Police to launch on-line survey for youngsters at festivals across Scotland this summer



Police Scotland. Photo Martin McAdam Police Scotland officers will be at festivals across Scotland this summer to engage 12-18 year olds in relaxed conversations about what matters to them and how they can stay safe.

An online survey has been developed for children and young people to complete while they talk to officers, to record their feelings and opinions about how people their age interact with the police.

The information provided will help Police Scotland shape ways to make 12-18 year olds feel confident to report crime, get information or advice, and give us their feedback.

This forms part of work around Summer Safety and wider public engagement strategy to transform how officers involve children and young people in shaping our approaches.

Officers will launch the survey at TRNSMT Festival in Glasgow this weekend and will also be at Party at the Palace in Linlithgow and the Tartan Heart Festival in Inverness during August. The survey will be published on the <u>Citizen Space page</u>.

Chief Superintendent David Duncan, Safer Communities, said: "Police Scotland wants to listen to young people and learn about their views of the police, how we're currently working and what we could do better. We want to understand the issues which affect young people and influence the way the police work, now and in the future."

"Police Scotland is committed to making it safe and straightforward for 12 — 18 year olds to report crimes, get information or advice, and give us their feedback. Our engagement strategy allows young people to express their feelings and opinions in relation to their own safety and contact with police. Our work around Summer Safety and wider public engagement strategy will transform how we engage and involve children and young people in shaping our approaches."