

Our Blueprint for Belonging

Young people's feedback shaping the West Sussex Belonging Strategy.



On September 9, 2025, young people met with the Children First Board to share what "belonging" means to them. This infographic captures their key feedback on challenges and solutions for a better sense of community.

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

"Safe spaces" don't always feel safe.

Some young people feel excluded, preventing them from getting help from trusted adults.

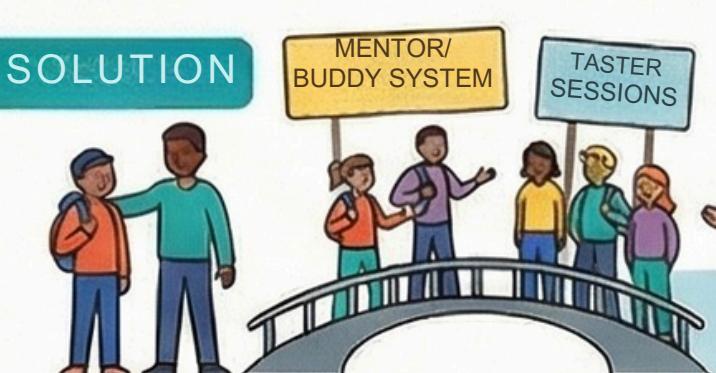
Create social "zones" for different needs.

Offer separate areas for quiet time and socialising instead of one large open space.



Moving from school to college can be lonely.

Without established community groups, this transition can make people feel unseen and unheard.



Set up a support system for transitions.

Introduce a mentorship or buddy system, course taster sessions, and a dedicated pastoral lead.



It's hard to get to clubs and activities.

Activities are often at the wrong time, too expensive, or hard to reach without transport.



Make activities more accessible.

Provide more free/low-cost options, more choices, and shared transport solutions.

