

# Lothian and Borders Police engage with teenagers

✘ Lothian and Borders Police are holding a weeklong series of engagement events to find out what teenagers want from the police.

Around 100 teenagers from a wide range of backgrounds are taking part in the five regional 'Your Future, Your Police' sessions. Using workshops and discussion groups, the 15-17 year olds will be given the chance to give their views on how they think the police should interact with teenagers, and what relevance the new Police Service of Scotland will have to them.

John Davidson, subject of the 1989 QED documentary 'John's Not Mad,' is guest speaker at each event, talking about how having severe Tourettes syndrome led to misunderstandings with the police in his teens, and how this was remedied through open and ongoing communication.

Deputy Chief Constable Steve Allen, said:

"The best thing about this type of event is that it allows us to engage with our young people in a positive environment, and gives us the opportunity to listen to what they have to say.

"We will record their views and opinions of policing in the Lothian and Borders area and use them in shaping the future as we move forward to the Police Service of Scotland."

The sessions will take place:

- \* Mon 24th Sep – Deans Community High, Livingston, West Lothian
- \* Tues 25th Sep – Corn Exchange, Haddington, East Lothian
- \* Wed 26th Sep – Tweed Horizons, Newton St Boswells, Scottish

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\* Mon 1st October – Broughton High School, Edinburgh