

# **'Champion for Children'** **Children Make a Difference**

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**Providing an independent 'VOICE' for children  
and young people in Stoke-on-Trent.**

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**Ensuring that children, young people, parents and  
partners in the third sector are participating as full partners  
in the development of services within the City.**



**Voluntary Action Children & Families Team**



**Supporting the active involvement  
of children and young people in the  
design, delivery and management  
of all children and young people's  
services in Stoke-on-Trent.**



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“If we hear everyone’s ideas,  
listen and work together it will solve problems.”

Ashlee age 10 and Devon age 9

“Making sure services get it right, keep it right,  
and make a difference, because listening to us is important.”

Layla age 11

“Talking together will make the city a better place for children.”

Bryan age 10

“I’m not so shy and I can speak out to loads of people. It feels  
important when you know people have listened to you.”

Natasha age 13

“Because I am used to being listened to, I am more likely  
to give my opinions. In some services children aren’t listened  
to, but they should be because children are the future.”

Josh age 14

“Children and families need time to play, have fun and just  
be themselves. There are times they just don’t want to engage  
with anyone but themselves, it does not make them bad people.”

Sam age 13

“All young people and their families should be respected  
and give respect back. Adults should give young people  
responsibilities and treat us like adults.”

Ricky

“Talking and listening to each other, discussing  
all together helps to make a difference and help children.”

Devon age 9