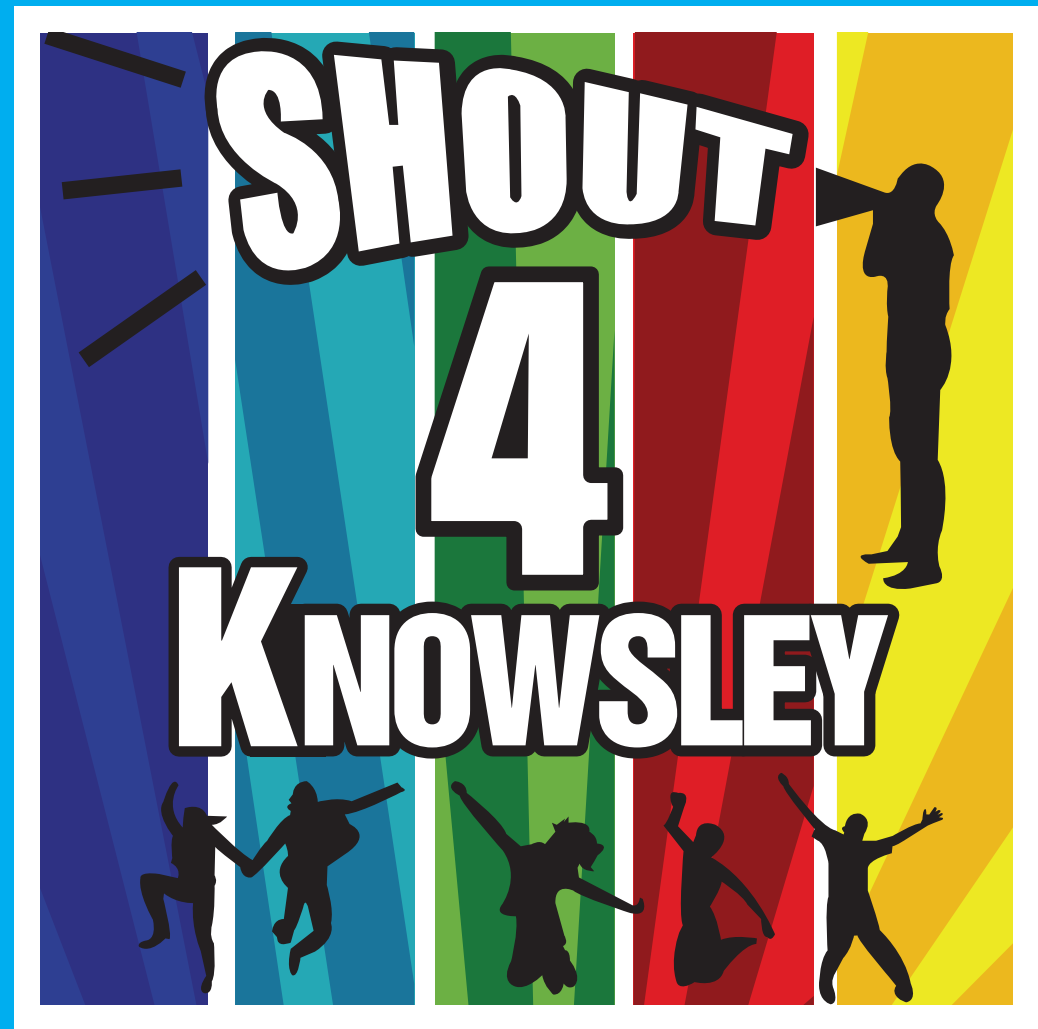




Having your voices heard helps  
build change for the future!!

If you would like to get involved in any of the groups please  
contact Directorate of Children and Family Services,  
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[www.shout4knowsley.com](http://www.shout4knowsley.com) for more information



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## The Engagement and Participation Team

The Directorate of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Engagement and Participation Team provides fun and interactive ways to actively engage children and young people and promotes 'inclusive listening' with diverse groups of children and young people, including those with Learning Disability and/or Physical Disability, Children Looked After, Care Leavers, Young Carers, and Young Offenders.

The Knowsley Young Advisors are an important part of the Engagement and Participation Team and ensure children and young people can feed back their views through Knowsley's recognised Children and Young People's Governance Structure and other young people's networks to the Partnership, commissioners and other providers. We create a platform for children and young people to have their views and opinions heard on the things they think are important and provide the opportunity for children and young people to change things for the better!

### S.P.A.R.K

The Children and Young People's Forum, known as S.P.A.R.K (Shout Participation All Round Knowsley) is the authoritative and credible voice of children and young people in Knowsley (aged 0-25). The focus of S.P.A.R.K is to primarily increase the scope of engagement with children and young people in the borough, including representing the needs of those at risk and vulnerable groups.

S.P.A.R.K has a diverse membership of young people, including representatives of Children with Learning Disability and/or Physical Disability, Young Carers, Children Looked After and Leaving Care, LGBT, Connexions, YWCA, Youth Service, Health and Wellbeing Service, and Youth Offending Service.

### LINKed-Up

The Knowsley Children and Young People's LINK (Local Involvement Network) is known as LINKed-Up and it provides an opportunity for Children and young people to be at the centre of decision making on how Health and Wellbeing Services are planned, commissioned and delivered.

Knowsley recognised that children and young people have their own views, issues and concerns about their health and wellbeing but these were often lost in adult health agendas. LINKed-Up is a reference group to represent young people's priorities and views on health and wellbeing services in Knowsley.

### M.A.D.E

M.A.D.E (Making A Difference Everywhere) has been established to engage children and young people looked after by Knowsley and leaving care in decision making processes. M.A.D.E members have produced a Children Looked After pledge, which has been published and was launched at an event led by Young Advisors and looked after young people in June 2009. The pledge sets out in clear and concise terms what services and support children and young people looked after can expect from Knowsley Council.



### Knowsley Youth Parliament

Knowsley Youth Parliament is an open forum, aimed at all 11-20 year olds in Knowsley. It is made up of any young people interested in having a voice in their community, Regionally and Nationally. The young people can bring forward issues from their schools, colleges, work or community to be discussed and raised as priorities. Campaigns, information, activities and priorities are highlighted on the shout4knowsley website.

### Knowsley Young Advisors

Knowsley Young Advisors are young people aged between 16-20, who guide community leaders and decision makers on the effective engagement of young people in community life, regeneration and renewal. Young Advisors support children and young people to have their voices heard in their neighbourhoods and inform the design, development and delivery of services across the Borough.

