

# SUCCESS STORY

**A young volunteer commented:**

"I thought last night was such a good idea and was nice to see the boys getting involved."

**A youth worker commented:**

"It was amazing to see how so many engaged with the project and were willing to discuss subjects, which were sometimes very personal, so freely."

**A young person commented:**

"I loved that our opinions were actually been listened to."

"it was nice to be able to talk about issues without being worried I would be judged."

## **Community Impact Bucks and working with the young people of Chiltern Youth Projects.**

### **'Don't forget about us!' project.**

Healthwatch Bucks listens to people's concerns and equally represents these voices to service providers and commissioners. In 2015 Community Impact Bucks was commissioned to film young people's opinions on Health and Social care.

The project also aimed to:

- Promote the idea that every individual voice is valued and can make a difference.
- Emphasise how young people's opinions are essential when wanting to fairly represent a community.
- Inspire young people to take an interest in a wider society.

### **How did the project impact the young people?**

"Healthwatch provided a real and valuable opportunity for the voices of our young people to be heard and their opinions taken seriously into account. It contributed to the open and honest relationships between the youth workers and young people that help them to see us as a place of safety to turn to in troubled times."

### **How did Community Impact Bucks make the project successful?**

"The sensitivity of the team and the great planning meant that the young people felt extremely secure but also made it fun and relaxed whilst talking about some very serious issues. Thank you!"



**Kathryn Rideout**— Chiltern Youth Projects youth worker and project coordinator  
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