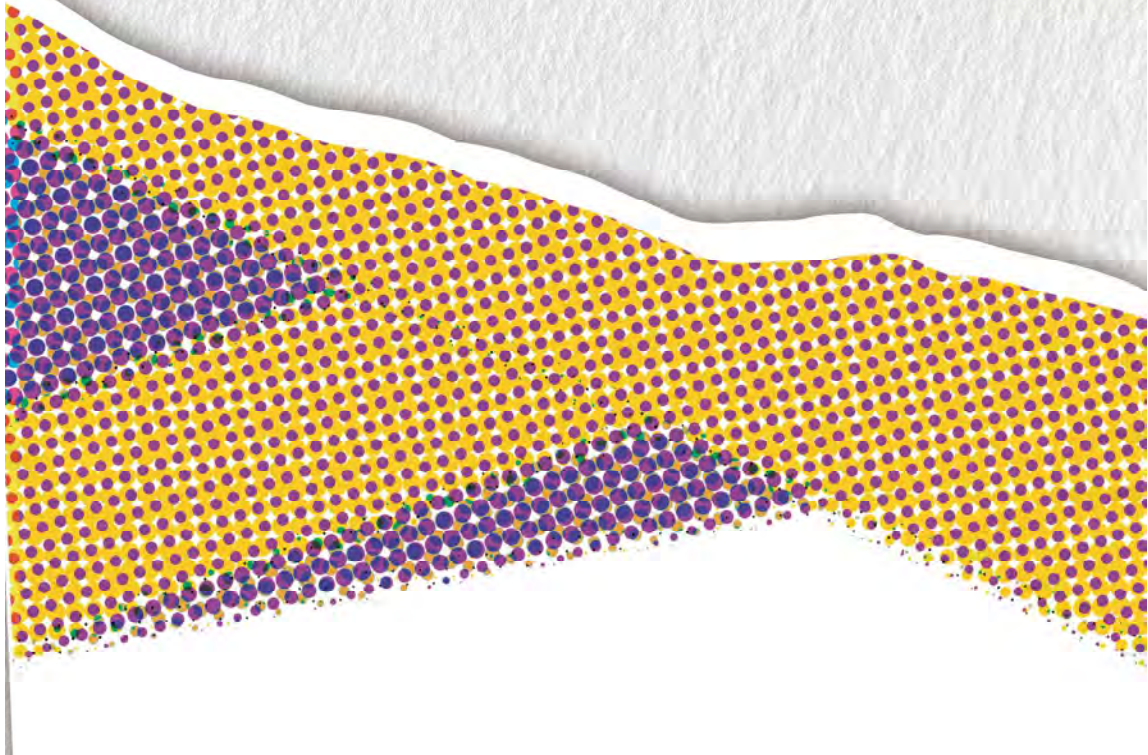


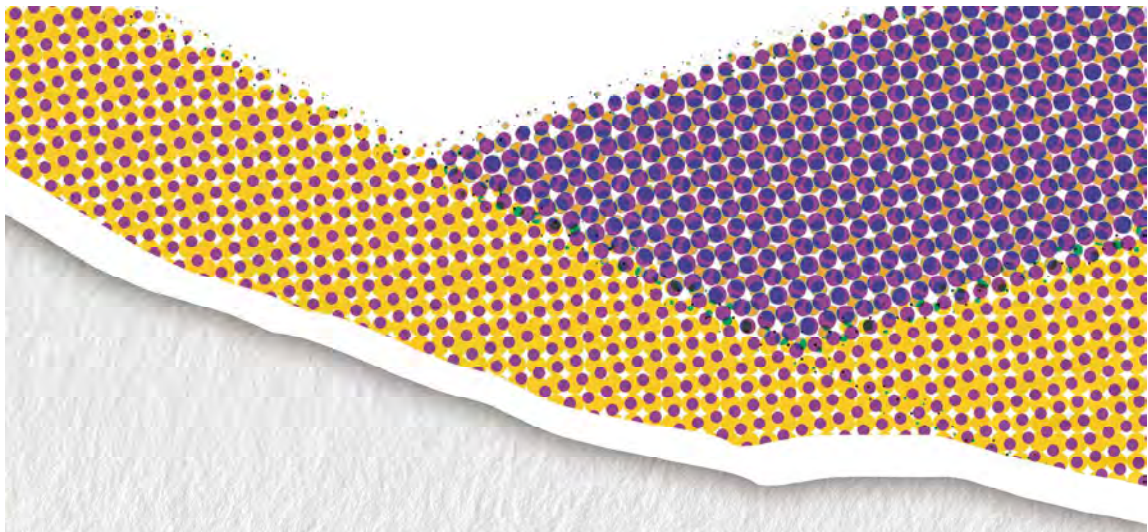


Youth Voice Manifesto 2024

This manifesto was developed in a youth-led workshop at Youth Voice Matters 2024. The young delegates were asked to share their thoughts, experiences, priorities and hopes for the future on Health, Education, Social care and Community.

Participants used a mixed media approach to convey the changes they want to see in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities system, hoping to inspire and support other disabled children and young people, and those with special educational needs, to speak up and take part in decision-making opportunities in their own local communities.





We at the Council for Disabled Children, and all our young delegates of Youth Voice Matters, believe that all children and young people have the right to be involved in decisions that affect them. We want our manifesto to be a starting point for conversations and call to action, to ensure all disabled children and young people, and those with special educational needs, can live the lives they want to.



Community

REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS



Accessing Community
SEND Workshops

Sorrrnaly

Spreading disability awareness

Understanding / Acceptance

Kindness / Growth

Reaching out

Being able to connect

Grow each day...



Step By Step



Children and young people will be involved by...

AdVenturing Places

Branching out to
new areas that
you might not of
known, and it starts with:



