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# JYP @ BIC SUMMIT

On 15th June 2023, JYP members, Maria, Elena, Cassie, Molly and Caleb attended the British-Irish Council Summit hosted at the L'Horizon Hotel.

The summit revolved around the theme of 'Building for the Future, Green and Affordable' and the passionate young people delivered an impactful speech they had prepared.

To help them prepare, the JYP members collected the voices of fellow young islanders through a survey. They also sought insights from previous JYP reports and the 'Little Parliament' findings. The team attended a residential at Crabbe in May to help get ready for the event.



# MEETING MINISTERS FROM BIC



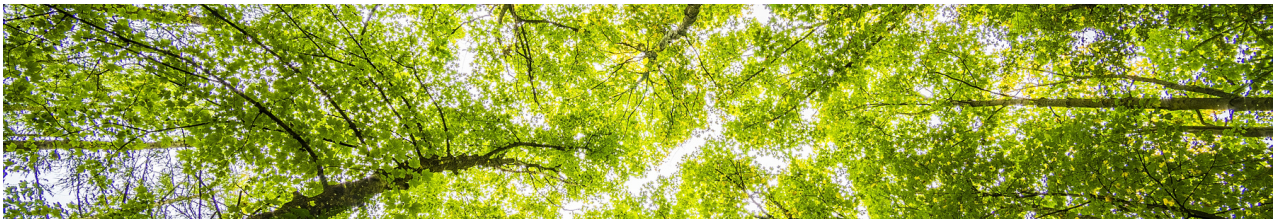
Members spent some time on the JYP stall and met different ministers from across BIC including the First Minister from Wales, Mark Drakeford and Tánaiste of Ireland, Micheál Martin.



# JYP SPEECH

"We are members of the Jersey Youth Parliament and we have been working on our three campaigns for the past nine months: housing, the right to play and diversity and inclusion. We came along today to make the voices of young people be heard, to spread awareness and encourage community cohesion across the British-Irish Council.

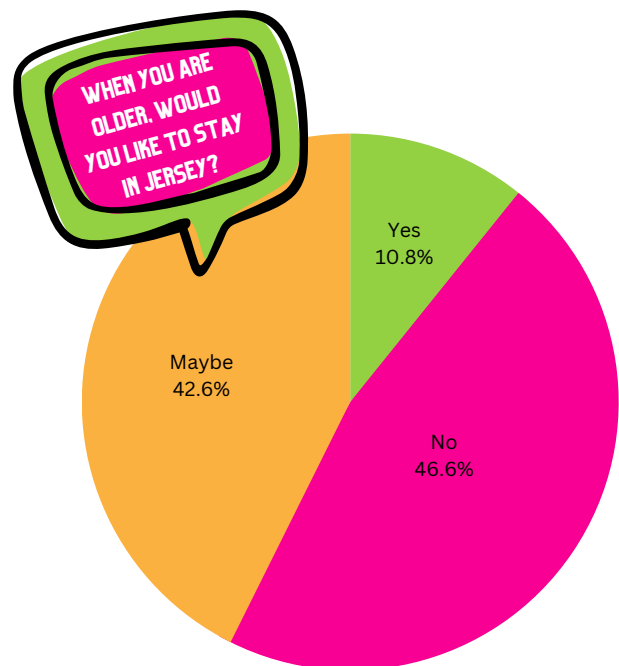
In this important year, a quarter of a century since the Good Friday Agreement, we are using this platform to hopefully influence politicians and decision makers as well as bring the communities together. We are delighted to be here and look forward to hopefully more events like this that will continue to uphold article twelve of the UNCRC."



**"This year's theme of 'Building for the Future: Green and Affordable' is very important to us as young people. Young people today will be the ones that have to deal with the decisions that Governments are making today.**

Over the past few months, we have been speaking with other young people at the 'Little Parliament' for year six students and through a survey to students aged thirteen plus to find out what the future looks like for young islanders. We were shocked to find out that children in year six were already saying that most people from their class felt that they would leave the island later as they could not afford to stay here.

We carried out a survey and 90% of respondents don't see a future for themselves in Jersey for reasons such as everything is expensive, it feels very isolated, there are better offers elsewhere, there are not enough activities to do for many teenagers and the most common theme was house prices are too high. People did say that they were torn as they have all their family and friends here and do love the beaches but that it just was not affordable."





## "WE ASK YOU TO BE BOLD, TO ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE BUILDINGS WITH PERSONALITY"

**We have spent some time looking at what makes a house green, affordable, and sustainable.**

Factors such as how many natural resources are used in the creation of the house and whether it is resource efficient, contribute to making a house environmentally friendly. As a community, we need to meet the needs of the present but without compromising the ability of the future generation. This can only be accomplished if everyone tries to decrease the use of finite resources in their own homes.

