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External Participation Programmes

NI Youth Assembly

NI Youth Assembly is a regional group of 90 young people aged 12-16 working on issues including education, health, rights, equality, environment, with a platform to communicate directly with key decision makers - <https://niyouthassembly.org/>



UK Youth Parliament

UK Youth Parliament is democratically elected and non-party political programme which gives opportunities to 11-18 year olds to campaign on important issues to people in power to make changes - <https://ni.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/>



NICCY Youth Panel

NICCY Youth Panel is 40 young people aged 12-17 who share their experiences and feedback with the Commissioner and staff, to help NICCY make decisions about issues affecting children and young people - <https://www.niccy.org/children-and-young-people/youth-panel/>



Northern Ireland Youth Forum (NIYF)

NIYF is run by young people, for young people aged 11-25, to give an opportunity to have a say on issues that affect their lives. NIYF runs various programmes and campaigns on relevant themes - <https://niyf.org/>



Ulster Wildlife Youth Forum

Ulster Wildlife Youth Forum is open to 14-25 year olds who are passionate about climate, wildlife, and environmental issues - <https://www.ulsterwildlife.org/youth-in-nature>



Translink Youth Forum (TYF)

TYF is a regional group of young people aged 16-24 to improve public transport for young people in Northern Ireland - <https://www.translink.co.uk/youthforum>



Save the Children Youth Advisory Board

The Youth Advisory Board is made up of 18 young people across the UK, aged 12-18, with a focus of providing feedback on projects that Save the Children run, getting involved in fundraising, campaigning, media, and communications - <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/our-organisation/youth-advisory-board>



Secondary Schools Students Union (SSUNI)

SSUNI is a forum of young people who attend secondary schools across Northern Ireland, who are keen to have their voices heard about their education and school experiences - <https://ssuni.org/>



Belfast YMCA Youth in Government (YIG)

Belfast YMCA's YIG programme is for 30 young people aged 16-18 to get involved in politics and activism around a range of issues and themes - <https://www.belfastymca.org/yig>



Shared Island Youth Forum

The Shared Island Youth Forum brings together 40 young people, aged 18-25, from Northern Ireland and 40 from Republic of Ireland to look at their vision for a shared future. For more info, please contact - SharedIsland@taoiseach.gov.ie

