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Ludlow A level students Harry Watts, Eryn Lawley and Jordan Turrell joined Geology and Environmental Studies tutor, Alison Pople, and Student Services Officer, Sally Cassels, at a public meeting organised by the Ludlow21 group at the Charlton Arms on 13th April 2016. Ludlow21's vision is to work with local residents to increase the town's ability to sustain itself and be resilient in the face of climate change, diminishing natural resources and global instability.

Richard Davies MBE, the inventor of Tencel, a new eco-friendly fibre, gave an inspiring talk on practical ways to mainstream sustainable energy. In his words "that's about powering down – helping everyone use less energy by being smarter – and powering up – helping everyone to use more renewable energy". Richard is also director of the Shrewsbury based Marches Energy Agency.

Eryn Lawley asked how she, as a young person in Ludlow, could contribute directly to the collective effort. The response from the panel was almost overwhelming in its enthusiasm for involving more young people in any number of projects. These range from 'Incredible Edible' which places edible plants in many unexpected places in the town; to setting up a 'Repair Café' to which people can bring broken items and share their expertise over a cup of tea or coffee; to attending town council meetings and putting forward young people's views at a political level.

Ludlow21 is aiming to set up a Youth Group arm in the autumn and this could possibly form part of the college's Enrichment Activities offer for 2016-17.

Discussion Panel:

Jean Jarvis, Director of South Shropshire Furniture Scheme

Richard Morley, Chief Executive of Ludlow Youth Forum

Andy Boddington, Shropshire Councillor for Ludlow North

Paul Draper, Mayor of Ludlow

Robin Pote, Chairman of Ludlow Town Residents' Association