

# HOT TOPICS – AUGUST 2023

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

International Youth Day is observed on August 12th

International Youth Day was introduced by the United Nations in 2000, “to celebrate the contribution that young people make in education, employment, conflict resolution and social justice ...” [Source: [International Youth Day 2023 - Awareness Days Events Calendar 2023](#)]. It launched its [Global Report on Ageism](#) in March 2021, to highlight how “young people continue to report age-related barriers in various spheres of their lives such as employment, political participation, health and justice” [Source: [International Youth Day | United Nations](#)].



In addition, the UN launched its ‘Be Seen, Be Heard’ campaign, in an effort to raise “awareness around the importance of meaningful youth representation and intergenerational collaboration in decision-making spaces around the world” [Source: [International Youth Day | United Nations](#)].



Learn more about the ‘Be Seen, be Heard’ campaign [here](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

**Half of the people on our planet are 30 or younger, and this is expected to reach 57% by the end of 2030.**

**Globally, only 2.6% of parliamentarians are under 30 years old, and less than 1% of these young MPs are women** [Source: [International Youth Day | United Nations](#)]

International Youth Day is an opportunity to celebrate the qualities of young people and to recognise the challenges that they face today. One of the main drivers for International Youth Day is to send a clear message that all generations on the planet need to act to achieve the 17 [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and that nobody should be left behind. These goals “are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation,

peace and justice” [Source: [Take Action for the Sustainable Development Goals - United Nations Sustainable Development](#)]

Below are the Sustainable Development Goals:

1. End poverty in all its forms
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health & well being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality & women’s empowerment
6. Clean water & sanitation
7. Affordable & clean energy
8. Economic growth
9. Industry, infrastructure, industrialisation
10. Reduced inequality
11. Sustainable cities & communities
12. Sustainable consumption & production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water (Oceans)
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice & strong institutions
17. Partnerships



Think about these goals and how they affect you & others. For example, “Goal 16 is about promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. People everywhere should be free of fear from all forms of violence and feel safe as they go about their lives whatever their ethnicity, faith or sexual orientation” [Source: [Peace, justice and strong institutions - United Nations Sustainable Development](#)].

What can you do, as a police officer, to promote and help achieve this goal?

Which elements of the British Values and the Equality Act 2010 do you consider to be relevant to promoting and supporting youth issues?

\*\*Speak to your PDC, a member of HEI staff or your line manager if you have been affected by this Hot Topic\*\*