events

Finding it

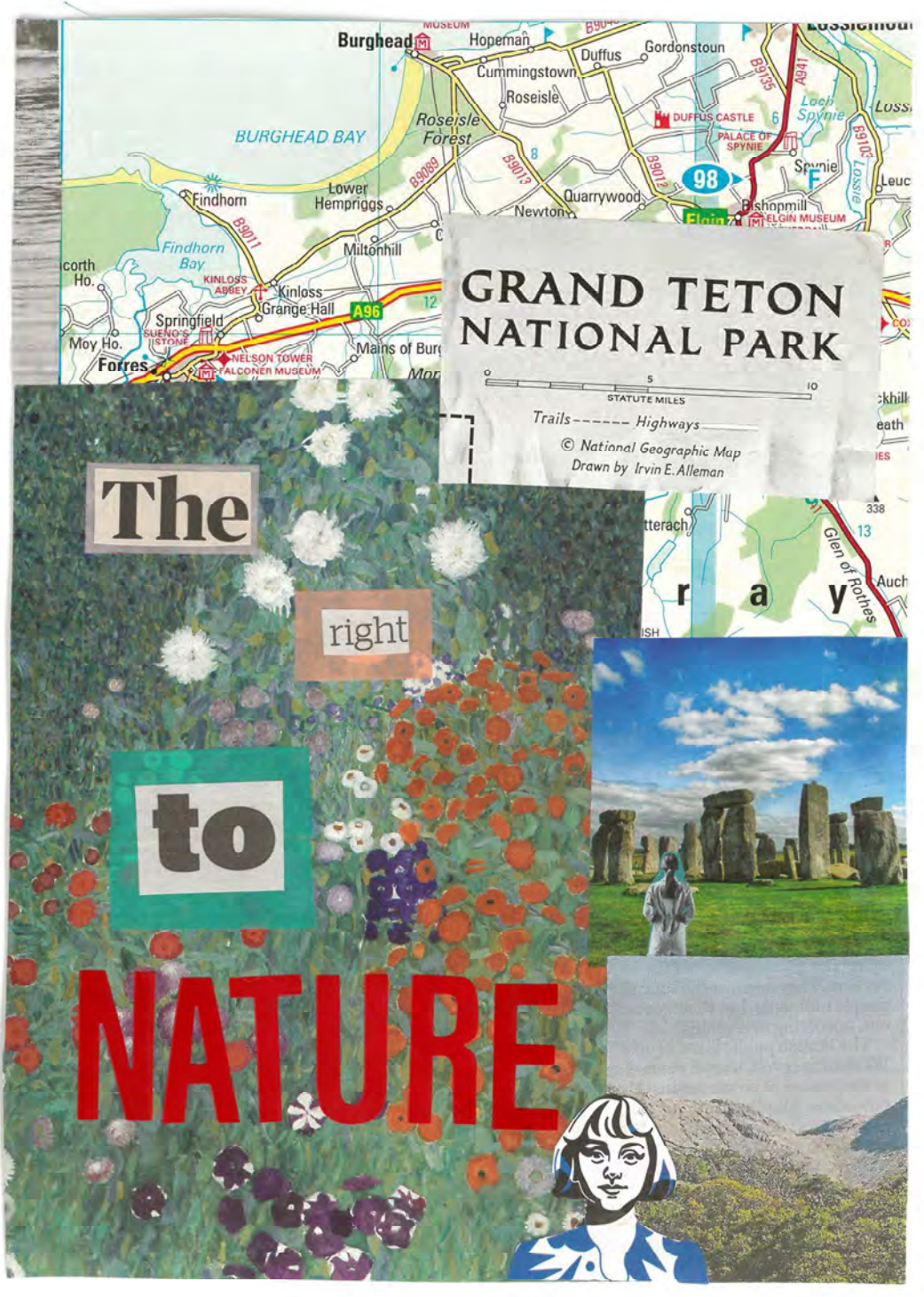
centres

communities

NO ONE
LEFT
BEHIND



Never



A
sense

of

community?

Who Adapted
First?

The Community
OR The Accessor

?





Jack

AMAZE



the sea

↓ park run

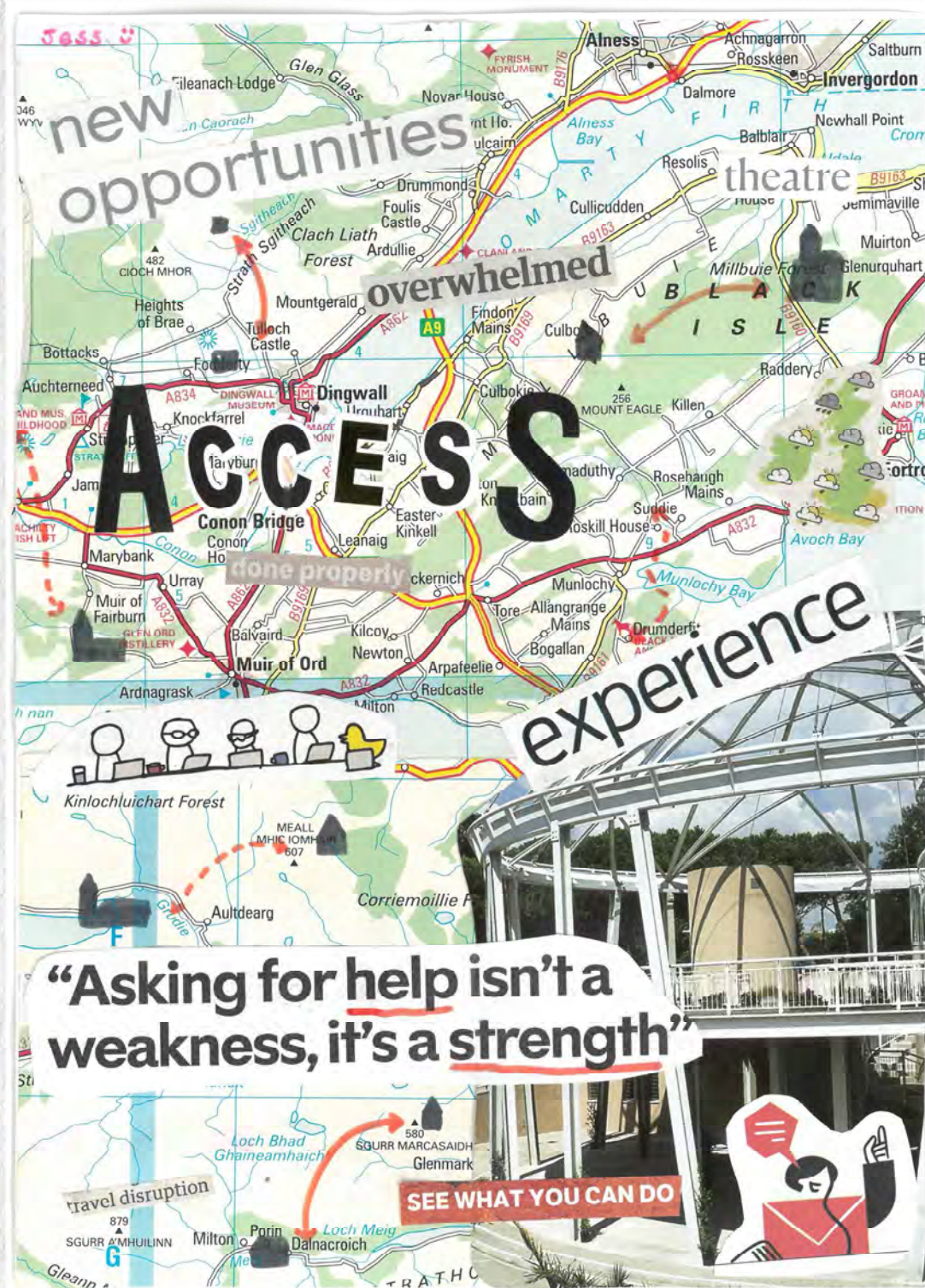


Public transport.



I think the Public transport
needs to be a more accessible
by being more accessible and
have places where the people
to sit and if feeling over
welcomed.

Katie



PROMOTE



SEND

TO PROMOTE SEND IS TO ^{benefit} ~~show~~
the communities.





