



Speaking out for a Safer Tomorrow: Our Messages for Change

Message 1:

Update communication and education about sexual abuse for better awareness and prevention

'I'd like to see these topics being explored more and from a younger age'

Message 2:

Young people have valuable insights that can improve conversations and decision-making

'It is very important to acknowledge that young people know more about their own lives than you do'

Message 3:

Feeling safe in institutions improves attendance and engagement

'Attendance rates will go up if people felt safer in school'

Message 4:

Improve reporting systems to make them safer and more accessible

'Nothing seems to happen with reports and it's kind of scary to report it to someone who knows the person'

Message 5:

A greater focus on prevention and rehabilitation will improve safety

'Violence causes more violence'

Hi, we're the **Voices for Tasmanian Youth!** We are a group of 19 children and young people, brought together by the Commissioner for Children and Young people. We represent diverse communities, identities, and experiences from across Tasmania. We have shared important and sometimes tough conversations about sexual abuse and the safety of children and young people in government institutions, in our communities and online. **This is what we have to say!**

