VOTE FOR LEON

The VOTE for Wirral's next United Kingdom Youth Parliament Representative is now open. The ballot closes 28th February 2022

We have some exciting news to share. Leon in year 10 has made the shortlist to become a Youth Parliament Representative. He has worked very hard on his application, with his focus being on tackling Childhood Poverty.

He is focused and motivated to represent other young people and we think he would make a great youth representative.

Please use the link to vote for him and select 'poverty' as your focus.

Good luck Leon, you should be very proud right now!

Use the link below to vote now.

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Candidate 12: Leon

I think there are many issues affecting young people on the Wirral. The most important issue for me is child poverty. I like to keep up with current affairs and I have seen on the news lately families going to food banks and at the moment gas and electricity prices are rising. This makes me feel upset that young people are not getting food and have to live on a tight budget.

I live and go to a school in the Birkenhead area, and I have seen first-hand young people living in poverty. For example- my brothers are living in a council house and have to live on a tight budget that means they can't go on family holidays, and they have never been abroad because of their tight budget. Young people may not be able to afford the basics like books, food, clothes including school uniform, hobbies, or even medication if they become ill.

Many people rely on charities and benefits to support them living in poverty on the Wirral. Child Poverty has negative impacts on children's health, social, emotional, and cognitive development, behaviour, and educational outcomes. Children born into poverty can run into some health problems like mental health, chronic disease, asthma, obesity, injuries, mental health problems and lack of readiness to learn.

I would campaign to help young people living in poverty and I wouldn't stop until the right thing is done.