WE NEED TO
unlock

Swift access to

ALL COMMUNITY
FACILITIES
FOR THE SEND COMMUNITY AS:-



" ASD

ROCKS"

WE ARE:-

ordinary people

in an

EXTRAORDINARY
WORLD!



PUBLIC

JOSH
MELLO

and transport

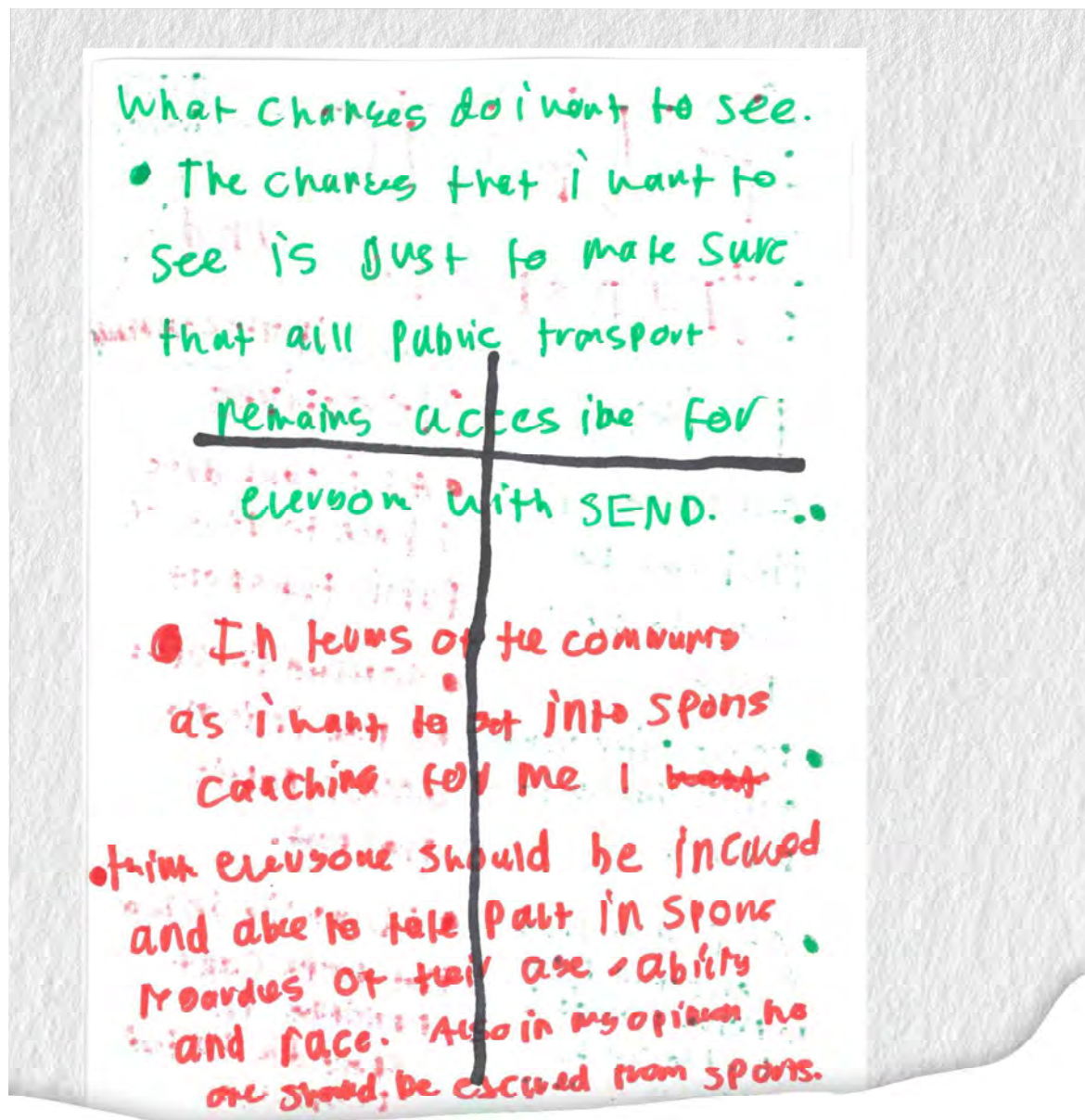
Sports community

positives

- Get to go on the buses to travel to new places
- To go either on my own or family to places.
- As i cant drive i can get to places no problem even if i need to walk.
- one Benefit is that i have a bus

Negatives

- AS i cant drive i have to rely on public transport
- Sometimes it isn't as easy as it is to access public transport.
- I Dont like to hear that people cant participate in sports due to their disability.

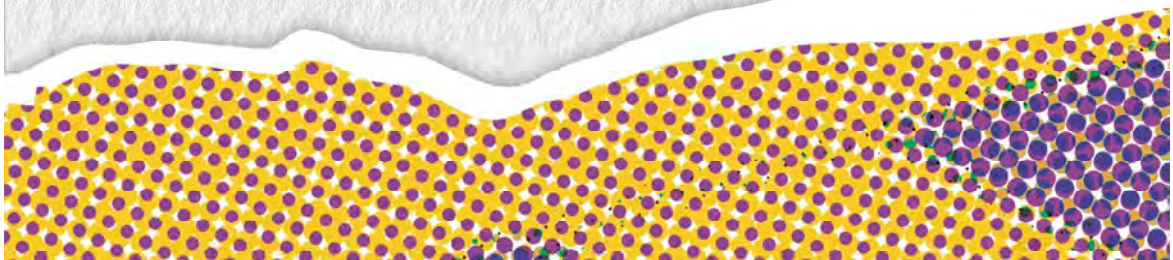


"What changes do I want to see.

The changes that I want to see is just to make sure that all public transport remains accessible for everyone with SEND.

In terms of the community as I want to be into sports coaching for me I think everyone should be included and able to take part in sports regardless of their ability and race. Also in my opinion no one should be excluded from sports."

Health



L I S T E N

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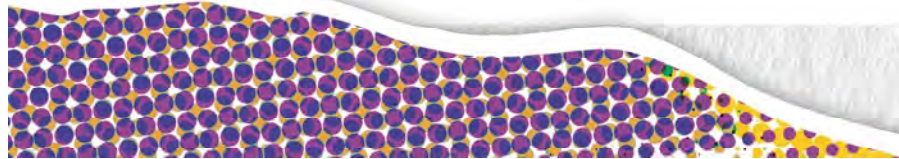
!!
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IT TO

M E



IT'S MY BODY!!
..



Speak up
Don't be
shy to speak

Our voice matters
TOO!

the event

neuroscience memory

6-7pm BST, 1-2pm EST and on demand

Ability to store memories and re-live each moment in detail makes an immensely important contribution to our lives. But remembering is a reconstructive process rather than a literal act of reproduction. Sensory and perceptual features of an event, and the emotions and feelings we had when the event occurred, are assembled at the time of recall under the influence of varied biases and pressures. In this talk, Jon Simons will explain how the brain captures memories and how they are rebuilt each time they are recalled, enabling us to re-experience past events in vivid, multisensory detail.

