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for County Councillors

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Somerset Children's Parliament 2017

We would like to invite you to join us for the Somerset Children's Parliament on **Friday 24 March 2017 in the Council Chamber at Shire Hall, Taunton.**

Each school is asked to have a team of two children from Years 5/6 (ages 9-11) who will give a 5-minute presentation on the theme '**Giving Young People a Voice**' through one of the following subjects:

- a) **Young People as Part of the School:** travel to school, medicines and drugs, playgrounds, bullying, food, obesity.
- b) **Young People as Part of the Community:** crime prevention, playing safely, caring for the countryside, what makes a healthy community, children's rights
- c) **Young People as Part of the World:** European and global citizenship, sustainability, climate change, diversity, fair trade, energy, water, food, farming, health, and the Millennium Development Goals.

The team can be supported by two assistants to help with visual aids. The presentation is followed questions from the audience which is made up of participating schools, judging panels, teachers, parents/guardians and County Councillors. This is to encourage debating and discussion skills, alongside persuasion and engagement.

The session will run from 12:30pm until 4pm. Please see attached programme for full timings (please note this may change slightly on the day).



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