Through our research we would like to see the following:

- Living walls and green roofs becoming more common. These can reduce pollution, purify the air, regulate temperatures.
- Solar panels should be on all new builds, especially Government buildings. This will help to reduce CO2 emissions and can lower homes electricity bill.
- People should be supported to improve insulation in homes which will lower emissions of greenhouse gases. They also should be supporting homes to have double or triple glazing windows which also helps with lowering CO2 emissions.
- We really like the idea of prefab homes where they are built off site and transported to where they will be assembled. All measurements for the home are correct so would need no alterations, there would be no additional waste created and no need to transport and dispose of waste. How we built the houses affects the community and not just the people living inside them. We need to think about the wider picture and prefab homes does do this.
- Zero carbon and passive Haus that contain eco-friendly technologies and use these to generate all their energy from sustainable sources.
- Natural light homes have large windows instead of walls which allow sunlight to heat the property naturally which are perfect for such a sunny island."

# IDEAS THAT WE LIKE

## Rammed Earth Homes

Rammed earth homes are built by compacting soil in forms. The resulting material is used to construct homes with a superior thermal mass, making them more energy efficient.



They are also additionally soundproofed, fire resistant, durable and low maintenance.



## Earthship Homes



Earthships are built from natural and recycled materials with energy conservation a focus. They are designed to provide energy, water and food for their own use.



## Prefabricated Homes



Prefab homes are designed and pre-built in factories to exact dimensions and assembled on site. This reduces waste produced on site as well as reducing emissions from transporting unnecessary materials. The tight seams on prefab buildings help to improve energy efficiency.



## Zero Carbon homes

Zero carbon homes are designed and built in such a way that they do not release any additional carbon emissions into the atmosphere. This is also accomplished by having all systems in the home running on electricity, which can be provided from renewable sources such as wind turbines or solar panels fitted to the building.



## Earth Sheltered Homes



These homes are constructed with soil covering the walls and roof, and can even be built underground. The soil acts as an additional thermal mass to help regulate the internal temperature year round.



## Natural Light Homes



Natural light homes typically have south facing, floor to ceiling windows and allow sunlight rather than central heating systems to heat the home. These are usually fitted with louvres to prevent overheating in the summer months.





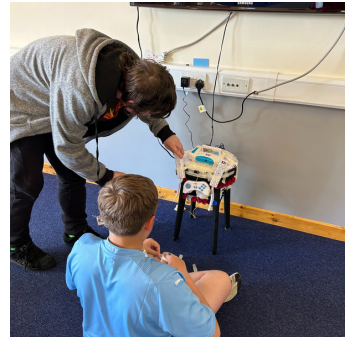
## "WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE GREENER SPACES IN JERSEY."

Some members of JYP recently attended the 'Nature Summit' organised by the Government and it was interesting to hear about biodiversity net gain and how the UK Government was making this the law. We have had a look at the 'Bridging Island Plan' where it is mentioned, and we encourage politicians to implement this soon.

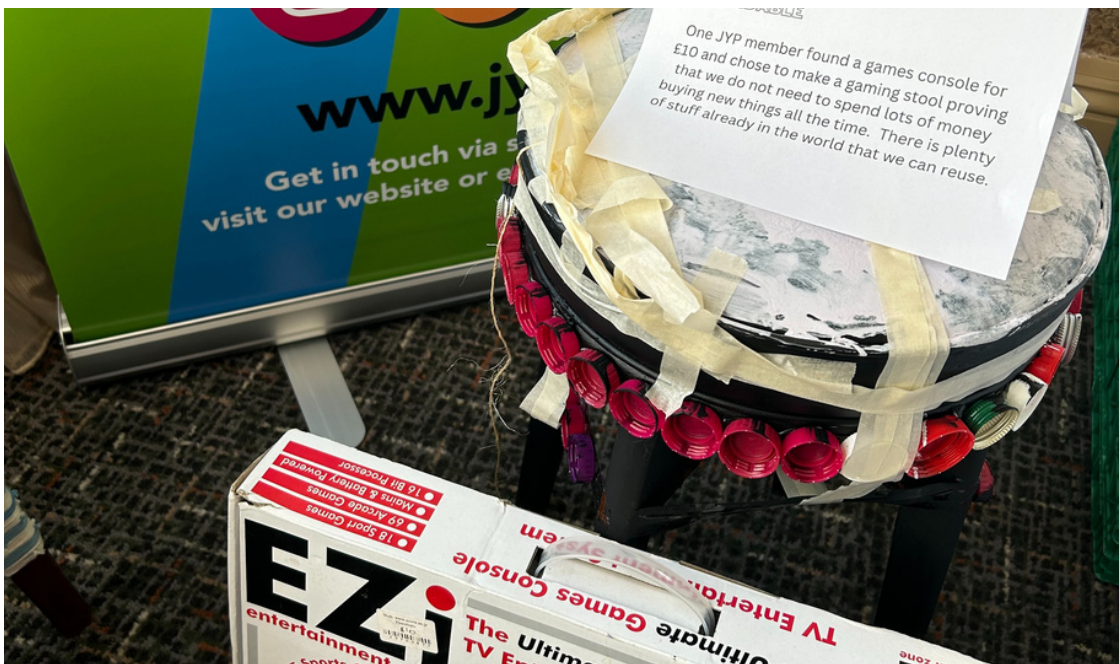
People have been suggesting places that they would like to see more flowers and greenery such as by the cows in town, on King Street and around schools. The 'Little Parliament' were very concerned about all the trees that have recently been cut down and recommended that for every tree a builder cuts down they plant two more. These suggestions support the idea of biodiversity net gain being law in Jersey. **We hope that by bringing the different BIC delegates together today, you may be able to share examples of what you have done in your countries and inspire each other.**

