



**The Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge and The Virtual Schools first ever Young Persons Conference are being held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**

**We would love you to be part of this exciting day!**

***You are invited to take over the job of one of The Telford and Wrekin Council Officers for the day.***

With the help of an adult, you can 'takeover' their job to find out how they make decisions and understand the work that they do.

The day is all about celebrating young people, and highlighting the brilliant things you do. You are key to the success of **The Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge Day**. It is your imagination, enthusiasm and energy which make the day such an exciting and valuable experience for everyone involved.

**The day will run as follows:**

8:30 - 9:00am	Arrive at The Mercure Hotel Telford for a meet and greet icebreaker and breakfast baps before you are teamed up with your work colleague
9:00 -11:00am	National Takeover Challenge – Time to 'take over' the job of one of Telford and Wrekin Council Officers for the day - taster of council areas plus police, health, Fire and Ambulance
11:00 - 11:15am	Meet back at The Mercure Hotel Telford – refreshments
11:15 - 11:30am	Opening Speech - Director of Education & Skills – Simon Wellman
11:30 - 12:30pm	Key speaker – Luke Rodgers – The Care Leaders
12.30 - 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15 - 2:00pm	Workshop 1
2:00 - 2:15pm	Break
2:15 - 3:00pm	Workshop 2
3:00 – 3:30pm	Final words from The Virtual Head Teacher Michelle Salter and Councillor Shirley Reynolds

If you are interested in getting involved please ask your carer or Designated Teacher at school to return the **consent slip below, together with your dietary requirements, your three preferred job roles, workshop preferences and your 'All about Me'** by emailing it to The Virtual School [virtualschool@telford.gov.uk](mailto:virtualschool@telford.gov.uk) (please put NTO in the subject bar) by 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

For more information call Sharron Jones or Michelle Salter on 01952 380385 or 01952 385050  
[virtualschool@telford.gov.uk](mailto:virtualschool@telford.gov.uk)

The **Takeover Challenge Day and Young Persons Conference** will count as part of your education so will not affect your attendance at school. Further updates relating to COVID-19 guidance will be shared nearer the event.

We hope to see you at **The National Takeover Challenge and Young Persons Conference 2021.**

The Virtual School Team

# Consent form

I give consent for (Name of young person) \_\_\_\_\_

To attend The Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at The Mercure Hotel beginning 8:30am onwards. (*address: Mercure Telford Centre Hotel, Forge Gate, Telford Centre, TF3 4NA*)

I will collect from the Telford Mercure Hotel @ 3.30pm at the end of the day.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Carer) Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Dietary Requirements:**

There will be refreshments and lunch provided. Please state any special dietary requirements or intolerances.

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## Spend the morning with...

We cannot guarantee that you will get your choices, but we will try to take our hardest. Please put your top three preferences in the order. Numbering them 1-3, with 1 being the role you would most like to 'take over'

Role	Tick the boxes that interest you
Environment & Neighbourhood Services - flood risk management, out and about in the local community,	
Neighbourhood & Enforcement - Road Safety education services	
Highways, Transport and Engineering - out and about on the roads	
Telford and Wrekin and Private Sector Housing	
West Mercia Police team	
Telford Fire service	
West Midlands Ambulance Service	
School nursing team	
The NHS (mental health services)	
Find out more about being a Social Worker	
Find out more about working with the Independent Childrens Rights service	
Telford and Wrekin Leisure Services – The Ice Rink and The Town Park	
Culture, Events and Theatre team	
The Telford and Wrekin ICT team	
Help people take part in their Communities	
Telford and Wrekin 'Southwater 1' Building and Library services	
The Fostering service Marketing video	
Advertising and Media- Design your own advert to be displayed on a billboard around Telford	
Telford and Wrekin Education and Skills Services (including Pupil Support Services and Skills Delivery)	
Mayor Councillor Jhawar – find out what he does in the community	
Councillors for Telford wards (local areas) – what do they do?	
Shadow The Chief Executive Officer of the Council - what does <i>David Sidaway</i> do?	
Shadow <i>Jo Britton</i> , the Executive Director of Children's and Family Services – and get a taste of what she does !	
Shadow the Director of Education and Skills: what does <i>Simon Wellman</i> do?	
Shadow an Executive Director and get a taste for what they do !	
Shadow a Director and get a taste for what they do !	
Telford and Wrekin Property and Investment	
Telford and Wrekin Policy, Customer & Commercial Services –get a feel for how business partnerships are developed !	
Outdoor Education Services – Arthog Outreach	
Telford and Wrekin Human Resources – a taste of what they do	

<b>Proposed Workshops for The Young Persons Conference</b>	
<i>Please put your top four preferences in the order. Numbering them 1-5, with 1 being the workshop you would most like to be part of.</i>	
<b>A Smash life</b> A fun filled session with Andy & Matt Smith using their positive life experiences of the care system to work on overcoming life's hurdles together.	
<b>B Exploitation &amp; Gangs</b> Breaking down the barriers between young people and services such as the police, led by Vicki Ridgewell, Exploitation and Vulnerability Trainer, West Mercia Police.	
<b>C Keeping fit and active</b> Take part in a variety of leisure activities and improve your physical and mental wellbeing - join Joe Lockley (Bright Star Boxing) and staff from Arthog... maybe even a mystery guest will make a surprise appearance!	
<b>D Agents of change</b> How can you influence your future? Engaging and interesting activities helping you focus on your future.	
<b>E: Arts Connect</b> Have a go at a variety of Arts and Creative activities.... let your imagination run wild!	

## All About Me!

Name:

Age:

School:

Year Group:

### What is important to me?

People:

Places:

Things:

My aspirations and goals:

What people like and admire about me:

Sometimes I worry about:

What helps me:

What doesn't help me: