

# ELYS – School Summary



## 'Ideas for Change, and Ideas for Action' – East Lothian's Youth Summit

Our first East Lothian Youth Summit 2018 took place at the Brunton Hall on Wednesday 7th March. This inaugural summit will hopefully create a benchmark for youth engagement across Scotland, and lay the foundations for a proposed bi-annual event.

Since our aim is ensure we acknowledge the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, we want to build an approach to engaging with children and young people which is co-productive, dynamic and responsive to ensure that all of the their voices, and their communities, are heard. We have a duty to collaborate with young people and allow this co-working to inform the education service as set out in the ongoing development improvement plan. The information generated on the day will influence the new cycle of East Lothian planning in 2018.

The idea was to spark on-going conversations that generate '**Ideas for Change, and Ideas for Action**' that East Lothian can pledge on. The feedback from young people, facilitators and adult helpers was very positive and, excitingly, some initiatives have already progressed from the ideas that were generated.

Below is a summary of the day:

### Overview

- 150 of East Lothian's young connectors and influencers (from every school, between P7 and S6)
- Actively listening to and taking forward young people's views and visions to support learning
- An innovative and engaging day and opportunity to work with our partners
- Involving leading figures from local/national businesses and political spheres

Key Themes:	Education (Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, Included)
Secondary Themes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Technology</li><li>- Creativity</li><li>- Participation</li><li>- Enterprise and Regeneration</li></ul>

### Structure of the Day

0930 Welcome delegates and adults into the Brunton Theatre (Music by Declan T, Alastair C and Erin R of PL)

1000 Opening - **Fiona Robertson** (Head of Education, ELC) Welcomed, introduced format, businesses, facilitators, adult helpers and Graham Ogilvie (Graphic Artist)

1015 Keynote - **Bruce Adamson** (Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland)

1045 Break (Healthy Snack – donated by Tesco and Yester Dairies)

1100 Collaborative Activities - **Ben Rouse** (Apps Events) 'Design Thinking' session (Mixed groups of ten students discussing topics with a facilitator)

1300 Lunch (provided by Tesco)

1330 Afternoon Address - **Shamin Akhtar** (East Lothian Councillor, Education Convenor)

1345 Summary Presentations – **Dylan Bell** (Pupil Support – PLHS) presented pre-summit results

1350 Groups presented their key ideas/discussion points to audience with **Ben Rouse**

1430 Closing Remarks from **Fiona Robertson** who introduced **James Dornan** (MSP Education Convenor)

1500 Finish (Goody Bag – donated by Tesco, Mearns and Company, EDF, YoungScot, DYW, QMU, CYPCS)