In Jersey the minimum wage is £10.50 if you are over eighteen, which if you work full time would be £21 840 yet the average price of a one-bedroom flat is £360 000. The cost to rent a one-bedroom flat costs anywhere between £750 and up to £2000 for some new developments. This is simply unaffordable for any young person starting out in their career which is why so many people can only see a future off island."





"We have explored being green and affordable and we recently took part in an upcycle challenge having been donated some stools. We visited Acorn Enterprise and had to find items to upcycle them on a tight budget. This exercise showed us that with a bit of creativity it is possible to have a greener future if we limit waste and use what is already on the island."



"With all of this taken into consideration, we would like to believe in a positive future. We see Jersey as having a more diverse population, there will be more electric cars, more opportunities to recycle and overall, more consideration into making infrastructure eco-friendly. However, **if nothing changes to encourage young people to stay on the island then the future is bleak.** Change needs to happen quickly to ensure that the population is fairly distributed amongst different ages, not just a dependant elderly island. The key priorities that we believe will ensure that there is a future for young people in Jersey is: more affordable housing, not just tiny one-bedroom flats for £350 000, we need more opportunities and things to do, and **we need better support to keep Jersey green and protect our beautiful island.**



We hope that the key take away from tonight will be the **improvement of communication between youth parliaments across BIC and the Governments.** We are here to **give a voice to young people** who may be too scared or too busy to speak up to our own Government about matters affecting their lives. If you don't remember anything from our speech, just don't forget to **get in touch with young people you are setting the future for!**

# FEEDBACK FROM THE PRESENTERS

The five members that spoke have reflected on the event and share the following.

**WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE FOLLOWING THE EVENT?**

**TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OFF ISLAND AND MEET OTHER YOUTH PARLIAMENTS AND MINISTERS**

**THAT IS BECOMES A STANDARD FOR LOTS OF DIFFERENT YOUNG PEOPLE TO PRESENT AT THE FUTURE BIC SUMMITS**

**GAINING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IN BIC AND THEIR YOUTH PARLIAMENTS**

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PART?**

**HOW DID PEOPLE REACT?**

**SOME PEOPLE GASPED AND WERE SHOCKED WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT HOUSE PRICES**

**PEOPLE CONGRATULATED US AND SAID WELL DONE**

**TALKING TO THE MINISTERS, GAINING EXPERIENCE BY TALKING TO THEM**

# FEEDBACK FROM THE PRESENTERS

**DO YOU THINK THIS WILL MAKE AN IMPACT?**

**YEAH, ESPECIALLY WITH THE SPEECH WE MADE AND PRESENTED. WE SAW A LOT OF SHOCKED REACTIONS. ALSO, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENTED AND IT HOPEFULLY WON'T BE THE LAST**

**WE DISCUSSED ABOUT OTHER YOUTH PARLIAMENTS AND HOW THEY DIFFER FROM JYP. WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT DIFFERENT HOUSE PRICES ACROSS THE BIC COUNTRIES**

**WHO DID YOU MEET? WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS?**

**WE MET WITH THE WELSH FIRST MINISTER AND SPOKE ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH A NUMBER OF OTHERS TOO**

