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Example letter to Councillors

Local Councillor:

Find your local councillors at **www.directgov.uk**

Name of council
Address
Town
Postcode

Dear XXX

Re: Urgent appeal – Stop youth services from being the first public service to go

Please make your letter as personal as possible. The human side of the impact of council cuts is what we hope will sway your local councillors to think again.

Describe your personal experience – why does your youth club or other service you use, matter to you? How important is your youth worker to you? Try to show how the service you use has made a difference to your life, eg better grades, more confidence, greater awareness.

I am one of xxxx (*number of young people who use the youth club)* to use/or benefit from my local youth club *(name of club) /or other service*) on a weekly basis, and have been doing so for the past xxx years.

Without our club we will have nothing to do on (*insert the days/times you use your club*). Young people have been hit disproportionately hard by government cuts. And now councils are targeting youth services hardest of all. The youth service will be the first public service to go if we don't act now.

The loss of the youth service and young people's services will hurt young people and cause long term harm for future generations. My friends and I feel really let down.

As my elected representative (*or as the person with the power to save the service*) please tell me how you plan to protect the youth service and young people's services from the onslaught of these cuts.

Please show your support for the Choose Youth campaign to save young people's services. Sign the e-petition on Youth work and youth services to force a debate in parliament: **http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/4671**

Councils have a statutory duty to provide youth work in three areas; positive activities, decision making by young people and 14-19 learning, further to section 507B Education Act 1996.

Tell me how you are fulfilling this duty. What services do you have in place for young people now that my youth club (*name the club or project*) has closed?

I am not interested in excuses or how the government is to blame. You have a choice. My friends and I say Choose Youth!

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Xxxxxx
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