



## Chloe Lines

**My name is Chloe Lines, I am 21 and live in Ebbw Vale. For the last year I have had the privilege of being the Youth Mayor for Blaenau Gwent. I have been part of Blaenau Gwent Youth Forum for 4 years. Since being part of the Youth Forum I have gained confidence and have been presented with many opportunities to represent not only myself but all children and young people in Blaenau Gwent.**

My priority as Blaenau Gwent Youth Mayor is very close to my heart - I wanted to do something to raise awareness of the impacts of bullying and encourage young people to talk. I feel this is an important subject as I was bullied and I understand the impacts it has not only in school but beyond.

I am pleased to say we have developed the campaign which I hope will encourage other children and young people to talk as well as recognising some of the signs. I would like to thank the other youth forum members who were instrumental in supporting me with this campaign which could never have happened without you.

**I will continue my journey with the Youth Forum for as long as I can, as well as supporting the new Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor.**

**Tackling bullying and encouraging children and young people to talk: <https://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/council/youth-forum/tackling-bullying-and-encouraging-children-and-young-people-to-talk/>**

Over the years I have been involved with the Youth Forum I have taken part in consultations, attended events such as the Police Commissioners Question Time event and have taken part in many campaigns such as International Women's Day, White Ribbon Day as well as many more.

This year I was pleased to accept an award presented by the Gwent Association for Voluntary Organisations (GAVO) for our commitment to supporting children and young people on behalf of the Youth Forum, which was a lovely experience for myself, Deputy Youth Mayor Mara Moruz and Rhianna Lewis UK Youth Parliament Member.