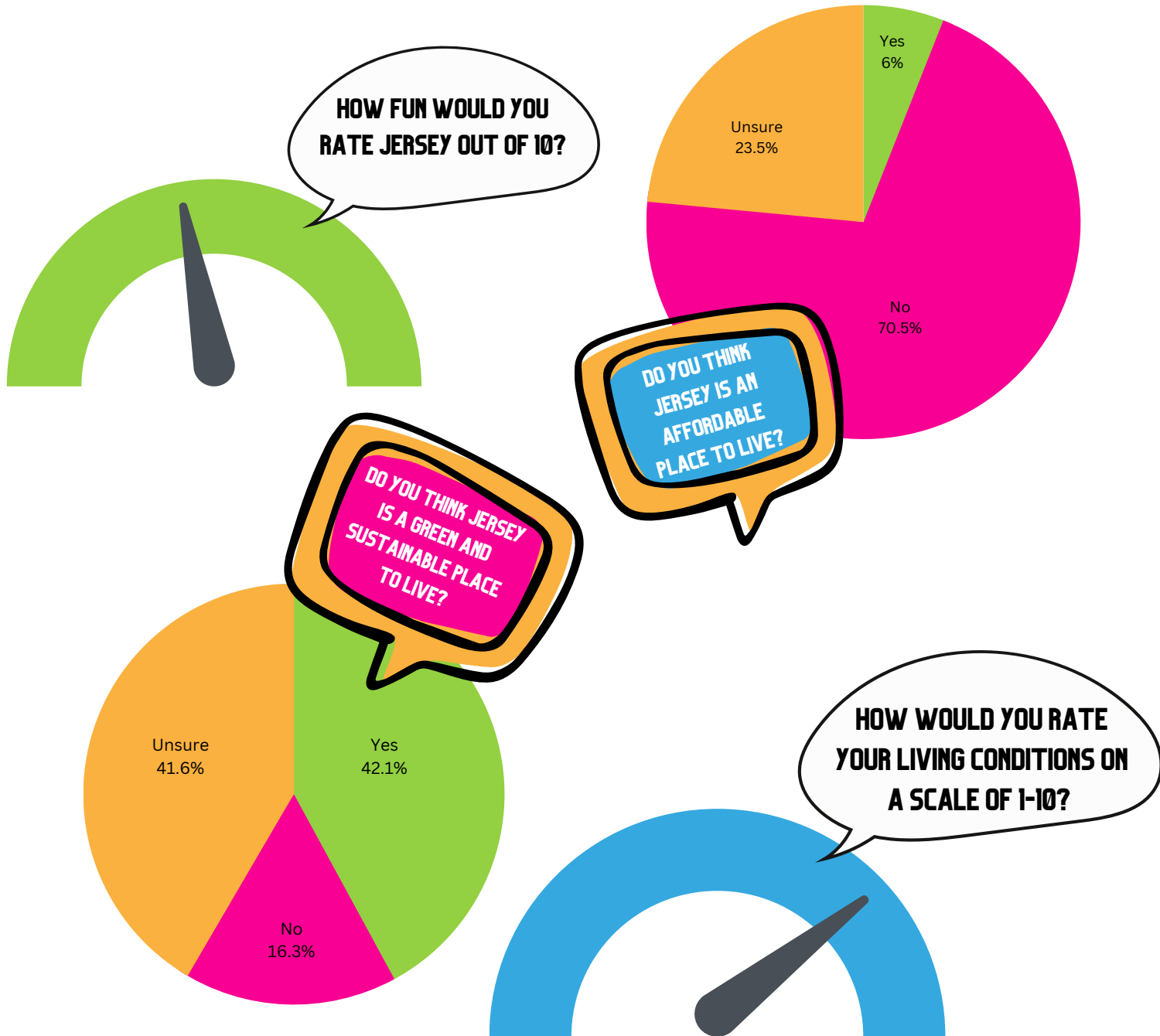
**DID YOU FEEL LISTENED TO?**

**YES, ESPECIALLY SINCE LOTS OF MINISTERS FROM ACROSS BIC CAME UP TO US AND SPOKE TO US PERSONALLY AND ASKED US LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JYP AND OUR WORK/CAMPAIGNS**

**YES, THEY SEEMED SURPRISED AT OUR MESSAGE AT POINTS, BUT ULTIMATELY IT FELT LIKE THEY LIKED WHAT WE HAD TO SAY**

# WHAT ARE YOUNG PEOPLE SAYING?

JYP members carried out a survey to help prepare for the Summit and this is what young people in Jersey had to say.



**DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE**

**TO SEE THE WORLD**

**TOO MANY APARTMENTS BEING BUILT**

**WANT TO LIVE SOMEWHERE HOTTER**

**WANT TO SPREAD MY WINGS**

**WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR NOT WANTING TO STAY IN JERSEY?**



**NOT ENOUGH GREEN SPACES**

**IT'S BORING/ NOTHING TO DO**

**LACK OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**TOO EXPENSIVE**

**TOO SMALL**

**I LOVE THE BEACHES**

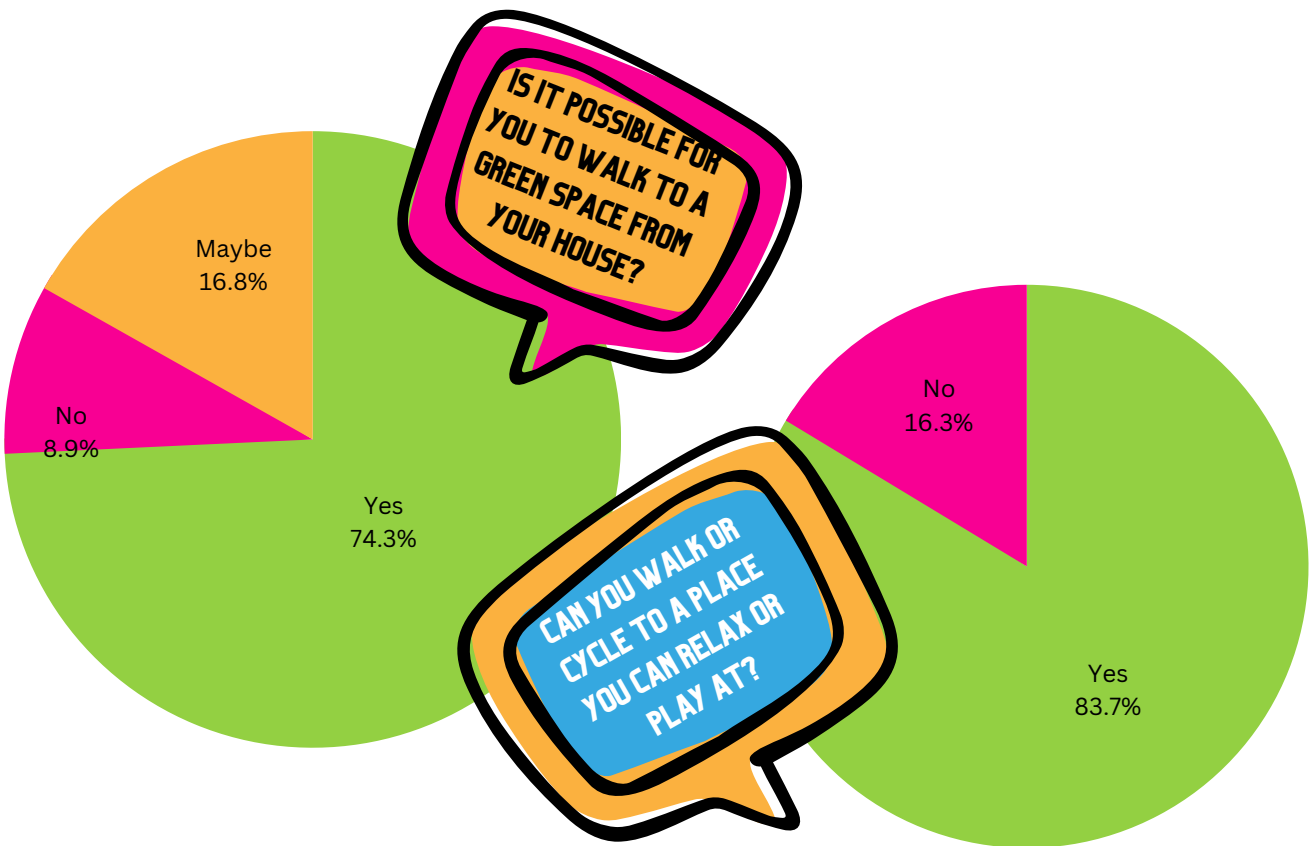
**JERSEY IS BEAUTIFUL**

**MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS LIVE HERE**

**WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR WANTING TO STAY IN JERSEY?**



**JERSEY IS SAFE**





### **WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM AFFORDABLE?**

- **BEING ABLE TO BUY A HOME AT A FAIR PRICE**
- **HOUSING THAT A LOWER-INCOME YOUNG FAMILY CAN BUY FROM THEIR OWN WAGE WITHOUT HELP FROM THEIR FAMILY**
- **HOUSES FIRST TIME BUYERS CAN AFFORD**
- **NOT A 1 BEDROOM FLAT FOR £300 000**
- **GOOD QUALITY HOUSING THAT ARE AFFORDABLE TO BUY OR RENT**
- **YOU CAN BUY A HOUSE WITHOUT STRUGGLING**
- **ABLE TO HAVE A HOUSE AND ENJOY LUXURIES WITHOUT HAVING CONSTANT STRESS**
- **CHEAP ENOUGH RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS WHERE ENOUGH INCOME IS LEFT OVER FOR FOOD, WATER AND BASIC NECESSITIES'**
- **THE HOUSES ARE LIVEABLE AND SUIT YOUR BASIC NEEDS AT LEAST**



