

TAYplan-PAS MIR Youth Camp 26th April 2014

Group work

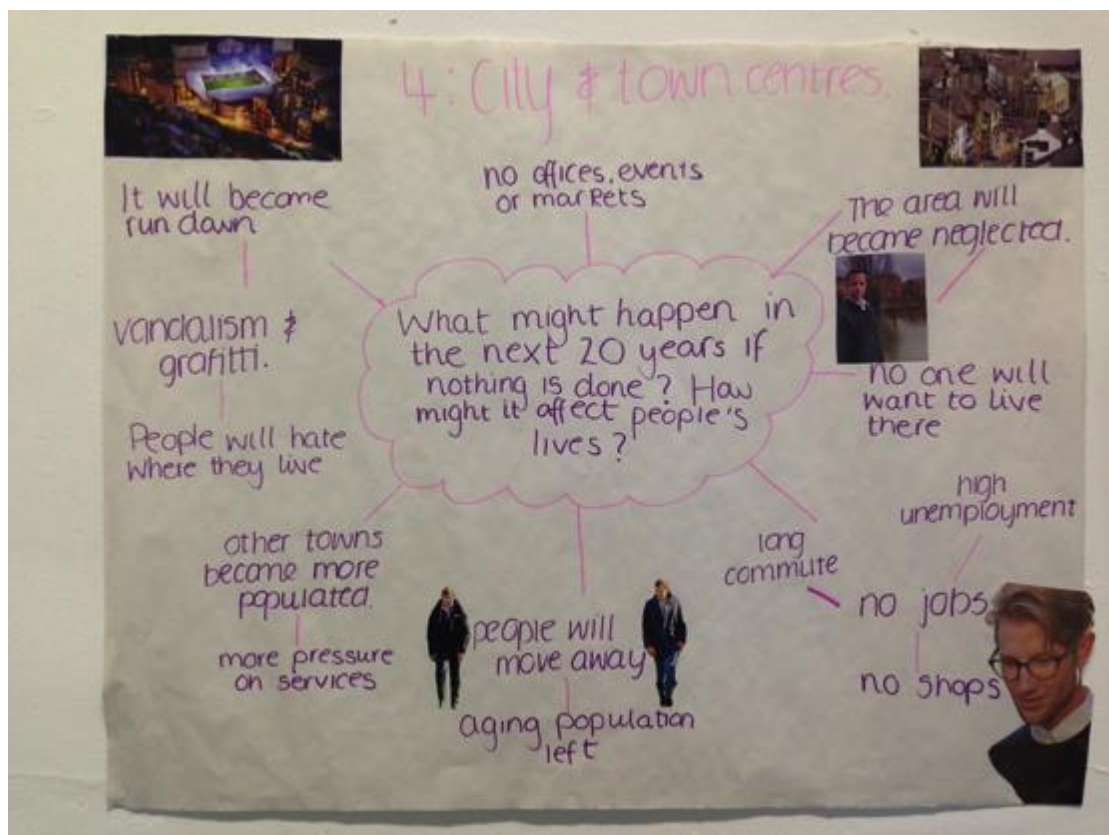
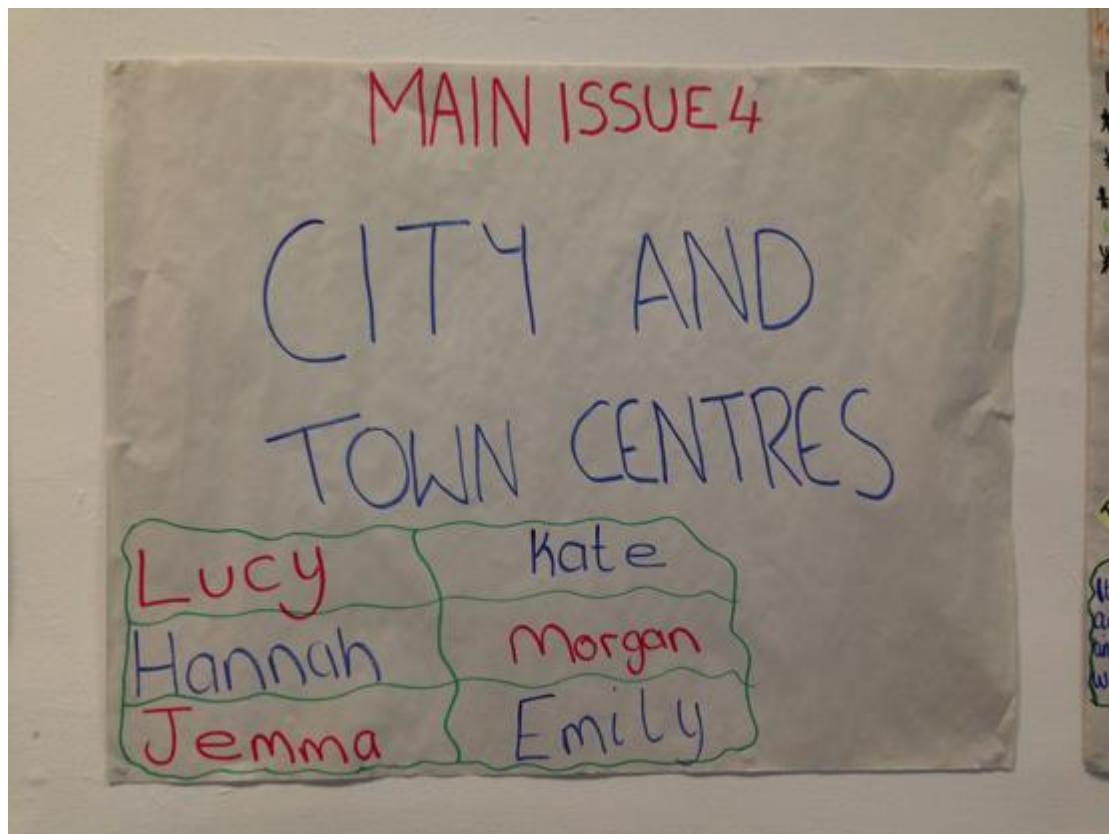
Most of the 21 young people's work during the day was in groups. Four groups were each given one Main Issue and asked to communicate to young people in the TAYplan area why the Main Issue is important, and why they should have their say. The groups were given 2-3 hours to prepare their project, and were able to choose the way in which they would present their work to the others present:

