

## Jersey Youth Parliament – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022

We had a meeting last night and we spoke to the young people about the Government Plan. We had 30 members attend and the first question we asked was have you heard of the island plan? I think every member said no!

I then went on to explain what it was and then asked them how it could be more accessible to young people. They suggested the following:

- Summarise the document to just a page or two with the key messages and to send it round to schools.
- Workshops in schools around politics and the Government Plan - members shared that they did not have lessons on politics and if they did it was often only a one off and mainly looked at UK politics (this is something that the previous JYP recommended in their final presentation and report aswell. It is mentioned throughout but in detail on page 17 of the final report <https://www.jyp.je/campaign/test-2/> )
- Workshops in schools around the Government Plan in a child friendly way

We had quite a busy meeting and so this was discussed at the end but I asked them what they thought the key priority was for young people and one of the girls responded that ensuring everyone has the same access to the same levels of education and that there should be standards set across schools. She identified that some young people start by 'climbing a steep gradient' from the get go as there was no 'baseline' across education in her words.

The Housing group did spend some time looking through the parts that I had highlighted for them relating to housing so may reference this in their presentation in the states Chamber on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Taking into account the current JYP topics along with the previous JYP topics, I would say the priorities for young people with regards to Government spending is:

- Housing
- 'The Right to Play' and things to do
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Climate Change
- Mental Health
- Education