Youth Voice Census
Assembly notes

Instructions:

- Assembly duration: 5-10 minutes maximum
- Requirements: This is a tech-free alternative to the Rich Media assembly. This version has no technical requirements to be delivered as an assembly.

Prior to the assembly, please download and print out your choice of accompanying school posters featuring both Youth Voice Census links and QR codes that your students can use to access the Census (if they are permitted mobile phones).

You can supplement the assembly with our additional lesson plan.

Assembly script / talking points

Have you heard about the Youth Voice Census?

The Youth Voice Census is an annual survey carried out by Youth Employment UK.

It covers the whole of the UK and last year 3,400 young people aged between 16-24 took part in the survey.

This year it is open to 11-30 year olds and the target is for 5,000 young people to have their say.

Why does the Youth Voice Census matter to all UK students?

The Youth Voice Census will ask a range of questions about you and your experiences in education, training, work and in everyday life.

Your answers could make a big difference to how the UK government, employers and educators support young people. It's a great way to add your voice and make sure your opinion gets heard by people who make the rules.

Youth Employment UK will use the information to create public reports on how young people in general view study and employment today, but don't worry - your personal information will not be shared!

By adding your voice you can help to create the most accurate picture possible of exactly what young people are feeling right now.

This picture is shared with:

- Government departments - to help shape real changes in our country.
- Employers up and down the UK - to help them understand what you need and expect in terms of getting great support when it's time to think about jobs and careers
- Organisations who want to help - after all, without your voice, they don't know what you *really* care about in life.

It's easy to take part in the Youth Voice Census.

It takes around 15-45 minutes to complete. The more you say, the more your opinions can change the level of support students can get with their careers in school and beyond.

You can stop and start whenever you like. You don't have to complete it all in one go - unless you want to!

You can complete it online, wherever you are.

Optional: If you have scheduled the Youth Voice Census lesson plan into your careers education activities, you can mention that students can also work to

complete the Youth Voice Census during lesson time.

At the end of the survey, you can choose to enter a prize draw. Will you like the prize? It depends if you like Nando's...

There are several ways to get involved.

If you're interested in taking part, remember your voice matters. The Youth Voice Census needs YOU.

You'll find it on the first page of search results if you search online for "Youth Voice Census".

Optional: You can also keep your eye out for school posters which feature both the Census link and a QR code to get started.

If you're keen to make a difference, not just for yourself but for other students and young people in the UK, this is your chance to add your voice and get yourself heard.

You have until 31st May to take part!