- Group 1: Main Issue 5: homes & population growth (presented with a poster)
- Group 2: Main Issue 4: city & town centres (presented with a poster)
- Group 3: Main Issue 2: healthier lives (presented with a poster)
- Group 4: Main Issue 8: green networks (presented with a TV feature)

Group 1 poster - Main Issue 5: homes & population growth



Group 2 posters - Main Issue 4: city & town centres



City and Town Centres

The importance of people having their say in their City and Town Centres.

It is important:*

- * So the town/city doesn't become run down.
- * So the town/city wants to be visited by people.
- * So the town/city is good and able for everyone and all ages
- * So people actually want to live in the town/city.

It's your town,
your say
and your chance
to change!

IT'S
YOUR CHANCE
TO MAKE CHANGE!



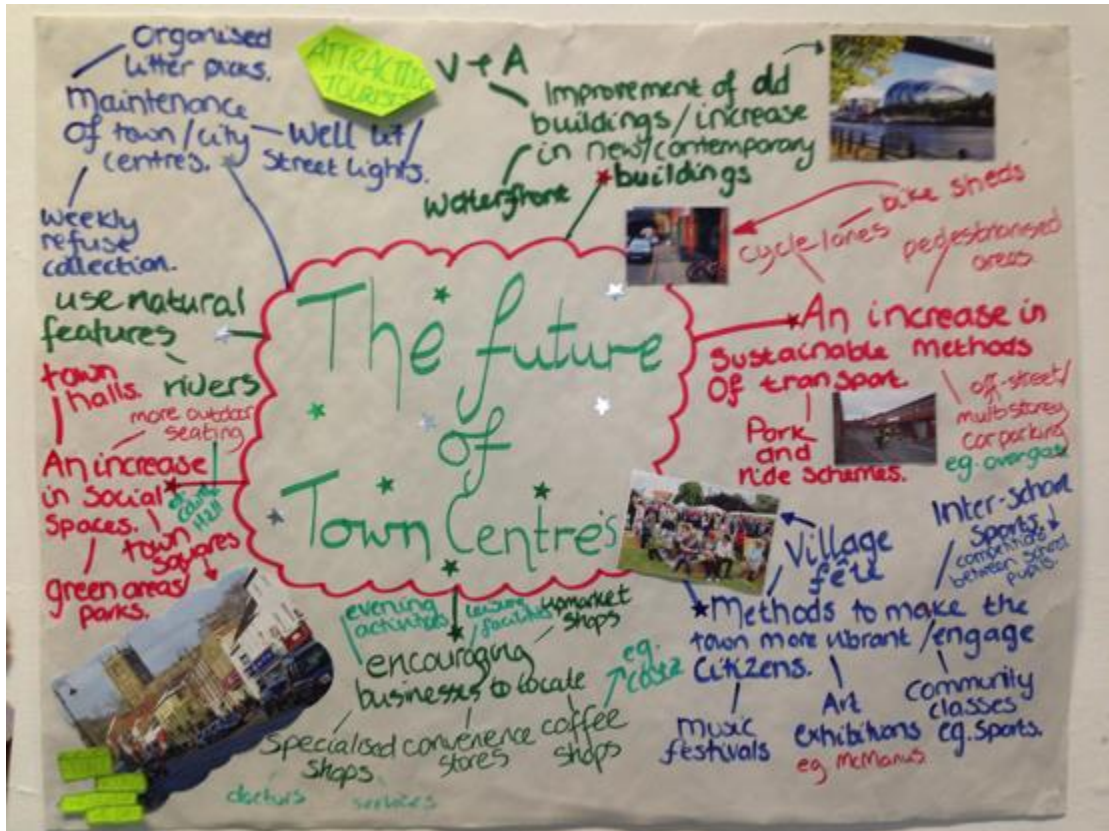
DON'T
LIKE
IT...
CHANGE
IT!

TAYplan
can help the
changes you
want.

MAKE
CHANGE
HAPPEN!

It is also important people have a say because people are and will be embarrassed about where they live and in time everyone will want to move away and the town/city will have noone left in it.

LET YOUR VOICE BE
HEARD!



YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE CHANGE!

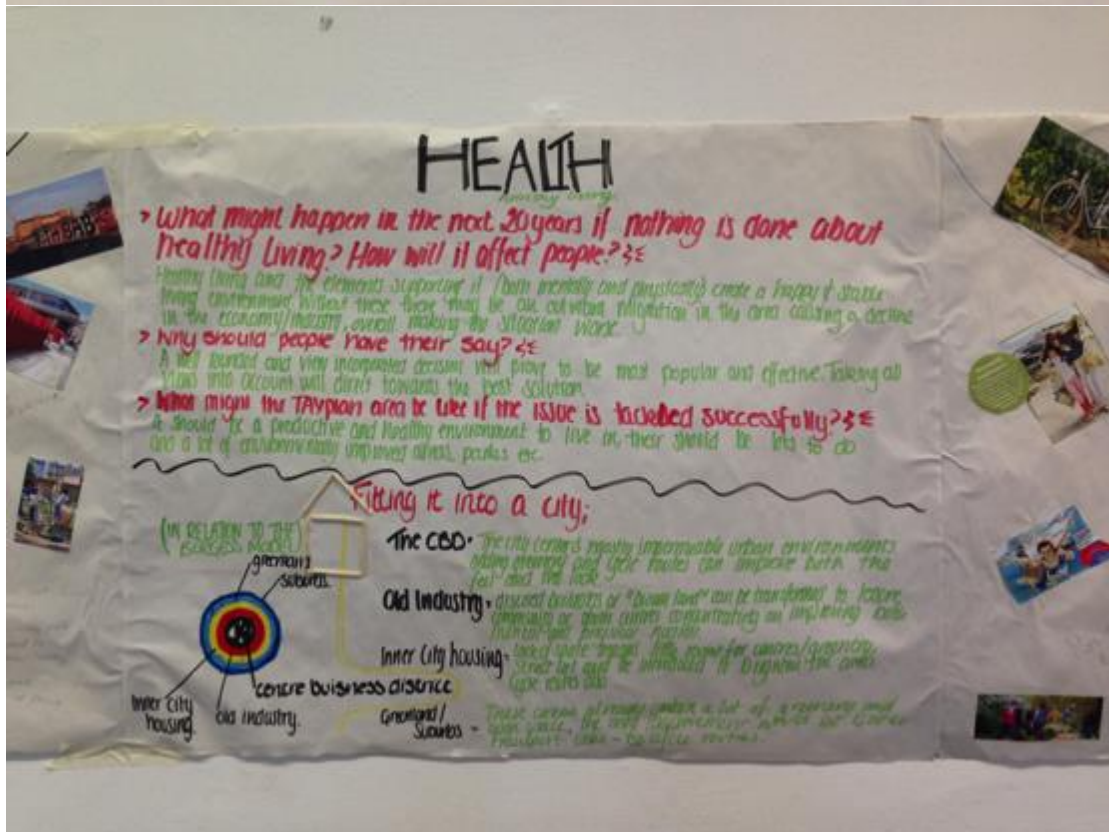
IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM!