### **WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU STAY IN JERSEY?**

- **MORE FUN THINGS TO DO**
- **THE HOUSING CRISIS GETS FIXED - MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- **IF IT WAS CHEAPER**
- **GOOD POST 18 EDUCATION, MORE UNI COURSES**
- **MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES - NOT JUST EMPHASIS ON FINANCE - MORE CREATIVE JOBS**
- **IF IT WAS CHEAPER AND LESS ISOLATED**
- **MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY**
- **NOT SUCH A DIVIDE BETWEEN PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT CLASSES**
- **MORE GREEN SPACES - LESS CONSTRUCTION**
- **BETTER SHOPS**



# WHAT ARE YOUNG PEOPLE SAYING?

Whilst preparing for the speech, JYP members looked back over previous JYP campaign reports, Little Parliament reports and JYP surveys. Included below are some statements from these.

**JERSEY IS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE. JUST NEEDS TO BE MORE AFFORDABLE**

JYP Survey, 2023

**WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP AND FEED INTO GOVERNMENT POLICIES.**

JYP Housing, 2022

**JERSEY IS BORING AND TOO EXPENSIVE YOU SHOULD LOWER PRICES ESPECIALLY FOR SINGLE PARENTS MY MUM CAN BARELY PAY RENT WITH BILLS**

JYP Survey, 2023

**PLEASE CAN THE GOVERNMENT STOP BUILDING APARTMENTS ITS TOO MUCH**

JYP Survey, 2023

**WE URGE THAT GOVERNMENT ACTION IS TAKEN TO IMPROVE OUR ISLAND**

JYP Right to Play, 2022

**WE WANT TO CREATE AN ISLAND WHERE CHILDREN CAN GROW UP READY FOR THE MODERN ADULT WORLD.**

JYP Education, 2022

**OUR GOAL IS TO BRING JERSEY BACK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY**

JYP Right to Play, 2022

**OUR GOAL IN THIS SPHERE HAS BEEN TO REJUVENATE PSHE SO THAT ALL STUDENTS CAN ACQUIRE USEFUL SKILLS FOR OUR MODERN LIFESTYLES WHILST RECEIVING A DIVERSE SOCIAL EDUCATION THAT REFLECTS THE SOCIETY WE LIVE IN**

JYP Education, 2022

**I WOULD LIKE A MORE ECO FRIENDLY JERSEY**

JYP Survey, 2023

# WHAT ARE YOUNG PEOPLE SAYING?

**MY FRIENDS DAD IS A NURSE, AND HE DOESN'T GET PAID AS MUCH AS A FOOTBALLER AND HE ACTUALLY SAVES HUMANS AND I THINK THAT'S A BIT UNFAIR**

Little Parliament, 2023

**PLANNING MUST ENSURE THAT 30% OF EVERY PARISH IS NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.**

JYP Climate Action, 2022

**BIODIVERSITY AND TREES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THIS WORLD. WITHOUT THEM WE WOULDN'T EXIST.**

JYP Climate Action, 2022

**WE WANT TO STRESS LOUD AND CLEAR THAT CHILDREN AREN'T JUST THE FUTURE BUT THEY ARE THE PRESENT. CONSIDER OUR VOICES AND ACT**

JYP Education, 2022

**ON 18TH JULY 2022, THE CLIMATE ACTION GROUP PRESENTED 18 MONTHS OF RESEARCH IN THE STATES CHAMBER ON THE HOTTEST DAY ON RECORD IN JERSEY WHICH WAS 37.9 DEGREES.**

JYP Climate Action, 2022

**THE ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT TO ME AS THE EARTH IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE FULL OF AMAZING WILDLIFE AND WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO LOOK AFTER IT. WE ARE SO LUCKY TO LIVE ON THIS WONDERFUL PLANET AND AT THE MOMENT WE ARE DESTROYING OUR ENVIRONMENT. IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER WE CAN REPAIR THE DAMAGE AND SAFEGUARD OUR WORLD FOR THE FUTURE.**

