

Tory cuts to local government will see spending on youth services more than halved

Labour's Shadow Minister for Voter Engagement and Youth Affairs, Cat Smith MP, on the occasion of Youth Work Week, responding to new analysis which reveals that Tory cuts to local government will see spending on youth services more than halved, said:

"Youth workers are the unsung heroes of our communities, helping young people to develop the skills and confidence they need to build a positive future.

However, this analysis demonstrates how this Tory Government's ideologically driven cuts on local authorities have devastated the sector at a time when they are needed more than ever.

Once again we see how the Conservatives treat young people as a second thought. A Labour Government will ensure a Minister for Youth Affairs, who would coordinate youth policy and practice across departments, and be an advocate for young people in government."