IT'S YOUR CHANCE!



Group 3 poster - Main Issue 2: healthier lives







Individual comments on Main Issues

At the end of the Youth Camp, the 20 remaining participants were asked to write down their own personal thoughts on the eight TAYplan Main Issues on stickies. The young people were free to comment on whichever Main Issue(s) they wished.

This followed groupwork and presentations on four of the Main Issues (housing and population, town centres, health and wellbeing, green networks).

The individual comments provide an indication of which issues those individuals felt most strongly about – see graph below.

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The comments also reveal the individuals' opinions on the eight Main Issues – see transcriptions overleaf.

Main Issue 1: climate change – 8 responses

1. Traffic emission. Predict disaster. Complete environmental assessment process.
2. We need to make sure we are ready for floods due to climate change such as urban grass drainage.
3. Improve public transport links - to encourage people who live in small villages to leave cars behind – some kind of incentive.
4. Use of public transport must be encouraged - scenes resources are there but could be made more friendly and easy to use etc.
5. The new building and construction will have negative effects on the environment, contributing to climate change.
6. Incorporate more renewable means of generating electricity as global warming is increasing, so sustainable methods must be used.
7. Fracking would not benefit Tayside and its surrounding areas although it will produce jobs which is great. It would be devastating for the environment because if you put a massive drill into the ground it will obviously be bad.
8. Flood risk: adaptation. Rising sea levels: flood defences.

Main Issue 2: healthier lives – 11 responses

1. Tree planting along streets or just general greenery - Will screw set them up a bit. Even just a growing something up lamp posts.
2. Important to have healthy lives because obesity is a very fast growing problem in the UK within youths and adults. Its estimate by 2020 that if nothing is done by the government to tackle obesity, over two thirds of the UK will be obese or overweight. This is a BIG problem (excuse the pun).
3. Obesity is a growing problem so we need to tackle that. We can do this by making it easier for people to cycle or walk in there every day life. And we can sort pollution by changing the way freight is transported.
4. Free sport clubs or slots at leisure centres for the youth and don't have that much money.
5. More information on being healthy available: pop up stands.
6. Well lit parks – also encourages people to exercise there longer.
7. Safe walking routes between main housing areas and schools. Well lit paths.
8. More youth clubs for teenagers to gather and make new friends. This also keeps teens off the streets and out of trouble.
9. Well lit streets to make people feel safe in the environment.
10. Green networks - facilitate physical activity.
11. Access to health care – care in communities, improved transport.

