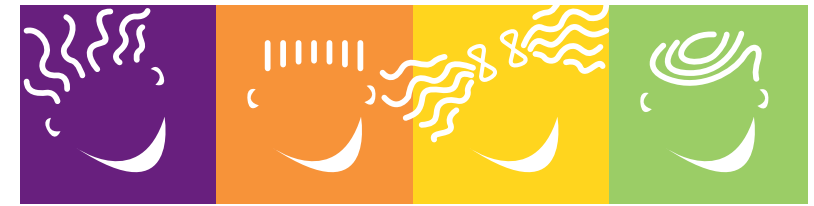


# Rotherham Youth Cabinet Achievements 2003 - 2004

- Rotherham Youth Cabinet has worked closely with the Town Team in producing design ideas which have been incorporated into the Rotherham Renaissance Masterplan
- Members of the Cabinet have taken part in and given presentations about the importance of young people having a voice in several conferences: Culture Conference, Learning from the Learners, Community Cohesion and the Future of Rotherham Conference
- Rotherham Youth Cabinet has been a vital part of developing voice and influence for young people within Rotherham
- Rotherham Youth Cabinet has worked with other partners to produce a standard format for student councils in secondary schools which is to be launched in September 2004
- Members of Rotherham Youth Cabinet have undertaken training in: presentation skills, working with diversity, relationships, decision making
- Members of the Cabinet have been involved in South Yorkshire voice and influence work, particularly Connexions.
- Members of Rotherham Youth Cabinet have played an active role in regional youth work meetings
- Rotherham Youth Cabinet played a key role in Local Democracy Week, launching its Manifesto, shadowing councillors, and attending a Scrutiny Panel meeting
- Rotherham Youth Cabinet has supported the Members of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament



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## Manifesto 2004 – 2005



**connexions**  
The best start in life for every young person

  
"All of us matter in Rotherham"  
Children, Young People and Families

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council

# Aim

Rotherham Youth Cabinet is an active voice representing all young people equally, in order to have a positive effect throughout our communities.

## Objectives

### The Youth Cabinet's Action Objectives

- To influence decisions to ensure young people are heard
- Research and improve public facilities
- Ensure young people's views are canvassed. Go round schools/ colleges to get young people's opinions. Hold surgeries.
- To target wider groups, such as special needs schools, people in care and ethnic minorities, so that their views are represented
- To convert words into actions

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- To support each school in developing a student council
- To gain the support of elected members, MPs and the community to help words become actions
- To ensure that Rotherham Youth Cabinet is relevant to all young people
- To use the existing budget to further the work of the Youth Cabinet; and to increase this budget
- To ensure that the manifesto is delivered to all schools, to ensure that young people are aware of Rotherham Youth Cabinet and its purpose
- To liaise with appropriate Rotherham Borough Council Departments and other agencies to research and improve public facilities for the young people of Rotherham
- To ensure young people's views are heard, by the use of feedback forms and Youth Cabinet surgeries in schools
- To encourage young people of all abilities and backgrounds to be heard and involved
- To develop a web site
- To work with the Members of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament to promote Fair Trade and to encourage Rotherham to become a Fair Trade Council
- To give presentations about the role of Rotherham Youth Cabinet and the importance of the voice of young people to organisations within Rotherham