

# The “Yes We Can” Plan for young people

We want Herefordshire children and young people to grow up healthy, happy and safe, with supportive families and carers, and to make sure they have the best education and opportunities.



## Who are we?

Us, you, your parents and other family members, carers, and all those people who give up their time for us including teachers, health workers, youth workers, people who work for 'official' bodies such as the council, the police, jobcentre plus and any volunteers who care about making growing up as good as it can be in Herefordshire.



## What can we do?

We can help deliver the priorities that have been identified as important issues for us.

## How can we do it?

We can think about the priorities.

We can then send in our ideas by contacting the Herefordshire Children and Young People's Partnership by e mailing [yeswecan@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:yeswecan@herefordshire.gov.uk);

We can get in touch through the school council or youth club;

We can also get in touch through the Shadow Board.

The Shadow Board (SB) is a group of young people with a specific responsibility for making sure the Partnership is listening to us.

Without a plan we wouldn't know where we are heading or what we need to do to get there.



Shadow Board



Have an Impact





## Who is the plan for?

The plan is for us, young people from 0 to 19 years of age and up to 25 years for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities. It is also for parents, carers and families who obviously play an important part in our lives.

The plan lasts for 3 years (2011-2014) but is reviewed every year to make sure it is still on track delivering what we need.

It is called the "Yes We Can" Plan to emphasis that making things better for young people and families is something we have to do together - we can all play a part.

We make up nearly a quarter of the Herefordshire population! - our voice needs to be heard.

## All in it together

The plan is for all young people whatever their circumstances and abilities.

## What does the plan say?

The plan includes 4 priorities that people and organisations can pledge to

They are:

- Helping families, parents and carers to help themselves, particularly in the early years of their children's lives
- Promoting health and well-being
- Achieving success in life, learning and future employment
- Protecting children from harm

## How was the plan put together?

We were asked what was important to us through 'Have your say' events and these ideas were then coupled with the results from local research plus requirements set by Government and European policies.

## Now what are you going to do to help deliver and make a difference?

To see the full plan visit:

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/yeswecanplan](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/yeswecanplan)