Register your place, visit
neuroscientist.com/memoryevent

Need your 12-digit subscriber number which can be found on our customer card and event emails, and above your address on your print copy

INCLUDED
with your
subscription

Scan me
to register



THE Dream

We shouldn't have
to pay for our own
disabilities

right to free medication
for our disabilities





A&E is
A Long
way from
me and
take a
long time
to get



there and there
is limited car-
parking facilities.

To get an Appointment
with GP you have to
go Online at ask my
GP.

Marie

"A&E is a long way from me and take a long time to get there and there is limited car parking facilities.

To get to an appointment with GP you have to go online at ask my GP"

Doctors ~~need~~ need to
Speak to me and
not my carer.

We can get all our
points across if you
allow us.

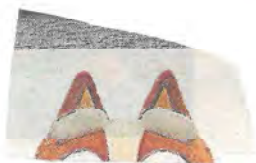


Do the Rough
Guide Training so you
know how to
communicate with
us!

"Doctors need to speak to me and not my carer.

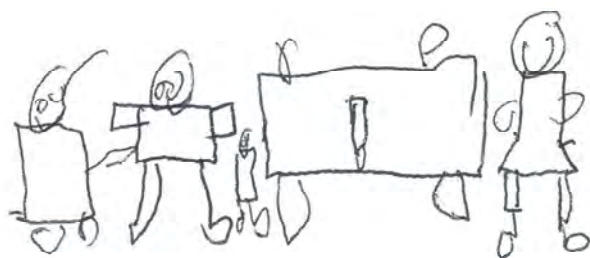
We can get all our points across If you allow us.

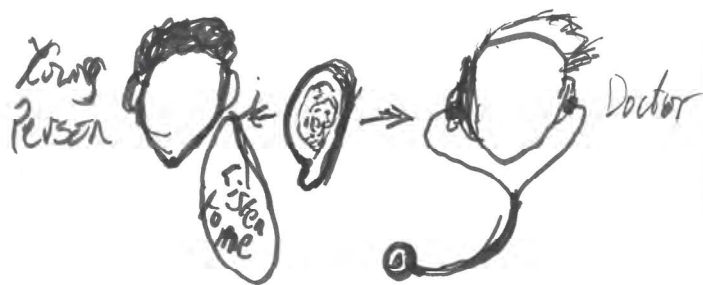
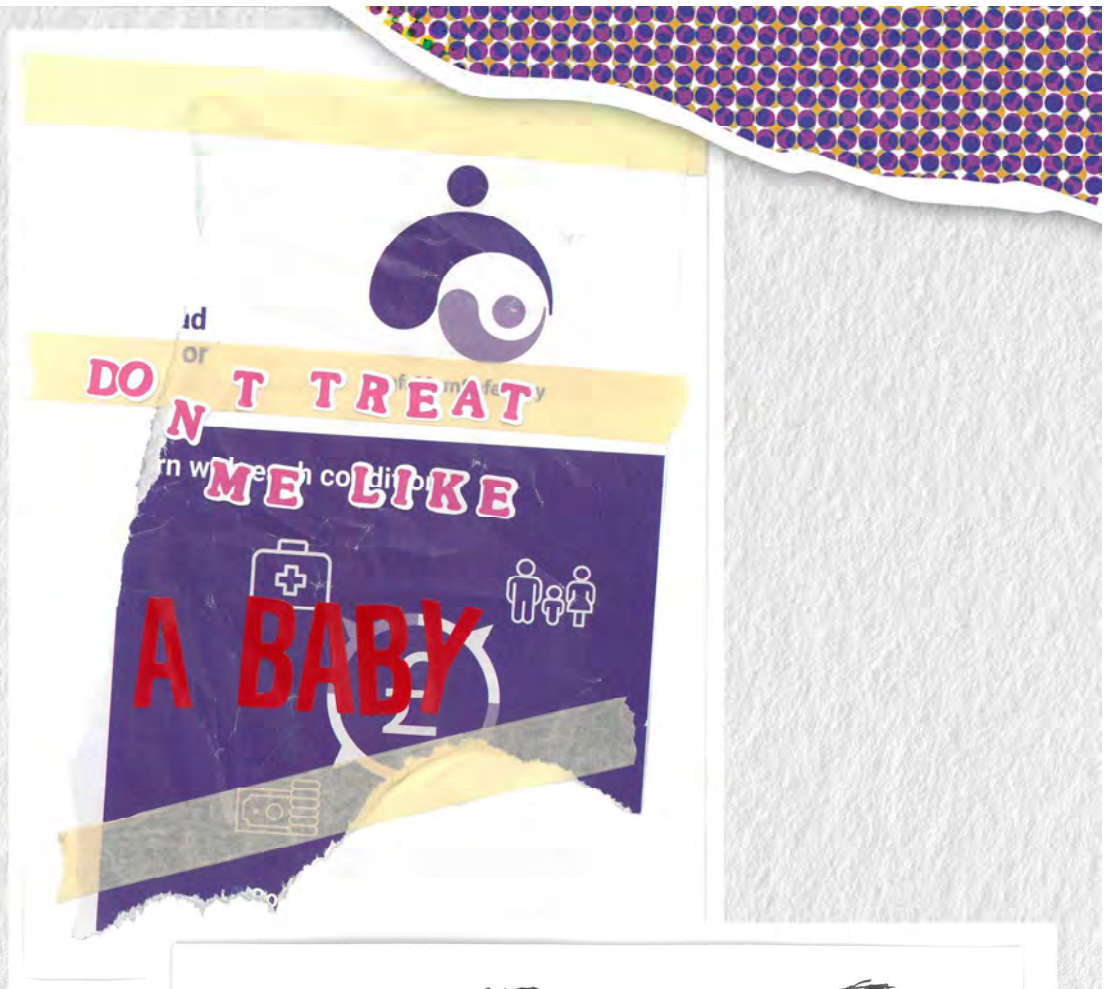
Do the Rough Guide Training so you know how to communicate with us!"