Main Issue 3: business, tourism and leisure – 7 responses

1. Promote business opportunities in areas of high unemployment. Promote natural assets to attract to tourism. Supply of employment land.
2. Use old buildings as business spaces, instead of building science parks on greenfield sites.
3. The link between education institutions and businesses to retain young people and graduates in the area.
4. Conference centre for the city (Dundee).
5. Unique city image. Political support. Supply chain (considering the business as a whole system).
6. Use greenfield sites for specific leisure activities: dog parks (safe and enclosed), archery, walking.
7. Must build places in raw areas or anywhere that will produce jobs. Especially like the Donald Trump golf course.

Main Issue 4: city and town centres – 15 responses

1. Places designed for young people to hang out in during the day: wi-Fi, cheaper drinks, maybe put on concerts in the evening.
2. Making sure there are places for younger people to go at night.
3. Town centres must find innovative ways to tackle increase in online shopping, rather than shops other amenities: cafes, art galleries etc.
4. If a town or city centre becomes run down or neglected people will stop taking pride in where they live.
5. More pleasant environment. Active buildings. Lots of good services.
6. Night time economies: promote use of town centres after 5 PM. Internet shopping: create an attraction that the Internet cannot compete with or use town centres as a collection point for things ordered online.
7. Shopping centres to be multiuse. Restaurants, cinema etc. Night time economy.
8. Better lighting in town centres so people feel safer staying there longer once shops shut.
9. Anything put into town centres (e.g. wooden benches) make sure they are treated properly so they don't rot (e.g. wood treatment paints).
10. Open space in town centres: green areas, sitting areas.
11. Car parking [spaces]: because they might be hard to find and not everyone likes multi storey car parks.
12. More open spaces to sit. Variety of shops and restaurants.
13. Make high streets look good and everyone should treat them with care.
14. Shops like newsagents and bakeries.

15. Make town centres a nice place to go - not for shopping - but to socialize and enjoy the atmosphere. Landscape them and embrace natural features to improve the environment. Let the community look after their place.

Main Issue 5: homes and population growth – 9 responses

1. Dying population: Need to cater for elderly accommodation (sheltered housing, residential care). Young population: affordable housing. Rising population but decline in families, increase in people per household.
2. Safe and comfortable houses.
3. Houses have to be built so that they are comfortable for families.
4. Build affordable and spacious housing.
5. Affordable housing available. Houses available in nice areas. Good quality and nice looking houses.
6. Make new housing attractive: no white harling or toy like.
7. All houses being built equipped with solar panels on the roofs.
8. Brownfield sites should be regenerated as much as possible as our greenfield sites are valuable for agriculture and looking after protecting our countryside.
9. Affordable housing available in nice areas. Good quality. More houses for first time buyers.

Main Issue 6: low carbon travel, heat and power – 3 responses

1. Concentrate developments sure all put them all in one place. Not spread throughout the countryside, scarring many areas.
2. We can take a new look at where we can place new renewable energies. E.g. wind farms near highland boundary.
3. Keep building windfarms, hydro electric plants and solar farms so stay a greener Scotland.

Main Issue 7: resource security – 3 responses

1. Sustainable development. New technology to improve energy efficiency.
2. Fracking should be temporarily suspended until demand is much greater to protect our resources for as long as is possible.
3. New houses should be built to be eco-friendly using minimal power and natural resources such as light and heat to be self sufficient.

Main Issue 8: green networks – 10 responses

1. Encourage community gardening spaces in new housing developments.
2. Very important to have green areas to improve quality of environment by providing natural habitats for animals and plants absorbing CO2 emissions.

3. Green area used for sports and recreation can help with obesity problems (exercise).
4. Sustainable travel should be more greatly encouraged to limit car use which prevents harmful emissions of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides as well as reducing costs. A longer, more direct cycle route should be developed as well as public walkways.
5. Green networks must be con served because they are vital for tackling mental health issues.
6. Have more secure parks so children feel safe.
7. Green networks and green spaces must be designed and maintained correctly, to help tackle crime etc. Such as well lit, no higher walls etc.
8. Roof space for growing things?
9. We must push the National Cycle Routes from Dundee to Perth.
10. Must pursue Dundee and Perth links like the cycle route plan would be great and tried to keep the great landscape.

Appendix: Youth Camp programme