

Manifesto of Joey Stephan

I am standing as a candidate for:

- 1) Youth Council / Freshwater and Yarmouth
- 2) Youth MP / Isle Of Wight



Introducing myself

My name is Joey and I am currently studying at Christ the King College, in year 10. I would really love to join the Youth Council, as I am passionate about listening and discussing issues, in a civil and diplomatic way. Amongst my core subjects, I am also studying citizenship at GCSE level and hope to eventually study politics, philosophy and economics at university. Last year I was selected by my school to visit Bob Seely and was able to ask him a selection of questions. Which I had researched and were relevant to the Island. I am also an anti-bullying ambassador at school. All of these opportunities have been fantastic for me and given me a wider understanding of how important it is for us and the wider community. To play a positive role in public life.

I live with my parents in Norton Green, which is in between Yarmouth and Freshwater. I really enjoy living in the West Wight, as it is an interesting place to live, with a nice community feel. I am a member of West Wight sports centre, where I am currently undertaking a climbing course and will receive a qualification when completed. The sports centre offers a wide range of activities for young and old and I think we need more places like this on the Island.

What is important to young people on the Island?

What are the three main things you think are important to young people in your area.

1. Inclusion in community decisions
2. Extra-curricular activities
3. Good job opportunities after college and university

What would I want to achieve?

There has been much publicity around recent problems in Newport, with numerous youths expressing their boredom/lack of opportunities in a negative way. I would like to offer a survey to 11-18 year olds on the Island, to ask them "what they would like?" It could include areas, age etc. We could then see if there is a group that are more in need and take it from there. The survey/questionnaire could be handed out to schools.

Why vote for me?

I think people should vote for me, as I am friendly, approachable and really would like to make a positive contribution to the youth community on the Isle of Wight.