

A New Age in Politics

Objective : to engage more young people in politics / debate / current affairs

Reasoning : There are not enough young voices talking on BBCNI and I want to try to do something about it. This is a trial project, produced through Stephen Nolan's independent production company.

I want to create a debate show specifically for young people, so that they can feel able to challenge politicians and affect the community they live in. I do not want this to feel like a "youth show" - instead I believe young people should feel this show gives them a real, authoritative base to express themselves.

Branding : At the core of this show, a large 20m dome will travel into the heart of communities.



The message is that the BBC is travelling to them, so that we are on the ground, listening to what matters to the next generation.

I really like the idea of bringing The Dome to parks throughout Northern Ireland , so that the park itself can also be seen as providing another facility to help young people constructively improve their lives.

Proposal: The intention is to run a broadcast trial of the concept in Girdwood, Belfast in May. We would like to record at 8pm.

Detail : I would hope to have 150- 200 young people for our audience. The majority of these under 21 year olds will be sourced and researched from youth groups.

There will also be a panel of politicians.

The professional BBC production facility will be hired to provide cameras, equipment and lighting etc .