

International Youth Day

INFORMATION

This is held each year on the 12th of August it celebrates the qualities of young people and recognises the challenges that today's youth can face. International Youth Day began in 2000 and was organised by the United Nations to celebrate the contribution that young people make in education, employment, conflict resolution and social justice to name a few. The UN defines young people as aged 15-24

Issues Young People Face in the UK

Mental Health

- One in six children aged five to 16 were identified as having a probable mental health problem in July 2021. That's five children in every classroom.
- 83% of young people with mental health needs agreed that the coronavirus pandemic had made their mental health worse.

Young Carers

Research shows that as many as one in five children and young people are young carers. In England and Wales, the latest census data (2011) reveals that there are around 166,000 young carers.

Unemployment

The UK unemployment rate has risen to its highest level for two years, official figures show. The unemployment rate grew to 4.1% in the three months to July, compared with 3.9% previously. Young people were particularly hard hit, with those aged 16 to 24 suffering the biggest drop in employment compared with other age groups.

LINKS

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/about-us/media-centre/mental-health-statistics>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://carers.org>

Activity

Split your team in to 2 and see if you can argue the below!

- How you could support young people with mental health problems and/or young carers
- How would more apprenticeships help lower youth unemployment?

Maths equation

If 1 in 6 children aged five to 16 have a probable mental health problem and they say that is five children in every classroom. How many children do they think are in a class?
Children who have mental health problem x amount of children in every classroom
 $6 \times 5 = 30$