INVITATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

We invite young people within your community to take part in the 'Lincolnshire Strong Voices Project' being run across Lincolnshire by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has previously commissioned Leaders Unlocked to undertake the Youth Commission, an engagement activity that allowed young people to raise concerns and local issues. Resulting recommendations raised by young people were shared with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Lincolnshire Police and partnership agencies.

The Stronger Voices Project, led by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioners Safer Together Team will develop further the work of the Youth Commission by engaging with 11-21 years olds who live in Lincolnshire; empowering them to speak in an environment where they feel comfortable to raise local issues openly.

Lincolnshire Strong Voices will be running hour long FREE sessions every two months within your community which will aim to;

- Give young people a voice raising policing and crime issues from their communities
- Challenge & inform the work of the PCC
- Challenge & inform the work of Lincolnshire Police
- Help to make your community a Happier, Healthier and Safer Place to Live!

We are running core group sessions in the following districts;

- North Kesteven
- South Kesteven
- Lincoln
- West Lindsey
- East Lindsey (Coast and Wolds)
- Boston and South Holland

We would like you to encourage young people within your parish to partake in these sessions.

We are also offering for a number of Town and Parish Councils and Community Groups across the county the opportunity to hold their own Strong Voices sessions, you would need to recruit the young people from your community. The Safer Together Team will then facilitate the session outlined below in the table.

Introduction	5 Minutes	What is Strong Voices
Speak up	15 Minutes	What are the issues in your area?
Change up	15 Minutes	What changes do you want to see?
Listen up	15 Minutes	Who needs to make the changes?
Sign up	10 Minutes	Become a part of Strong Voices

Please note the sessions will be on a first come first served basis due to maximum capacity within the team.

Following each session, feedback will be gathered, and a report will be shared with the community, the OPCC, Lincolnshire Police and Partners.

The Strong Voices project is a great opportunity for young people in Lincolnshire to make a difference to the community around them by influencing real change. It is also a great addition to their CV's, University and College Applications, as well as being a fantastic overall project, letting young people be involved in actual change.

If you would like some more information about the Strong Voices Programme, or would like to express your interest, please email the <u>Safertogetherteam@lincs.police.uk</u>

We look forward to hearing from you, Kind Regards,

The Safer Together Team



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