

INSPECTOR NEWS



Issue 5 - Summer Edition

Welcome to our fifth edition of Inspector News. This is our Young Inspectors newsletter. The Young Inspectors programme is now 3 years old and we wanted to let you know what we have been up to, what we are planning and how young people can join our volunteer programme and become a young inspector

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and finding out what Young Inspectors do.

What have the Young Inspectors been up to?

- We have had visits from other local authorities from up and down the country to learn from our young inspectors how to set up their own Young Inspectors in their own area.
- Attended Wingfield School to recruit new members to the programme
- Completed our Promotional DVD, you can view from the link:
<https://youtu.be/ZSgeeT5ACnM>
- On the 30th June 2018 the young inspectors participated in Armed Forces Day.
- In the 6 week holidays the Young Inspectors have been busy doing inspections of:
 - Rotherham Libraries (Riverside House, Wath and Greasbrough)
 - Question and Answer session with staff from the Evolve Team.
 - Integrated Sexual Health Service at Rotherham Hospital and the Youth Clinic.
 - Rotherham's Local Safeguarding Children's Board Website.
 - Rush House.
 - The young inspectors inspected Crowden which is an Outdoor Activity Residential Centre where they had an overnight stay as well as carrying out team building activities.
 - 2 Young Inspectors Completed their First Aid Training.
 - The Young Inspectors have taken part in the Sports Leadership Award.
 - We have worked with other young people groups at Rotherham Show, promoting Make Your Mark and Young Inspectors programme.

What are the Young Inspectors planning next?

- We will be planning the next inspection for October 2018 and February 2019 Half Term.
- Meeting with Councillors from Improving Lives to tell them what they have been doing and what they are planning next and how they want councillors to help
- Meeting with Jon Stonehouse who is the new Strategic Director for Children, Young People's Services.
- Planning their fundraising event in October 2018.
- Planning 2019/2020 inspections and planning a launch event to share wider the work of the Young Inspectors



What do some of our Young Inspectors say about the Programme?

“It's very interesting and fun to do as it allows us to learn and gain experience of doing new things. The people are very nice and do not judge”

“The Young Inspectors makes me become a productive member of the community. Provides us with the skills that will asset us in the future e.g. Leadership. It builds my confidence. I get involved in things I wouldn't have ever done. Helps my community become a better and safer place for young people. I learn things about myself and my abilities that I would have known”

“I like the way everyone contributes and learns new things in every inspection or every meeting. I think I am really lucky to learn new things and that I can have a good experience as a young inspector and I can socialise with other people”