LISTEN

As

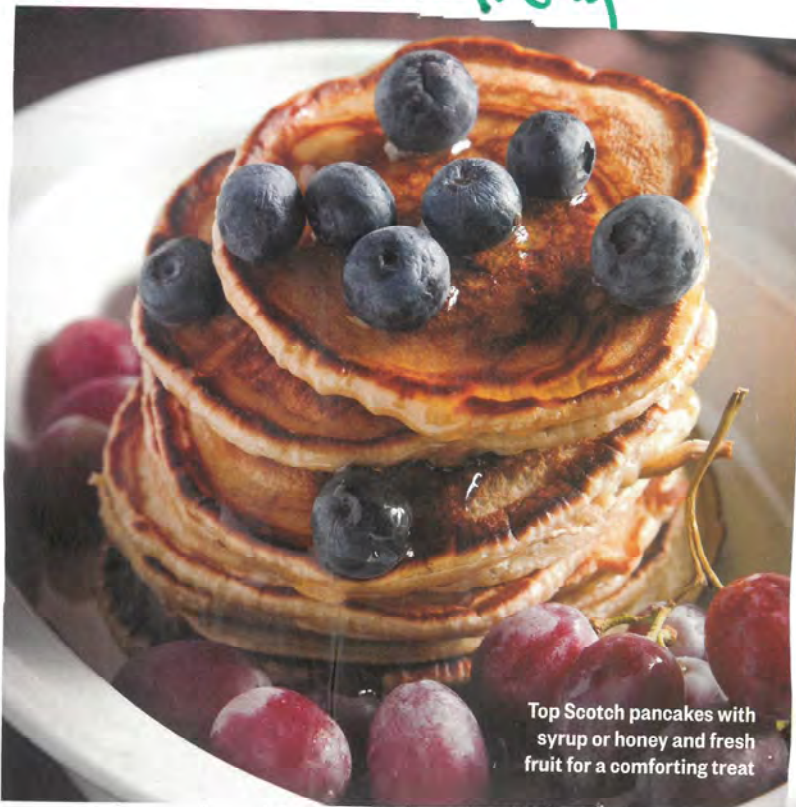




Doctors should Listen to the young Person or their parents because they know what they need and what is best for them.

we need more places that
are healthy and cheap

Things like macdonalds don't
taste good and are expensive plus
they're not healthy



Top Scotch pancakes with
syrup or honey and fresh
fruit for a comforting treat

HEALTHY

Sometimes I sound like
a broken record. Telling
my story over and over
again makes me feel

really
tired



Megan

megan.



→ waiting a
long time
for appointments

← Waiting a long
time at appointments.
Sometimes it feels
like we're
beating a dead
horse!

Rather than
going over the
same thing we
did last time.

CAN WE TALK ABOUT...

What's
currently
going on with me.

HEALTH

we need quiet spaces to wait
for appointments to reduce
stress.

more needs to be done to allow
us access to healthcare.

The Government needs to... ~~listen and understand~~
the importance of equality.

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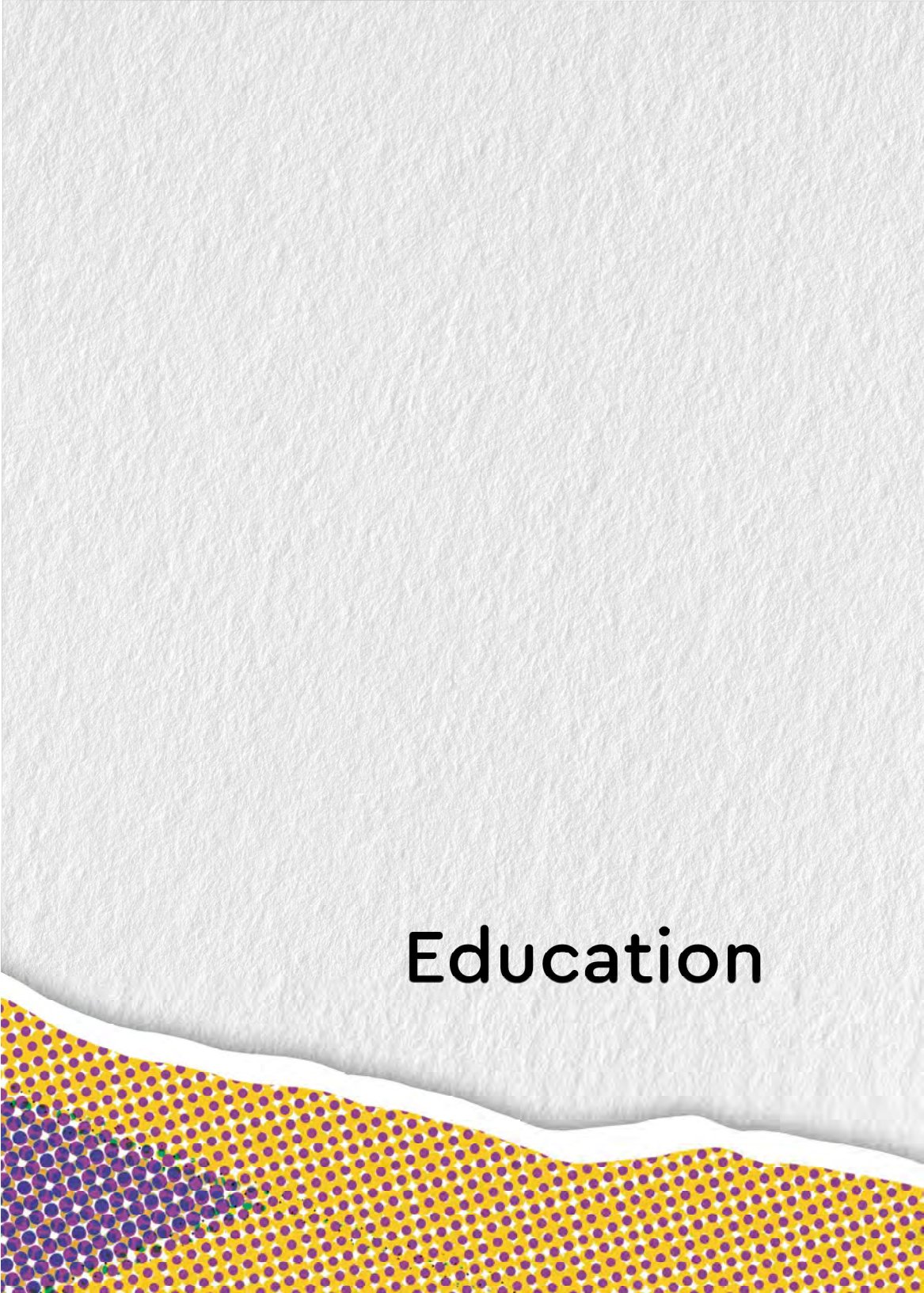
It's important for the
young person to make
their decision on health.



GET YOUR
VIEWS
ACROSS!

YOUR
CHOICE
MATTERS





Education

LEARN

ensure safety of kids
going to school

how
are they getting there?

are cultures / diversity
/ interests of young
ppl taken into account

/ catchment
area

Are there sufficient
schools in every
area?

do people have
to make sacrifices
to go to a good school.

"Reflection is as much as I can hope for,

We need them to!

I want to see... teachers read EHCP Plans

because it will help them
understand me and my needs

LOOK AFTER



STUDENTS WITH

SEND!!!

New Rule

This
change
needs to
happen!!!

Time is running out!

And our patience
is growing thin

M

OVEMENT is required

WE DEMAND change

Freedom to
be ourselves



The

p a s t

EXCLUDED



neuro diversity

Just because
I am autistic
doesn't mean
I can't make
something of
myself.

