

Child Friendly Westmorland and Furness Discovery Day – 29 May 2026



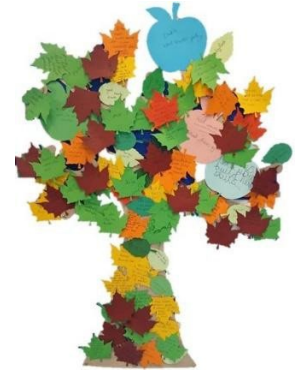
Westmorland and Furness wants to be a place where children and young people feel safe, happy, and listened to.

To help us understand how to do this, we asked children and young people what life is like for them.

1,146 children and young people shared their ideas through surveys, workshops and pop-up events.

The aim of the event was to bring children, young people, and decision makers together to look at what young people have told us and what we have learned so far.

If you would like to read the full report, you can ask for it by emailing: rightsandparticipation@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



Before the event, young people chose the 6 most important topics:

- education and learning
- having a voice
- play and free time
- getting around
- child-friendly services/activities
- health and wellbeing



The day was planned by the Participation Team and the Child Friendly Young People's Steering Group.

There were fun activities where everyone could be creative and learn more about the 6 important topics.

One activity was building your dream community, using things like Lego and playdough. Working together in groups the participants thought about what makes a place great for children and young people.

This helped everyone share ideas about what a child-friendly place should be like.

Everyone was asked to vote for the three most important things to focus on next, chosen were:

- education and learning
- having a voice
- child-friendly services/activities



The council also chose one important thing to focus on:

- Child friendly leadership, culture and communication

Next, we will work together with children and young people to make plans and improve these important areas.