JYP Climate Action, 2022

**THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE BEST PART OF OUR WORLD. IT'S WHAT WE LIVE IN. IT'S WHAT WE INTERACT WITH DAILY. THERE IS NOWHERE ELSE WE CAN FIND WHAT WE HAVE NOW SO WE NEED TO SAVE IT.**

JYP Climate Action, 2022

# WHAT ARE YOUNG PEOPLE SAYING?

**WE NEED TO TAKE A NEW ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY. IT MAY BE SCARY, MIGHT SEEM IMPOSSIBLE, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE BEATEN. WE HAVE TO START DOING SOMETHING.. WE ARE ASKING YOU, AS MEMBERS OF OUR STATES ASSEMBLY TO DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE OF OUR ISLAND OF JERSEY**

JYP statement on CNR, 2022

**UNCRC ARTICLE 27 STATES THAT EVERY CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO A STANDARD OF LIVING THAT IS GOOD ENOUGH TO MEET THEIR PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS AND SUPPORT THEIR DEVELOPMENT. GOVERNMENTS MUST HELP FAMILIES WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PROVIDE THIS. WE BELIEVE THAT HOUSING SHOULD BE MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD A HOUSE.**

JYP Housing, 2022

**WE MUST MAKE SURE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND OR FORGOTTEN. IT IS OUR DUTY TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE TO ENABLE EVERYONE TO BE PART OF OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS A GREENER ISLAND.**

JYP statement on CNR, 2022

**PLANNING PERMISSION SHOULD BE STRICTER IN REGARDS TO DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE ISLAND, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE COAST**

JYP Climate Action, 2022

**WE THINK ALL CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE BECAUSE SOMETIMES SAY A TEACHER TELLS YOU ABOUT IT AND THEY'RE LIKE OH REALLY AND THEN SOMETIMES PEOPLE GET REALLY NERVOUS**

Little Parliament, 2023

# WHAT ARE YOUNG PEOPLE SAYING?

**WE ASK YOU TO BE BOLD, TO ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE BUILDINGS WITH PERSONALITY**

JYP BIC, 2023

**WE THINK EVERYTIME A BUILDER CHOPS DOWN A TREE, THEIR COMPANY SHOULD PLANT TWO OR MORE IN A DIFFERENT PLACE SO THAT IT WILL HELP CATCH UP ON ALL THE CHOPPED DOWN TREES**

Little Parliament, 2023

**PLANNING PROCESSES SHOULD MAKE SOLAR PANELS MANDATORY FOR ALL NEW BUILDS AND EXTENSIONS**

JYP Climate Action, 2022

**WE ALL KNOW THAT SOLVING THE ISLAND WIDE CRISIS WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT A FUTURE WITHOUT AFFORDABLE HOUSES IS NOT A FUTURE FOR JERSEY.**