Training should
be mandatory

"If you can't do
this how you
going to get a
job"

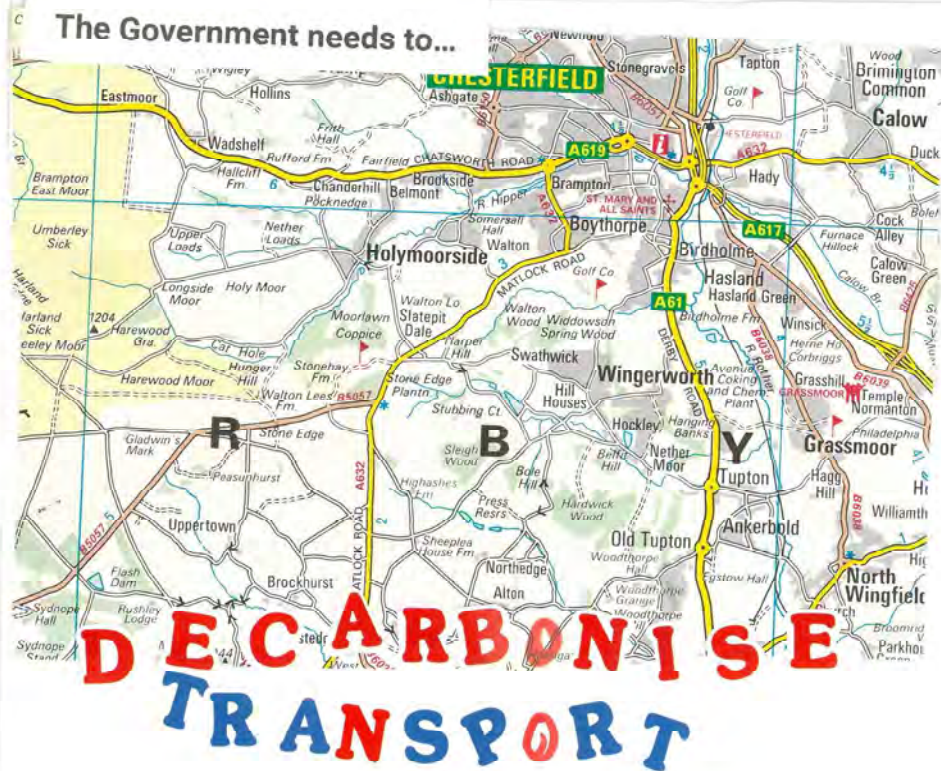
Teachers understanding and
Perception of SEND and MENTAL
HEALTH can be outdated and can
effect young people
with how they deal
with it.

"your just attention
seeking" i'm not
trying to get attention
i'm trying to get help

"stop being
disruptive"

I sometimes can't
help my behaviour.

"your problems
don't compare
to what we had
to deal with
when I was your
age." My mental
Health does matter



- More Buses, Trains & Trams
- Phase out Fossil fuels
- Provide credible Alternatives to Driving.

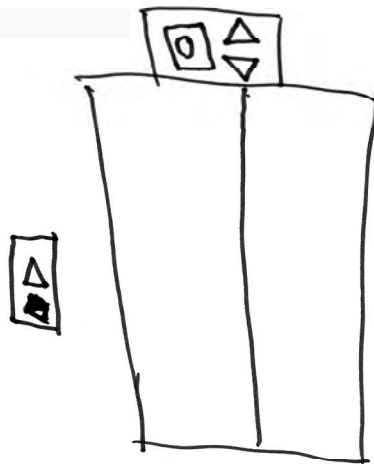


We want to see the following changes....

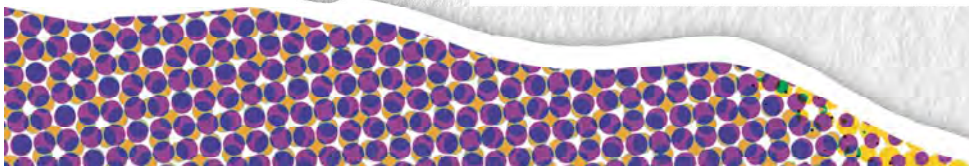
- more ways for people to be included and more accessibility in schools!
- awareness brought to disability hate crimes and abuse in schools including intimidation and blackmail as to stop them from telling the teachers!
- make things better for the following generation by walking a mile in someone else's shoes!
- more awareness in the spectrum of autism!
- stop being condescending and STOP THE UNECESSARY HEAD-TILTS!

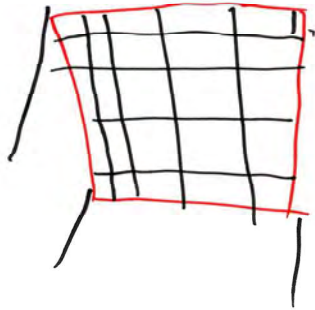
SEND^{AT}SCHOOL

For
tjem school



Lifts should always
be accessible!





We know our abilities
we should be in control
of what we can/can't do

PUSH ^{JOSE}
TO
ACHIEVE
MORE



The government
needs too...

JOSH MRE

HIGHER EMPHASIS
ON HIGHER EDUCATION

What we will do
as part of our
commitment to
this manifesto...

TAKE MORE PRIDE
AND EFFORT IN HIGHER
EDUCATION

ACT

NOW

TO
STOP
EDUCATIONAL
DISCRIMINATION



WHY MUST WE BE
GOOD

"INVESTMENTS"
TO BE **WORTH**

YOUR

CARE?



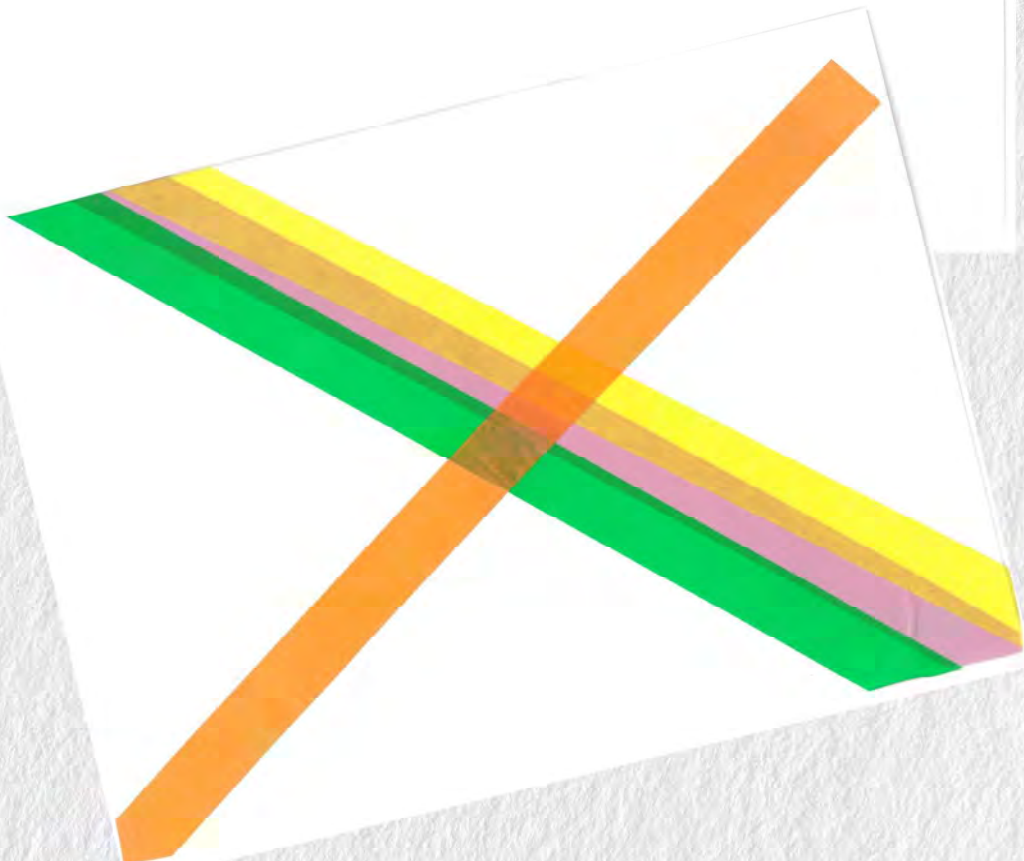
did I
Catch your
attention?

