

INVITATION TO HAVE YOUR SAY, DONCASTER

Saturday 7 October, 10:30am-12:30pm

On Saturday 7th October, the Department for Education will be at the Doncaster Dome to talk to children and young people and hear about their experiences of living in Doncaster as part of the social mobility Opportunity Areas programme. The sessions will be 'drop in' sessions, so that **all** children and young people (and their parents) can drop in to give their views about living in Doncaster. We know that children and young people are the experts so we want to hear their views about what makes Doncaster a great place to live but also what more can be done to improve the Borough.

I would be very grateful if those of you receiving this email could cascade this email out to all colleagues and encourage children and young people you or they work with to come along (we're keen to hear from as many of them as possible).

What are Opportunity Areas?

There are 12 Opportunity Areas spread across England, they are a mix of different types of area (rural, coastal, urban) and all 12 have been selected as they are considered to be areas of low social mobility and areas where children's outcomes are decided because of where they are born. I am leading on children and young people's engagement in Doncaster to ensure that children and young people remain at the heart of the work that we are doing. We really want to ensure that the youth voice is implemented throughout all of our work and so we are keen to engage with children and young people throughout the programme.

Have your say

This event will be open to children above the age of 4 to young people (up to 25) plus parents of those attending. We are really keen to hear views on education in Doncaster and at the end of the event we'd really like to have an idea of:

- How we can promote Doncaster as a great place to live and work;
- How we can build a Doncaster Alumni to visit primary schools;
- How we can best work with children and young people to ensure that their views are implemented into our delivery of the programme at all times.

Understandably, there will be some children and young people who won't be able to attend this event due to other commitments. To ensure that nobody misses out on having their say, I'd be grateful if you could let people know that they can email me morgan.horton@education.gov.uk to put across their views!

****To say a huge thank you to those children and young people who do attend the event, Doncaster Rovers have kindly offered to give attendees a complimentary ticket to their home game against Portsmouth on Tuesday 17th October**.**