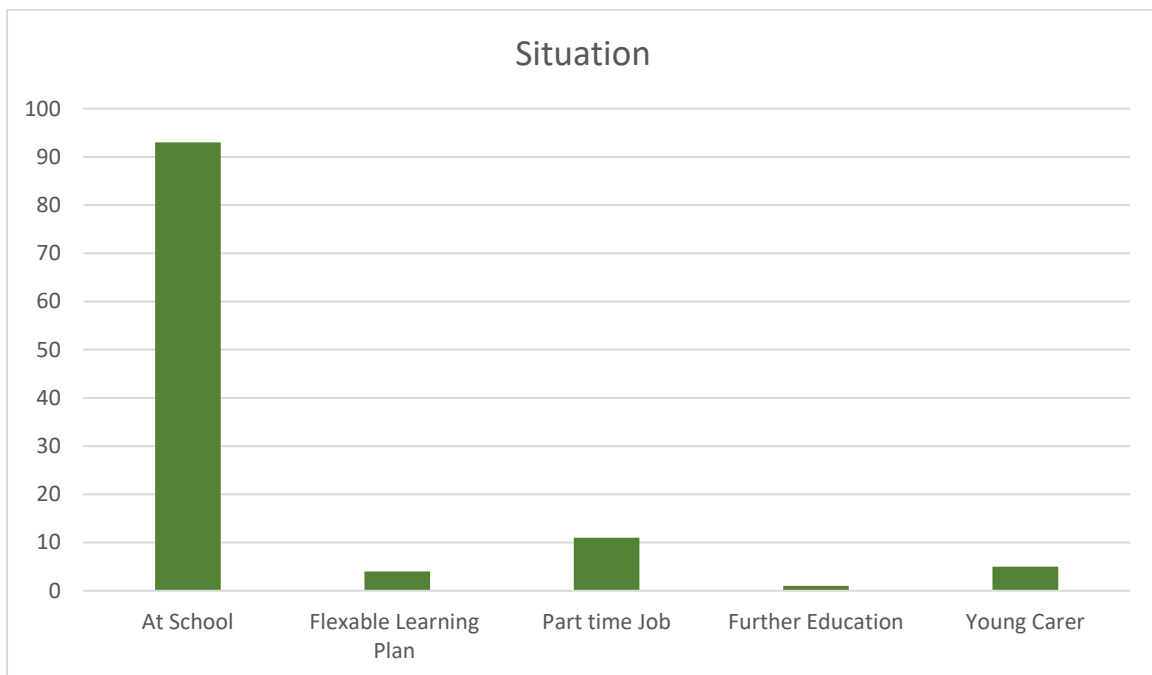
This report will be used to provide feedback to Rothesay Academy staff, Bute Community Council, local councillors and other organisations who want to know the views of young people on Bute. It will also be used by the Youth Services to shape our services on Bute.

Bute Youth Action Group and our Member of Scottish Youth Parliament can draw on relevant information from this report to enable them to share the voices of their peers on Bute and shape any programme of campaign they may take from this information.

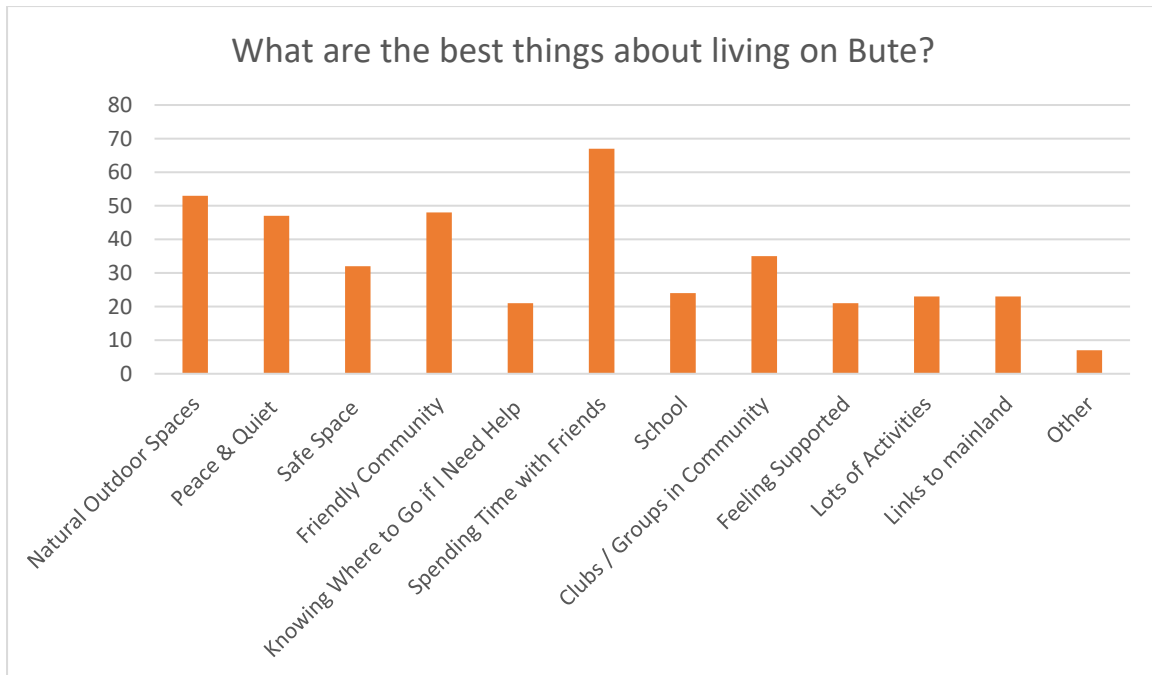
On the day 94 Young People between the ages of 11 & 18 who were attending the Take Time event took time to complete our consultation, this is just over a third of all pupils attending the school. All who completed the consultation attend Rothesay Academy of the these young people 4 are on flexible learning plans, 11 have part time jobs out with school and 5 are young carers. 1 young person is in further education doing a volunteer placement within the school.



