

Intermediary Group - Lakes College West Cumbria

Question	Agree	Response
Overview		20 young people took part in a group discussion facilitated by Connexions.
2 – Safety, security, environment and planning	Yes – 12 No – 6 Not Sure/ Partly – 2	<p>12 said Yes, 6 said No and 2 were not sure.</p> <p>However there were many concerns raised: What would the damage be to the soil and the environment. If the site is below ground - will we know where it is in the future? Is it more safe below ground rather than above? (eg threats from terrorists, what if explosions happen) What happens if the tunnels or underground storage area collapses? What would the impact be?</p> <p>Why can't it go somewhere else? eg Ireland or the Isle of Man?</p>
3 – Impacts	Yes – 2 No – 17 Not Sure/ Partly – 1	<p>17 of the group said No, 2 said Yes and 1 was not sure.</p> <p>The group were quite negative about this: Majority of MRWS peopel featured on the DVD look old - the group felt these people had little to do with young people and their views A feeling that 'doesn't matter what we say they will do waht they want anyway' 'They say local people will get jobs - but they will get outsiders in' Impact on the community would be negative - 'no one will want to come here because of the radioactivity'.</p> <p>The group felt the proposal was not clearly or well thought out.</p>
4 – Community benefits	Yes – 13 No – 5 Not Sure/ Partly – 2	<p>13 said Yes, 5 said No and 2 were not sure.</p> <p>Some members of the group felt that people living nearest the site should receive the benefits - maybe a radius imposed around the site?</p> <p>What would the reaction of the rest of the UK be - what if we started to complain about having to live with the site? (Would we get any sympathy?)</p> <p>There was also cynicism - 'The government is quite crafty' (we won't get what we are promised).</p>

8 – Overall views on participation		17 said Yes, 2 said No and 1 was not sure.
9 – Additional comments		Many in the group felt they should look at rural areas and avoid the coastline where the larger towns were. Very concerned about 'Polish workers' getting jobs rather than local people. Concerns about damage to the environment. 'If the Partnership come up with a number of sites do we get to vote on where we want it to go?'