How can Bristol make sure all children and young people living in Bristol feel they belong in their city?

Response	No. of respondents
Be inclusive	63
Youth groups / after school clubs	45
Support Networks	33
Listen to children's voices	31
Be friendly/kind	23
Create safe communities	19
Affordable and accessible for all	16
Sense of community	16
Good education	13
Let people know they belong	11
Events for children/young people	10
Ensure safe and happy home	9
Everyone has someone who cares	9
Mental health help	6
More parks	4
Job opportunities / career advice	4
Prevent hunger	4
Support SEN	2
Environmentally friendly	1
Don't know / Not sure	45

Base: 323 respondents

7. Negative influences on belonging

Half of the children and young people responding to the survey suggested that having 'no friends at school' can have a negative influence on their sense of belonging (50%). This was the most selected response to this question closely followed by 'no access to groups or activities in your community' (47%) and 'no friends or family living in Bristol' (46%).

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- Be open and supportive of change and welcome other groups of people e.g. ethnicity and sexuality.
- Schools should share more surveys like this to spread the word and knowledge so that everybody can feel belonged whenever they are or whatever they do.
- Make sure the voices of children and young people are included at every level of decision-making.
- Listen to what we have to say and change for the better will come naturally. Make leisure activities affordable and accessible for all.
- Creating more spaces to enjoy community life.
- Ensure people are accepted for who they are without being bullied for it.
- More inclusive community initiatives
- Teach kids from a young age about all different types of diverse people e.g.: bipoc - stands for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, LGBTQ+, disabled/chronically ill, different religions, sexism and misogyny, how the class system still effects people. And teach kids about the history of marginalized communities but without focusing the whole thing on their oppression. By doing this you create a more accepting community.
- More spaces for young people to spend time together.
- Make sure all children have access to outside school activity clubs and support groups.
- Give them equal access to resources which will enable them throughout their lives. Especially the arts - music, theatre, dance etc. - healthy food, sport, education.
- Listening to and valuing the opinions and needs of young people.