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# 'voices' to better understand UK riots

## What drives youngsters to riot? It's something to do

### First person

Minnie Rinbolucri, 17, of West Bridgford, a volunteer at young people's service Just Ask, was also on the panel at last week's workshop



Starting a debate: Rhiannon Slade, left, and Saira Lloyd at Hyson Green Library.

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I THINK last week's event went really well. It was really interesting to hear what everyone had to say. Everything worked well and people really started talking to each other.

It was a shame though that there were no young people there who had taken part in the riots. I know a lot of effort had gone into getting some involved, but some didn't get their consent forms in on time and others were in prison.

There was a lot of talk about the causes. I think what drives people to take part in something like this is the fact that we constantly get adverts shoved in our faces with things we can't afford and if there's an opportunity to get something for free, then some are going to go for it.

I think what we need to do

next is talk about the future. It needs to be addressed how these things can be avoided and I think the riots were, for some young people, just something to do.

I've heard about a place in the country where loads of young people get involved in a gig which is being held every other week. Since this was introduced, crime rates have gone down significantly, with young people taking part in performing or going along to watch.

I think that is a good way of getting young people off the streets.

Getting people involved in debates and making them aware of ways to protest peacefully is also important. Last week was definitely a good start to that.

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