

Community Cohesion Youth  
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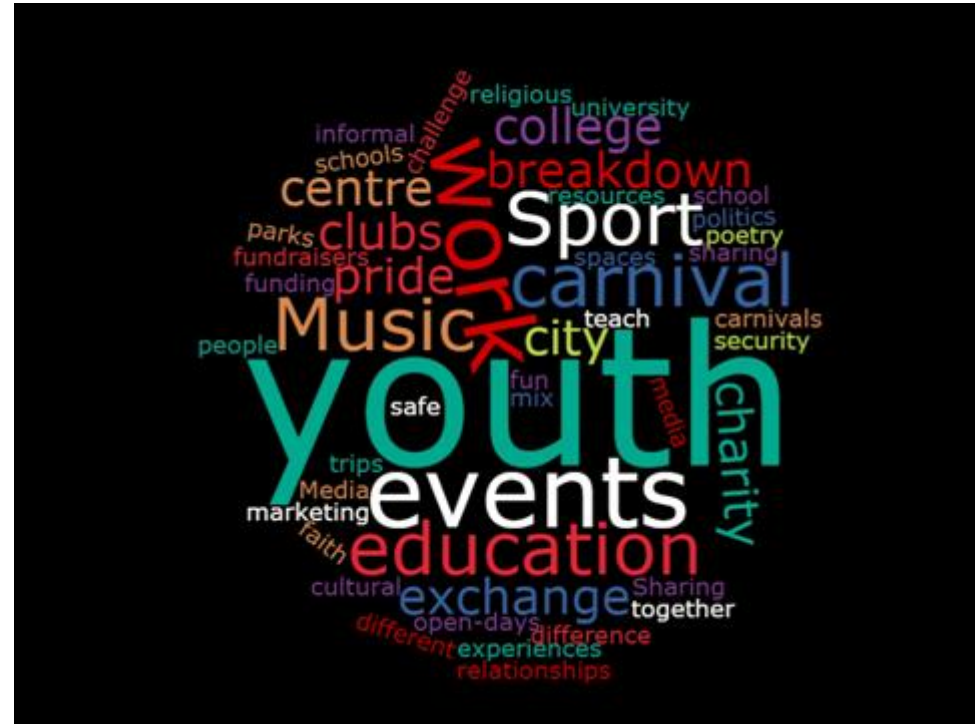






## Young people see community cohesion in action in Birmingham through...

- Sharing cultural experiences
- Youth centres where different people get together in an informal setting
- Shared spaces like parks, school, college (particularly Post-16 education)
- A shared sense of pride in Birmingham
- Shared experiences and activities (e.g. music, sports, politics, charity events and carnivals)

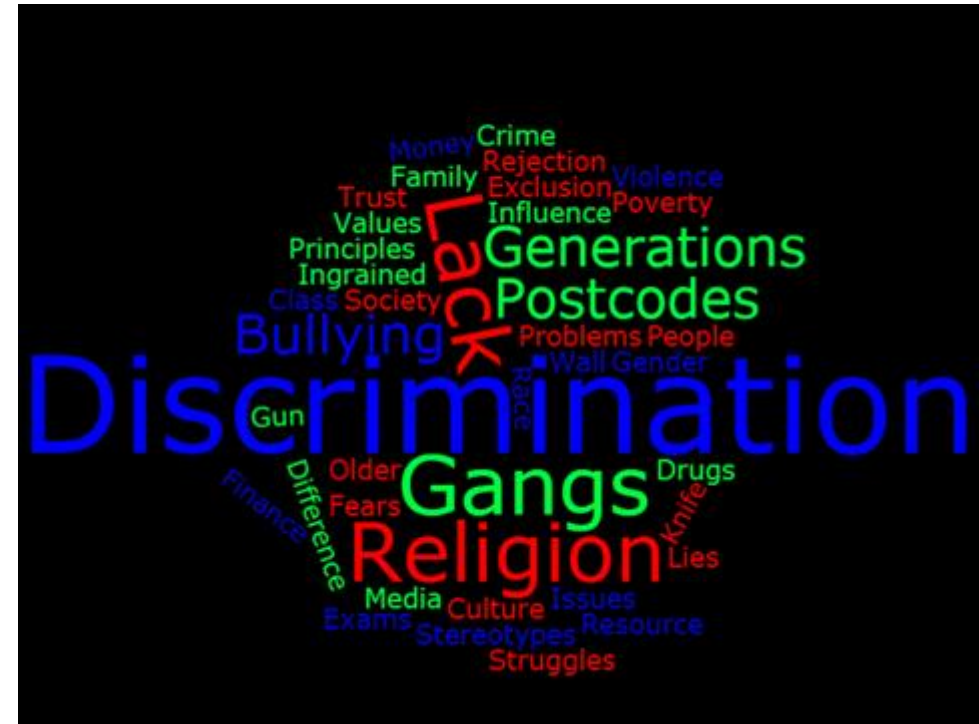


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## Young people thought the main problems that stop community cohesion from happening were

- Discrimination – whether because of race, gender, class, religion or culture
- Older generations that have ingrained beliefs and don't see societal problems (“they build a wall around themselves”)
- Lack of safe spaces – leading to a rise in gun and knife crime
- Postal wars, gangs and violence
- Stereotypes, bullying and exclusion



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## Young people suggested the following ideas to help improve community cohesion in Birmingham...

- More investment in the youth service
- Have more police in the area to help us feel safe
- Have more youth centres, activities, (fun) workshops and practical things
- Help teams at schools and youth centres
- Encourage youth centres to visit each other
- The Council should be more aware of issues for young people, and councillor should be more involved – have a relationship with the community
- Engage young people themselves
- Have more shared spaces – places where we can come together
- Extracurricular activities
- Free public transport
- Community clean-ups
- More funding for adult education (e.g. English language courses and re-training)
- Have free gym memberships for 18 – 20 year olds
- Religious sharing days and interfaith activities
- Better awareness of community events – and intergenerational events
- Street parties and parks, fun fairs and festivals

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