Youth Voice Census
Lesson plan

This lesson plan will help you show students how to complete the Youth Voice Census and have a positive impact on the future employment and support prospects of young people in the UK.

Area of focus	How to complete Youth Employment UK's annual nationwide Youth Voice Census online. Website link: youthemployment.org.uk/youth-voice-census/ Census link: s.alchemer.eu/s3/Youth-Voice-Census-2022
Time needed	20-45 minutes
Suitable for	Open to all ages from 11-30 year olds

Lesson plan overview	In this lesson your learners will be guided through how to complete the Youth Voice Census, which takes 15-45 minutes, and be a part of the national picture. The Youth Voice Census is a national survey for young people and gives young people the chance to have their say on a range of issues affecting their lives.
Learning Outcomes	• To understand why taking part is so valuable. • To complete the online survey and add student voices to the thousands of young people across the UK taking part in the Youth Voice Census.
Resources Required	Internet and access to Youth Employment UK's website and Youth Voice Census. The video content is hosted via YouTube and also embedded in the presentation.

Timing guidance	Tasks/content descriptions
5 Minutes	**Starter/Arrival activity:**

	Watch the video for the 2022 Youth voice Census and take learners through the findings of the last Census. Links: • Video • Accompanying slide presentation (Powerpoint) • Talking points for each slide (Word doc)
Main activity task - Examples for you to use	
15 -45 minutes	Complete the Youth Voice Census survey! Log into the website here to take part in the survey - https://s.alchemer.eu/s3/Youth-Voice-Census-2022 The process is very simple. There is no need to register to the website and all responses are completely anonymous. If you don't get time to complete it in one session, you can complete at your own pace at home. Log into the link above and you will be taken to the start of the survey. At the bottom of each screen is a 'next' button. Simply complete the questions on the page and click 'next' until you complete the survey. As you answer questions, other sections may or may not be triggered depending on your responses, so completion time can vary from student to student.
2 minutes	**Group share** How did you find the Youth Voice Census? Share some of your experiences with your classmates. What are your thoughts about the questions being asked?

	Why do you think it's important for organisations offering support and policy makers to know about the issues young people face? Are there questions you think the Youth Voice Census should also have covered?

Teacher Notes

Suggested next steps

- Invite students to register as Young Professionals so that they can benefit from additional support including skills building, career guides, local opportunities and free online courses.
- Explore the benefits of your school or college becoming a Young Professional Provider if it has not already done so.
- Arrange a visit to/from a local employer that showcases a particular sector.

Further useful resources

- Find an inspiring speaker to come and talk to your students - https://www.educationandemployers.org/schools/
- Work with your enterprise adviser to develop your business links in schools - https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/

Final Notes

You are welcome to share this lesson plan and Youth Employment UK resources with other colleagues.

Take photos of the students completing this activity and share them on social media with us using the hashtags #Careers and #YouthVoiceCensus

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