

2022 Review of the annual report and other matters of the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People

Questions Taken on Notice – Ms Charlton

Positive aspects of social media

Whilst social media can have a number of toxic and negative aspects, it also provides young people with a useful tool to share information and spread awareness about issues we are passionate about.

For example, it can provide a tool through which to share information about local events and activities that might be of interest to children and young people. It is also a useful platform to engage with other children and young people in relation to elevating their voices and finding out what topics and issues they are passionate about. For example, one of our previous Youth Advisory Council Members has also been doing some work with Save the Children, and social media provided a mechanism through which they were able to share and promote children and young people in that organisation.