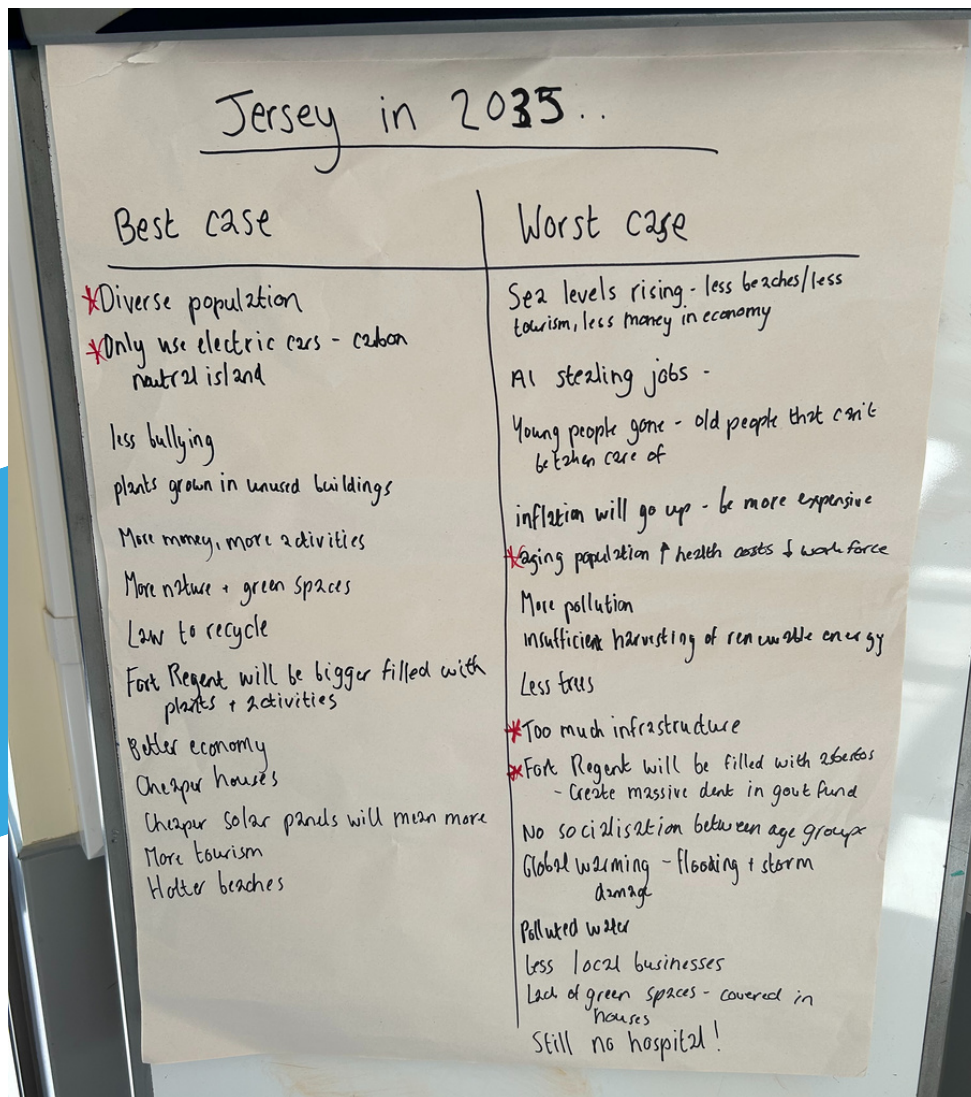
JYP Housing, 2022

**SOON THE ISLAND WILL JUST BE A WHOLE ISLAND OF APARTMENTS, NO FIELDS, JUST APARTMENTS**

Little Parliament, 2023

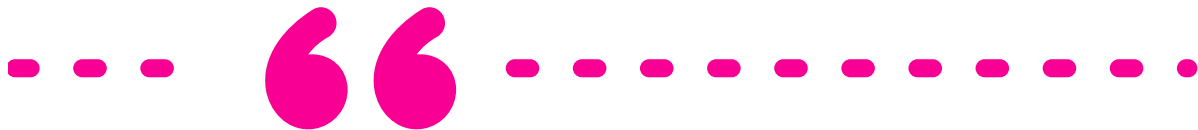
# THE FUTURE OF JERSEY?

At the recent Crabbe residential, JYP members split in two to picture what the best possible scenario would be for Jersey and what would be the worst by 2035. This discussion helped the members come to some conclusions within their speech.



# THE FUTURE OF JERSEY?

The survey gathered information about what young people think Jersey looks like.



- Too many expensive houses cramped on the island
- No local people as they are unable to afford living here, only people to remain will be rich English immigrants - Loads of rich boring people living in apartments
- A lot more flats and offices - the whole of Jersey is just apartments and buildings for work
- Hopefully more fun parks and things to do
- it looks like everyone who is Portuguese or Polish going back because they can't afford it. I already know so many Portuguese people have had to go back because of the cost and it looks like adults literally living with their parents for the rest of their lives due to not being able to afford anything in Jersey
- more of the younger generation leaving the island because of the incredibly high costs to live here
- I feel like Jersey may be a lot smaller because of the rising sea levels as a result of global warming and less tourism as most of the activity centres in Jersey are closing however if our sustainability gets better over the years we may have an island with clean air and parks
- An island full of a divide between poor and rich as middle class tend to leave Jersey.
- An increase of an ageing population and decrease in those at a working age which will likely result in more of an economic crisis. Also, very few people of working age who were born in Jersey.
- Too many expensive high rise apartments blocking older buildings and the stunning views people want to enjoy
- Lots of new flats. Will probably turn into London. A concrete jungle.
- Apartments on top of apartments.....
- robots
- More and more expensive to the point where population drastically decreases
- only for old rich people
- A deserted island.
- Hopefully greener and more sustainable - less pollution
- hopefully more green and increased in woodlands
- More places for teenagers to connect without constant adult attention And places actually suited to our age demographic and interests
- I think the future will be more eco friendly and things will be cheaper
- Bright as I hope creative entrepreneurs bring about good ideas for the island.



# Further Reading

[www.jyp.je](http://www.jyp.je)



JYP EDUCATION  
CAMPAIGN REPORT, 2022



JYP HOUSING REPORT,  
2022



JYP CLIMATE ACTION  
REPORT, 2022



JYP RIGHT TO PLAY REPORT, 2022



JYP STATEMENT ON  
CARBON NEUTRAL  
ROADMAP, 2022



LITTLE PARLIAMNET REPORT, 2023