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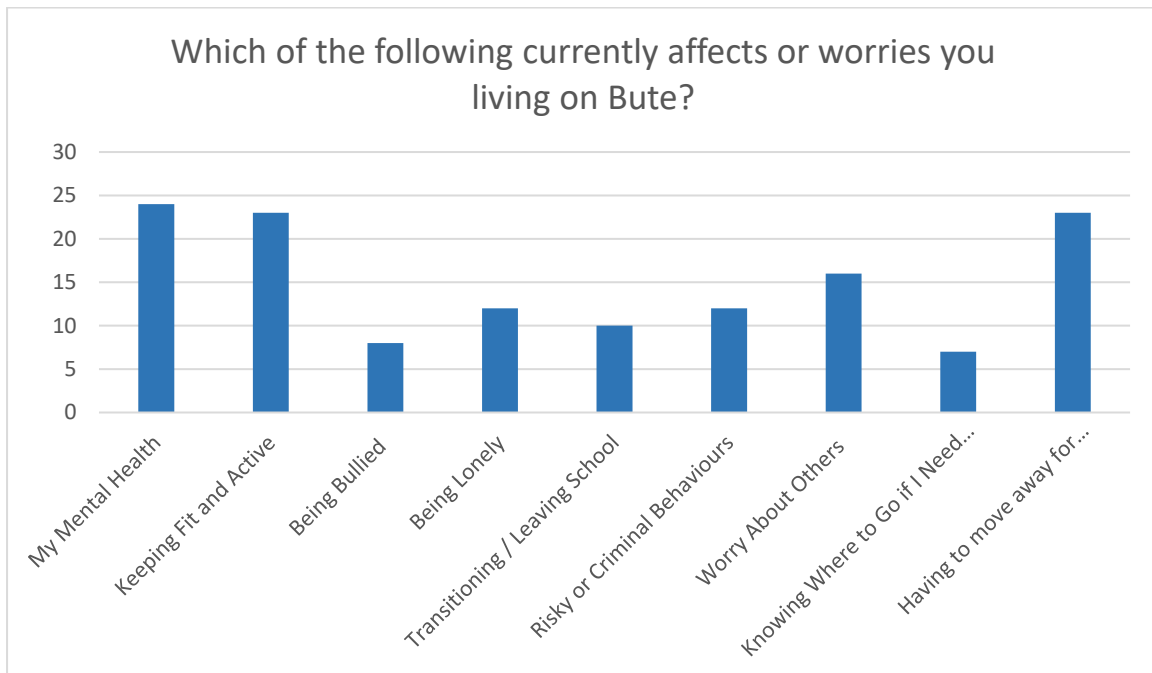
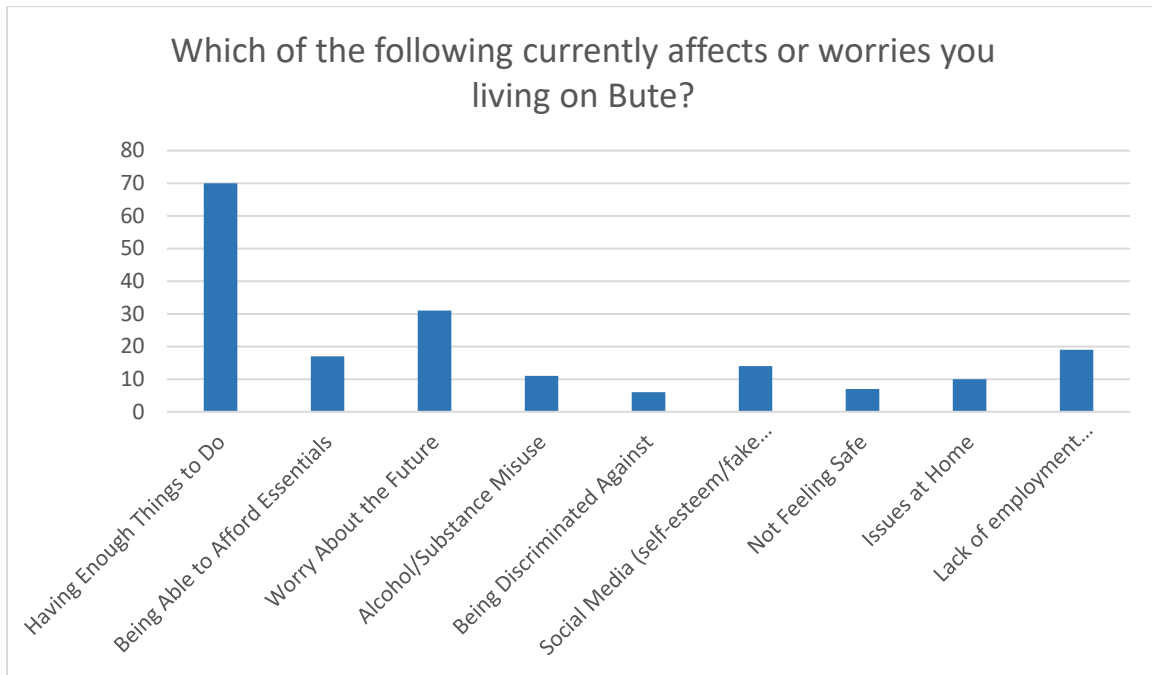


