

## APPENDIX U

### Report back from Bridgnorth Youth Summit

Bridgnorth's "Youth Summit" took place at Low Town Community Hall on 07 April, which brought together 26 young people and frontline workers in youth services to discuss the impact of austerity budget cuts in rural areas for those aged 14-16.

After listening to the speakers, there was a workshop to enable the young people to put forward their concerns about the town, their needs and ideas about how to address these.

The Ideas raised included:

- create an audit of what's available for young people in Bridgnorth
- promotion of a social media network presence for Bridgnorth youth
- a focus for campaigning against cuts to mental, also physical health provision
- expensive rent and insufficient housing – major local issue
- jobs – poor quality options for young people
- public transport – only 1.2% in Bridgnorth use it – v poor, little service, expensive
- Could we work with Transport West Mids to develop an Integrated Fares System?
- More public transport, more often, and later in the day. Develop a discount card for young people? Could be for wider than transport, also leisure activities.
- Set up publicly owned transport company (municipal company?)
- In Shropshire the largest percentage of Food Bank users are under 25.

Cllr Julia Buckley, 11.04.18

