

21 June 2010

Dear Head teacher,

Re:Local Democracy Week competition for Primary and Junior Schools
Competition question 'What would you do if you ruled Shropshire?'

I am writing about the above competition that we are running as part of Local Democracy Month in October for primary and junior schools. The competition is open to all primary and junior schools asking each school to tell us what would they do if they ruled Shropshire? Entries should focus around how their local area could be improved. We are hoping for some really creative entries which could include presentations in writing, drawings, photos or a dvd. Please make sure the entry tells us about the area itself and the ideas for improvements. Groups or whole classes can enter.

The winning group or class would spend part of a day with people from Shropshire Council who would talk to the children about their ideas and ways it may be possible to make their ideas happen and undertake a tour of the local area, which has been identified as needing improvements. Photos of the group or class would be taken in a crowning ceremony. We are also planning to use some of the artwork from the children's entries to produce a calendar for sale and distribution.

All entries need to be received by Friday 1st October 2010.

Entries will be judged on Wednesday 6th October 2010.

The winning school will be notified by telephone by 7th October and will also be announced on our website www.shropshireyouth.com

Entries to be sent do Dawn Lewis, Shropshire Youth, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ. Email: dawn.lewis@shropshire.gov.uk

You can find terms and conditions for the competition on our website

www.shropshire.youth.com on the homepage there is a link button to Local Democracy Month.

Upon request entries can be returned to schools and calendars displaying the children's artwork will be available to purchase at £2.00 each from the beginning of November. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 01743 254295 or email dawn.lewis@shropshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Dawn Lewis, Corporate Young People's Development Worker – Participation Team,
Shropshire Youth, Shropshire Council