

# Vocalderdale

Calderdale Children and Young People's Voice  
and Influence Strategy



Calderdale  
Council



# 1. What is a strategy?

A strategy is a plan to make things better. Calderdale's Voice and Influence Strategy is about making sure young people's ideas and opinions shape decisions that affect them.

We believe young people should be heard and included in making changes in their schools, communities, and services. This strategy is our promise to listen, act, and improve!

## Our Ambitions – What We Want for All Young People:

- 🌱 Be healthy and happy.
- 🏠 Feel safe at home, school, and in the community.
- 📖 Enjoy learning and do their best.
- 💼 Get a great job in the future.
- 💬 Have a voice in decisions that affect them.
- 👯 Make friends and have positive relationships.
- 🌟 Have hope and aspiration.

## Our Goals – How We Will Make This Happen

- ✓ Make sure young people's voices are listened to – and acted on!
- ✓ Help young people influence decisions to improve their lives.
- ✓ Support young people to build confidence and develop new skills.
- ✓ Make sure youth voice empowers others – so everyone can be heard.

# 2. What have young people told us?

👂 "We want to be heard!" – Young people want adults to listen and take their ideas seriously.

🗳️ "We want to be involved in decisions that affect us!" – No decisions about us, without us.

💡 "We have great ideas for change!" – Young people want to help make their communities better.

⌚ "Don't just ask us – show us change!" – Young people want to see action, not just promises.

💬 "Only you can tell your own story."

❤️ "I want to improve things for the next person after me – my say matters because I want it to."

# 3. Our priorities – How we will be better:

✅ **Listening and Engaging** – We will create more ways for young people to share their views in schools, youth groups, and online.

👯 **Working Together** – We will make sure young people help design services, events, and decisions that affect them.

🚦 **Taking Action** – We will update young people on how their ideas have led to real changes.

🌍 **Including Everyone** – We will make sure all young people, including those with disabilities and diverse backgrounds, have a voice.

🟢 **Learning & Improving** → Training adults to include young people's voices better.

**This is YOUR strategy – designed BY children and young people FOR children and young people!**