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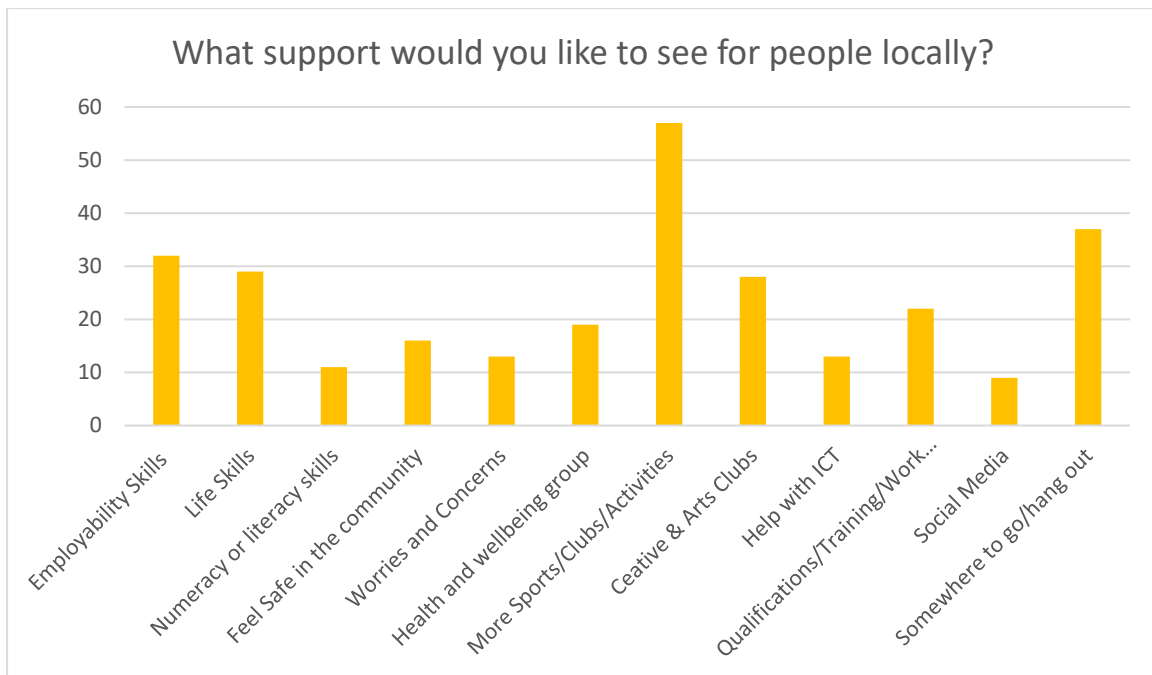


Bute & Kintyre youth exchange July 23

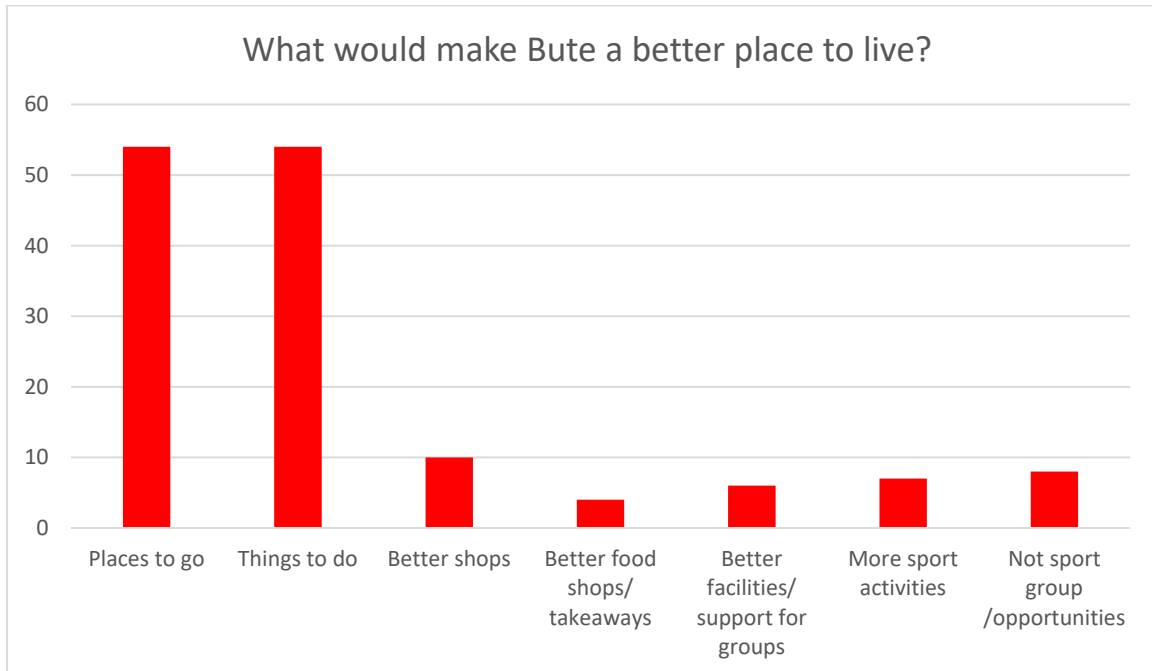
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Analysis of information