Young
People may
look 'okay',
but, are
they ready?

Bright Futures.



Lessons cancelled and not being told about
it or being told later.



are other things I'd like

autism

Earlier
diagnosis
of girls
w/ autism

work on
identifying
symptoms
in girls

'I have nothing to fear
and "he sure
now'

'masking'
causes
many
mental
health
issues
amongst
women.

vital
support should
be given
to women
at a young
age.

depressed

isolated

FEMINIST

We want to see
the following
changes....

Give people more
choice.

Stop being rude in the
classroom.

R U D E

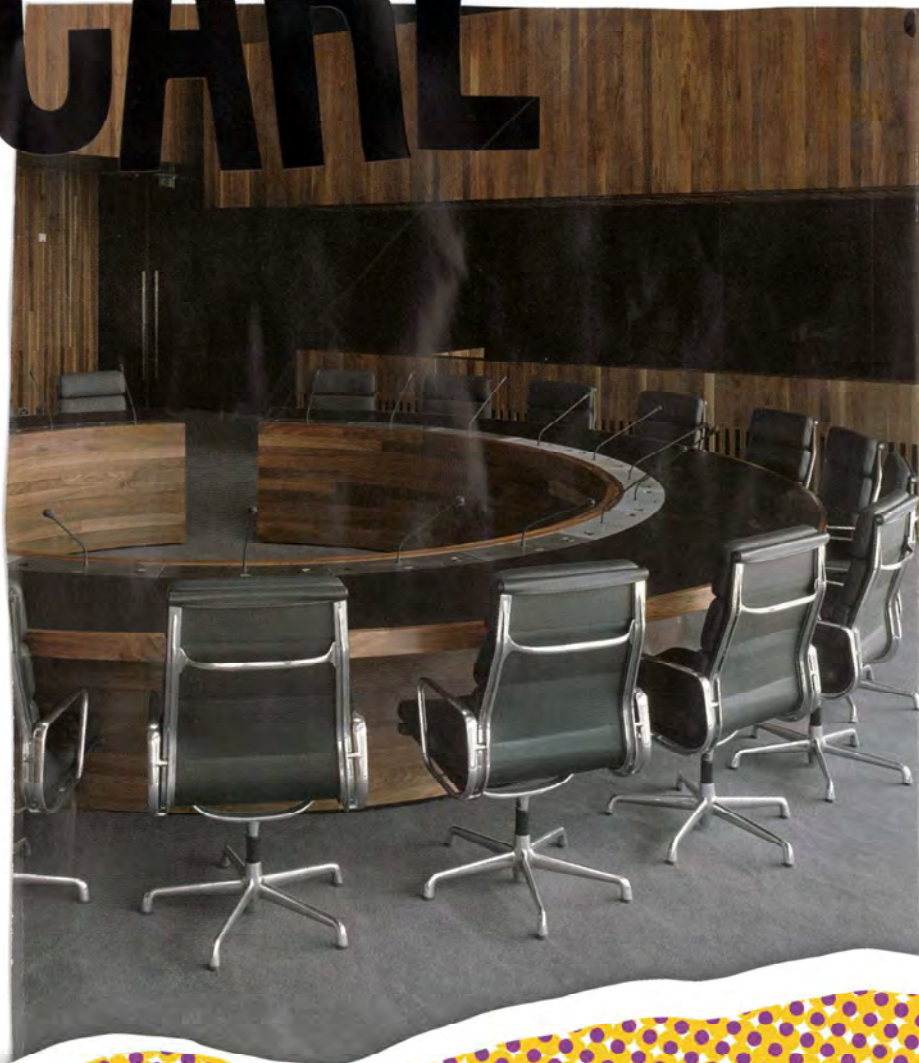
Social Care



SOCIAL CARE

We can...

Give out more
job opportunities

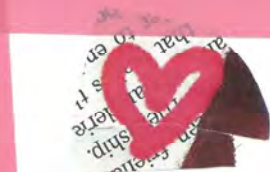


Children and young people will be involved by...

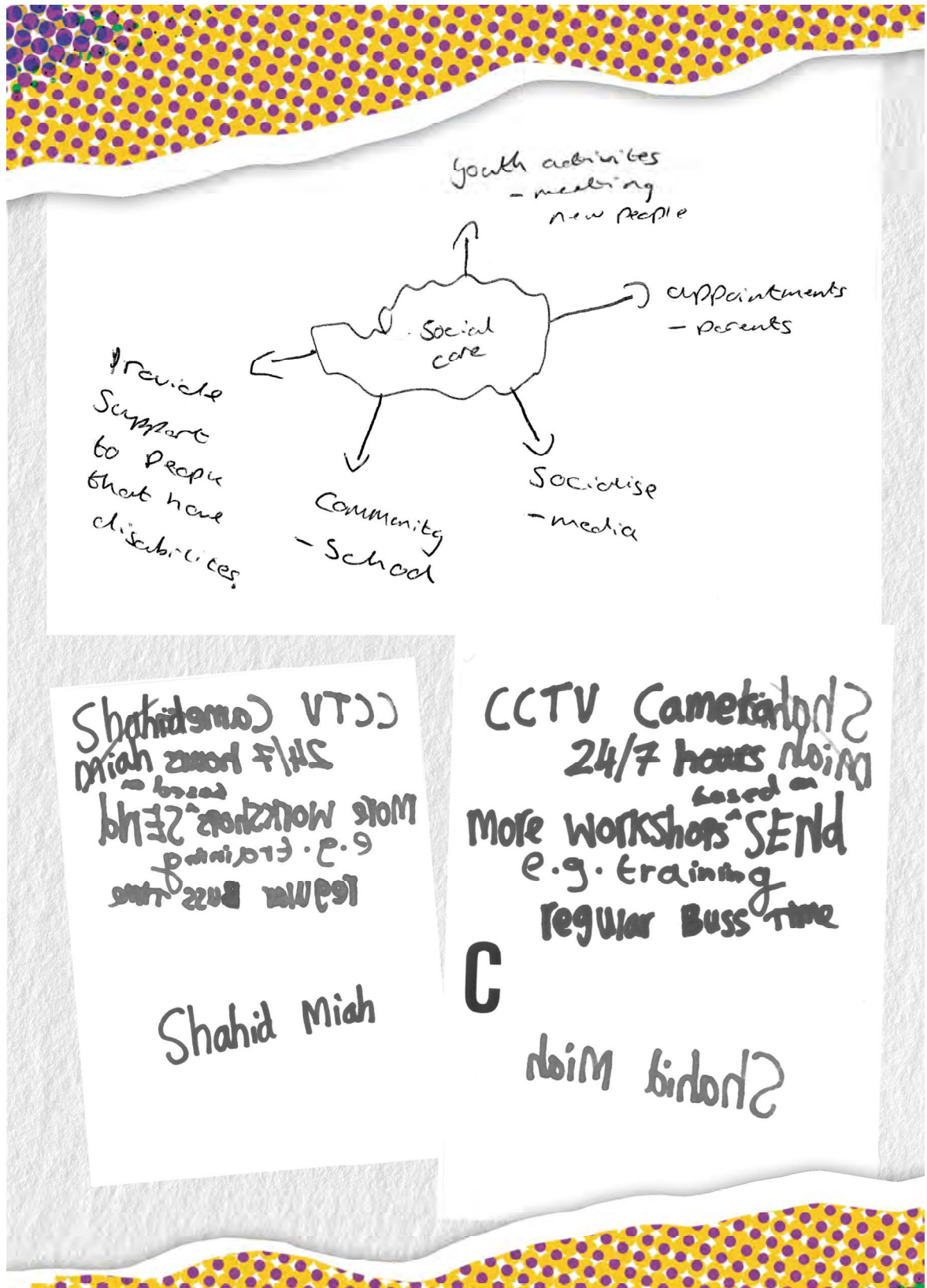
BEAUTY?

