

# OUR LIVES OUR PLANS

## Who are we?

Our Lives Our Plans is a group of young people and organisations in Ryedale who feel that:

Ryedale should be a place where we can meet, learn, have fun and improve things. Where we are listened to, respected and valued and can take part in decisions made that affect us

## What are we about?

Transport, youth and leisure facilities, youth clubs and centres, music, dancing, parks, shops and being involved in decision-making are just some of the things that we feel are important in Ryedale.

## Who is involved?

We want to include young people and organisations on our group from all areas in Ryedale. We would like people from transport, schools, leisure facilities, youth groups, youth forums/councils, learners with disabilities, health, District Council, Connexions, careers, 4Youth, police and fire services and local businesses.

Wherever young people are involved, meetings should be easy to get to, interesting, fun and relevant to what we need.

## What do we want to do?

We will/we want to

- Talk about improving things in Ryedale for young people and come up with solutions for issues.
- Be able to make a difference and have a say in things.
- Meet in different places, villages, halls, places where young people are based
- Help to improve things in communities, help organizations see things from young peoples point of view.
- Run as young people want it to, be informal but dynamic and tell everyone about it!
- Meet regularly, about every six weeks after school hours.
- We won't just be a talking shop or be dominated by adults, or be too boring and political – or what adults think is right for young people.
- We will be inclusive, informal, relaxed and open to change.
- Know who to contact about the group and have training in what to expect from meetings. We expect adults to report back to youth groups.

## What are we trying to achieve?

**We will know if we have been a success when  
Young People are**

Listened to, active in their community, respected, involved and equal citizens

**Ryedale is**

More youth centred and youth led, is a place where young people are equal, where REAL actions happen as a result of our work and where young people feel involved and recognized for their achievements

**Organisations are**

Open to young people being involved, are approachable, committed and listen to young people, take on board their needs and do something about them.

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