



**Don't turn
your
back on
youth**

Dear Tim Loughton,

You are presiding over the demolition of the Youth Service. A Conservative government established the Youth Service in 1961. It will be the first public service to go unless you intervene to stop the disproportionate cuts and plans to abandon the Youth Service at local authority level.

Youth work works, cutting it is a false economy. Youth councils work, cutting them denies us a right to a voice. Youth arts inspire us, cutting provision narrows horizons. Youth centres are places of safety, free association, fun and learning, closing them takes away our rights.

Destroying youth services will cost the nation more in the long run.

Moneys reserved for the short-term National Citizens Service should be redirected immediately to create a national youth service operating 365 days a year with directly funded local partnerships of voluntary organisations and local authority providers working to agreed national professional and resource standards

Please let me know what action you intend to take.

Yours sincerely,

RSVP: _____

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