

**ROTHERHAM YOUTH CABINET MEETING  
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Shannon Worthington, Brad Sargeson, Josh Parker, Oliver Blake, Alisha Wilson, Lewis Postans, Sam Mitchell, Paige Hobson, Anna Marshall, Ashley Gregory, Ellie Woodcock, Tom Jackson, Mateen Duresmain.

**APOLOGIES**

Chalea Lynch, Tom Flanagan,

The Chair read out the Group Ground rules and young people gave Introductions.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes from last meeting were looked at and agreed.

**Manifesto Launch**

Ellie Showed the powerpoint she has created for the Manifesto Launch. She asked people about the design and if they liked it. Everyone agreed it was good.

The group checked the wording for aims and were asked to agree or disagree if the wording was alright. Sarah discussed the re-wording of the aim for the Self Harm element. The young people voted for the new wording as the original aim was too big and unachievable. Oliver asked if it was ok to tweet pictures during the event and everyone agreed. Oliver asked if any MPs had been invited. Oliver has agreed to invite MPs to the event.

The group agreed on the structure for the Manifesto launch event. Sarah asked if anyone had not been given a role and wanted one, to let her know.

**Public Transport**

Lewis and Ellie spoke about making the DVD for new bus drivers. They worked with young people from Barnsley, Sheffield, Doncaster at the SYPTTE offices in Sheffield.

Tom and Brad spoke about visiting the Transport Users Group and discussed what they spoke about during the meeting. They discussed items such as bus routes, new tram train service in Rotherham and the design of this service. Feedback from group was they enjoyed having a young person's perspective and they have been invited back to the group.

## **11 Million Takeover Day**

Sarah discussed the structure for 11 Million Takeover day which young people had previously agreed, ie first part having transport feedback and the second around Self Harm. She discussed a meeting she had had with Health workers today. As requested, a training day has been arranged for Thursday 31 October to begin to understand the issue of self harm. The group agreed this date although Tom said he was unable to attend. Sarah told the group about the discussions she had had with Ann Berridge and Ruth Fletcher-Brown about plans for the piece of work. They had suggested the group getting some case studies to discuss at 11 Million Takeover day with health professions. The work would fit in with the Self Harm and Suicide Prevention Group.

The group discussed when to hold 11 Million Takeover Day as the health people had suggested after Christmas as a lot of young people find Christmas difficult and this may bring out more issues to discuss. The group voted and agreed to hold it in early January.

Sarah suggested setting up a sub-group to begin looking at the issue and received a good response of young people who are interested in getting involved.

## **Summer Events and Activities**

The group looked at photos from some of the summer activities. Young people who attended the Police and Crime Commissioners Planning Day spoke of the workshops and activities they were involved with. They enjoyed the day and found some of it useful, although Josh P said some of it could have been done better. They discussed the Eric Manns opening event, when Lewis assisted cutting the ribbon with Councillor Hussain.

The group discussed the residential to Habershon House and the activities around Raising Aspirations. They enjoyed the residential and bonding as a group.

## **Rotherham Show**

Mateen and Paige talked about what happened at Rotherham Show. They said they had been helping with the design of the IYSS website. They engaged with young people by giving away free promotional items such as packets of mint, pens, wrist bands etc. Young people had to say which website designs they liked, comment on colour scheme and what they want to see on the website. Paige said she was there for both days and they consulted with around 250 young people. She spoke about the treasure hunt which encouraged young people to go round all the IYSS buses. Brad said Ellie, Chalea, Sarah and himself gave a live interview on radio Sheffield about what they were doing and promoted Youth Cabinet and IYSS.

The group asked what the results were for the consultation and Sarah said she would ask for feedback from the people doing the analysis.

### **Safe Havens**

Rumbi and Josh G were not present so this item will be put on the agenda next time

### **Publicity**

Oliver said Youth Cabinet had now got business cards and IYSS had lots of giveaways at the Rotherham Show. The publicity and promotion group had helped plan the consultation at Rotherham Show.

### **Walkabout Police**

Sarah discussed whether members still wanted to go ahead with this activity. She had been in contact with the Officer who was organising the walkabout, but he has changed roles and the new person has not yet made contact. The group said they would still like to be involved, preferably in an evening and Sarah said she would follow this up. She said that young people had to be over 16 to be involved.

### **Rotherham Ready**

Josh and Rumbi were not present so the group could not discuss this item.

### **LACC**

There were no representatives present, so this item could not be discussed.

### **UKYP**

Josh P said that the last few months had been full of great things. Ashley went to the Annual Sitting. Ashley said that he went to Leeds in July and had a great time. He took part in workshops about European Parliament and Campaigning and said it was a very good experience.

Josh P said that they had the Carers Card launch last Wednesday. They were pleased with the turnout for the launch, which was attended by Dorothy Smith, Councillors, Chris Brodhurst-Brown, Joyce Thacker and many others, and it had been a very successful launch event with Barnardos young people. Josh said he hopes that it has a marked roll out to schools.

The next Regional Convention is on 12 October in Leeds. Everyone can go if they would like to as young people from LACCs and Youth Cabinets are now included in the conventions. Josh said to contact Sarah if anyone was interested. He also explained that the convention is when young people from other areas come together to discuss issues for young people on a regional basis. Josh said that it is a good day and they also do a lot of work.

Oliver and Josh then discussed the Make your Mark campaign which is a UKYP annual campaign to find out what young people want Youth Parliament to debate on in House of Commons in November. He asked people to fill one in.

Showkat mentioned that the Elections for UKYP will be launched during Local Democracy Week and will be looking for people to stand for UK Youth Parliament. He said that the process for recruitment will start in November and the elections will be in February 2014. Josh said UKYP is a fantastic organisation and goes a long way to getting young peoples voices heard.

### **Finance Update**

Oliver said that there was nothing new. An amount of £800 was spent on residential during the summer and said a full update will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Constitution**

Sarah reminded the group that they have a constitution and described what this was for. She said that it needed updating and will schedule this in during a training day some time within the next six months.

### **AVA – Domestic Violence Project**

Sarah went through the invitation for young people to join the AVA group, to look at issues around Domestic Violence. Josh P, Mateen and Paige said they were interested and Sarah will send full details to them. They agreed for their contact details to be passed on to the organisation.

### **Big Dream DVD**

It was not possible to show the DVD as Youtube couldn't be accessed from the laptop. Sarah will try to get a DVD copy for the next meeting.

### **AOB**

Ashley asked for a copy of the wording Brad did for schools publicity so he could get it into his school. Sarah said she would find it and send it to him.

Josh P asked about the Anti Fascism Group and what was happening? Sarah said she would ask Clare and Abid and let him know. Showkat said that a Community Cohesion Group was being formed with young people from the NCS group and would be a borough wide group. Josh said he would wait to find out what was happening with the Anti Fascism Group.

Oliver informed new members that the group has a Facebook group dedicated to Youth Cabinet and gave them contact details.

Sarah informed the group of the White Ribbon campaign and an event at Myplace in November. She also said that the Cast Offs Choir would be practicing songs for Holocaust Memorial Day and Youth Cabinet members could join.

Sarah also said that she had had a communication from Pope Pius School, who want to meet regarding setting up a student Council and she asked members if anyone would like to join Sarah to speak with the student leader to encourage young people to be part of a student council and Youth Cabinet etc. Paige, Josh P, Tom J, Ashley, Mateen and Paige offered to attend.

Debate-      Bedroom Tax  
                  Teacher's Strike  
                  High Speed Train Line