

Youth quotes

Gathering qualitative data from youth can be very powerful. The following quotes were gathered by student interns at Our Kids Network in 2012. They can be used to share youth voice in reports, presentations, and marketing tools.

Burlington Quotes:

“It’s hard to give back to the community when the community has this unprecedented opinion about youth which just isn’t true.”

“The community has youth programs but it’s almost like they have them to just show that they are there but don’t actually cater or want youth to participate.”

“The community feels that teenagers think they are self-entitled, when their actions only come from what they view as us to begin with – it’s a vicious cycle.”

Oakville Quotes:

“Family support declines when you grow up, they want to give you freedom but then disconnect too much.”

“People change going into HS and complications arise when you don’t know who to hang out with and what will be accepted – popularity and cliques emerge.”

“Always the same students are representing the school and there are a lot of voices and viewpoints that go unheard.”

Aldershot Quotes:

“Older kids are more likely to use technology and they are replacing some of the live interaction between people with technology. People are more bold and more likely to bully with technology.”

“Let us know more about the resources out there. We don’t know about social workers or OKN etc. I had no idea we had a social worker at our school.”

“Don’t make all of the fun courses in grade 11 and 12. These courses help people interact with peers and get involved, but often when you are in the senior grades you can’t fit them into your schedule because you need to be thinking about college or university and courses and marks.”

Milton Quotes:

“There is this stigma that kids always want to be older – we should tell them, to be what age you are

now, don't pretend to be older, because you'll never get to be that age twice in a life time."

"Because you aren't connected to anyone in your community – You feel as though your community isn't safe."

"You look for your friends approval and not your parents, it would be nice if they both wanted the same thing."

Georgetown/Acton:

"You are looked down at school and at your part-time job, you aren't as valued."

"Staff should increase trust of students in elementary schools, that could lead the way to make us feel as though you trust us in high school, instead of assuming that all teens are up to no good."

"More time to be creative, would be nice to show who you are through your creativity."