



# SHAPE

**"Where every child's voice matters in Sandwell"**

Sandwell's SHAPE Programme is a Child's Voice Initiative designed to listen to children and young people in Sandwell. It focusses on the 5 Every Child Matters Outcomes:

**Staying Safe** **Being Healthy** **Enjoying & Achieving** **Making a Positive Contribution** **Economic Wellbeing**

**Some of our key events throughout the year include:**

- **Anti- Bullying Roadshow** - a week event during anti-bullying week in November where SHAPE, Youth Services and West Midlands Police visit Primary and Secondary schools in Sandwell to raise awareness about Bullying
- **Takeover Challenges** - Children and young people takeover council and partner agency board meetings to challenge senior officers on a variety of issues affecting young people
- **Make Your Mark** - Young people aged 11-18 in the UK get the chance to vote on the biggest issues facing young people in today's society
- **SHAPE Our Future Conferences** - Annual school conferences for children and young people, based on issues relating to the 5 key areas of SHAPE
- **Annual SHAPE Survey** - Annual online survey sent to schools and colleges for children and young people aged 9 – 18 to consult with them on SHAPE topic areas
- **SHAPE Your Talent** - A talent competition for 8-19 year olds (Up to 25 for disabilities) to showcase their talents in music, dance and entertainment with a chance to win £500
- **SHAPE Youth Summer Festival** - An outdoor community event for young people showcasing what services are available to young people during the summer holidays.
- **SHAPE Youth Forum** - Young people aged 11 – 21 meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss issues affecting them. They are an engagement group for Sandwell Council and partners to consult with, on any service changes within their organisation, which affect young people. Two Youth Commissioners and two Members of Youth Parliament are also part of the forum.

**For more information about SHAPE, please visit: [www.justyouth.org.uk/shape](http://www.justyouth.org.uk/shape)**



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