Young people said that there are lots of good things about living on Bute they liked the natural outdoor spaces and that they felt safe. Most said they loved spending time with their friends and attending groups in the community. Many of the young people are worried about the future being able to access employment or training also having to leave the island to access these opportunities.

An astounding 70 young people have told us that there is not enough for young people to do on Bute. These young people said that this was a massive thing as they have nowhere to go and meet up and this effected their ability to meet friends and socialise in a safe warm environment. 37 of these said they would like somewhere they could go & hang out without being chased. 57 people said that there is a need for more organised activities/ groups and clubs however many of these are already engaged in sports or dancing groups who want more or different to what is available, many young people said there is nothing for non-sporty people.

More than 1/2 of young people said they were worried about their own physical and/or mental health and that they didn't know where to access good support. They told us that the HUB at school is the best place and that other services didn't meet their needs. Young carers support a large amount of young people on Bute (only 5 completed this consultation) they run groups for primary and secondary pupils on alternating Wednesdays after school. Youth services work closely with Young Carers.

The biggest response to what young people felt would make a better place to live was "Places to Go and Thing to do".

Additional information

Community Learning Youth Services

Youth services are part of the Live Argyll Community Learning team, who also offer adult and family learning. This service is a flexible service working both with young people in school and within the wider community. The service is led partially by young people who are involved with planning of activities and projects and statutory commitments which are service wide.

Youth Services;

- Are engaging with young people within school and the community every week
- Support young people to plan and run their own groups in the community promoting youth voice, Youth Action & LGBT inclusion group.
- Work in partnership & act as a links to other groups and organisations. E.g. fire service and young carers
- Support or deliver SQA certified courses and other accredited learning e.g. Youth achievement awards & saltires awards at school & within the community
- Support & train Argyll & Bute MSYP's throughout their terms
- Are working partnership with RJC to support young people to run an Art & Craft group in the HUB during Thursday lunchbreak
- Will be supporting Bute Youth Action group who are going to carry out audit of groups and activities for young people on Bute & create a directory.
- Support ABMSYP's & Bute Youth Action Group to conduct regular consultations with young people

In response to the consultation Rothesay Academy have clarified that they currently along with partners Inc. Youth Services and our local community;

- Have effective pupil councils & pupil leadership teams in place. (Youth Voice)
- All 4th year pupils do the Employability Award units as part of their wider achievement classes,
- All pupils in their senior phase are give further employability opportunities tailored to their needs including flexible learning plans to incorporate college courses , volunteering opportunities & work placements as well as Leadership Awards at levels 4, 5 & 6
- Literacy & Numeracy is a core subject which all pupils attend right through school they offer 1-1 support to any pupil who needs this.
- Through some courses pupils are able to attain practical qualifications and awards, e.g. hospitality, sports coaching,
- A variety of lunch and after school clubs/ classes
- Young people on flexible learning plans are able to access alternative classes and opportunities which support life skills.

Final Note

Where possible both Youth Services and Rothesay Joint Campus consult and engage with our young people and try to tailor our services and wider offer to meet the needs of our young people. This means that services are flexible, adaptable and change regularly meeting the needs of our young people as best we can.