THERAPY

Beauty is
Very Special.



by Emma



MAKE
SOCIAL
WORKERS
MORE
ACCESSIBLE

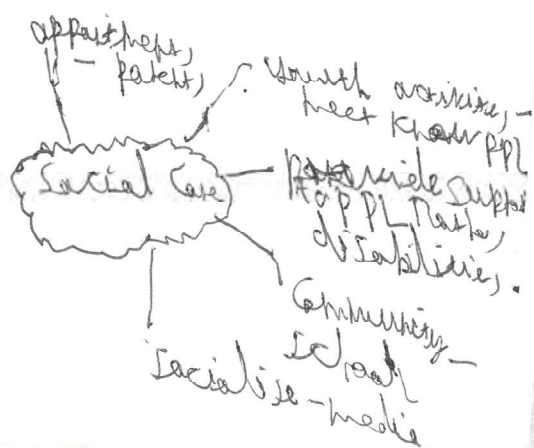
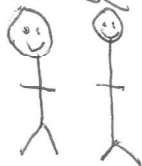


Make social
networks more
accessible to
every one

Dhriti Kulkarni

SOCIAL

Socialise



CARE

SCARE



Opportunities to meet others and make new friends should be available to everyone.

Care for others while having a conversation and show friendship to everyone.

Iwant to see more Youth centres that are more accessible for all.

All young people should get the same opportunities and be able to follow their dreams.

Local offer should be more accessible and available for everyone.



Herman Kumbo



I want to see... More social groups for young people in schools

We can... Make people feel included in schools

The Government needs to... Improve social care in education

What we will do as part of our commitment to this manifesto...

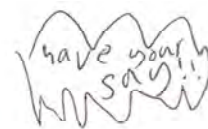
Will change lives for the better

SOCIAL CAR

Tom
Ferguson
YPS Blackburn



Children and young people will be involved by...



never be shy
to say your
words.



To be listened
too.



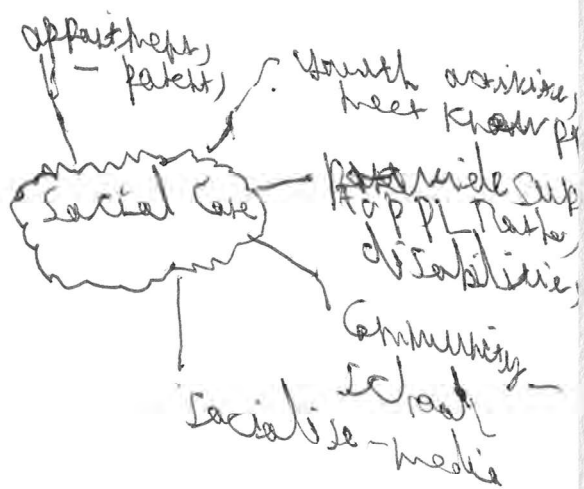
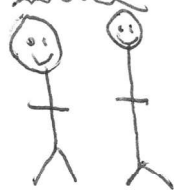
Speak to
other people



Dhites Kumar

SOCIAL

Socialise



CARE

The government needs to

CENSORED

commit to making a change to
VP. Rather than empty promises.
Restore the welfare state to its
original purpose to ensure all can
reach their potential.

MY LIFE

Health - shorter waiting lists,
integrated care. Reduced
confusion by the patient
having to liaise between
services themselves.

↳ VP can aid this by
directing change - it's a gov
process so cannot be self directed.

↳ it can be done by NHS
systems nationwide having the
same operating system (patient
portal) my medical records
were accidentally wiped - "lost
in the abyss" when I moved
countries.

Social
care

- appropriate housing
↳ shorter SC needs
assessment times

VP can be involved
in transition between services
more - being surveying rather than
this would stop the burden
falling on the NHS.
visual obs.

MATTERS

JAY
WR 18
WJCC

NOW

Education

- SEND provision with
access to FE + HE.
Academic subjects in an
SEND setting.

→ Gov build "in between"
schools rather than binary.

→ I think More AP - flexi (online
school - that is
VP would agree they would help build the schools themselves if it would make it more likely to occur.
kept within the public sector.
(non fee paying)

→ Gov needs to do less
public consult and more
action.

Accessing community

JAY WR
18 WSCC

trains are now
predictable in the
sense it is unusual
if they are on time.

→ Better access to
mobility
scheme.

→ ~~VP~~ VP
can make
enquiries to
MB scheme → could
be taught in schools?
Accessible
driving lessons.

our commitment to the manifesto
is that we will not give up trying
to fight for better access.
we will continue to push.

ACT



co-ordinated by



COUNCIL
FOR DISABLED
CHILDREN

funded by



Department
for Education

The annual Youth Voice Matters Conference is hosted by the Council for Disabled Children as part of the Making Participation Work programme, a partnership with KIDS and funded by the Department for Education.

This event brings together disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs from across England, providing an opportunity to develop their participation skills and to recognise the impact they can have when taking part in strategic participation. Youth Voice Matters is a conference with a difference - designed by young people for young people.

At the Council for Disabled Children, we believe children and young people's right to be heard and to take part in decision-making about their lives should go even further than what the law outlines. We hope Youth Voice Matters gives children and young people a space to develop their confidence and their participation skills, and create share examples of what can happen when children and young people realise their collective power.

If you would like to get in touch, you can reach us at participation@ncb.org.uk.

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