

**ROTHERHAM YOUTH CABINET MEETING
THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2014
MINUTES**

BRIEF SUMMARY

Chair: **Toni Paxford**
 Tom Jackson

Present

Tom Jackson, Toni Paxford, Rebecca Parkin, Emilia Ashton, Paige Hobson, Jake Vickers, Josh Parker, Josh Grundy, Elisha Haywood, Shannon Worthington, Brad Sargeson, Ellie Woodcock,

Apologies

Oliver Blake, Megan Stagles, Alisha Wilson, Haleema Ali, Chalea Lynch, Rebecca Ryder, Rumbi Kambarami.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Commissioning Team had selected an email name for members of the public to email them, which was suggested by Youth Cabinet member Emilia – Yourvoice@rotherham.gov.uk.

Rebecca emailed Michael Gove regarding a request from a young person from St Bernard's School regarding exam stress in school, and the Under Secretary replied. She read out the letter from Michael Gove's office.

Sharon Cope from Healthwatch

Sharon introduced herself and said the work Youth Cabinet had done around Self Harm was really good and she felt she would want to work with the group. She explained what Healthwatch did and said she would arrange to come back in future and would appreciate any ideas to work with the group.

Self Harm Update

Young people gave an update about what the sub group have been doing.

The group had been asked to do a short presentation at the LSCB meeting on 5 June.

Yorkshire and Humber Youth Voice are very interested in work being done around self harm.

Transport

Brad gave an update on the work of the Transport User Group.

Tom said he will be doing his work experience with SYPTE .

IYSS Website

Sarah said that the new website was almost ready.

Treasurers Update

The group had a discussion on expenditure over the last month.

The Treasurers have developed a policy to monitor what members are proposing and how this spend will benefit young people. The group will discuss this further at the next training day.

Publicity and Promotion Group

Brad showed the new and improved Welcome Packs that the sub group had worked on. Ashley has another policy – Rotherham Youth Cabinet social media policy, which was needed to ensure the proper use of social media within Youth Voice, with the main aim to making sure the group are working together as one group, not as individuals.

A poster has been created which hopefully will go into Youth Centres, schools etc to try to promote the group and to let young people know how to make contact with Youth Cabinet and UKYP.

LACC

Lisa gave an update and said they had been working for some time on going to Portugal for young people who are looked after or leaving care to go on a holiday. The money was to organise their own trip and have a family holiday. They had a fantastic time and lots of new fantastic experiences. The group are currently creating a report and presentation.

UKYP Update

Ashley said Rotherham MYPs were hoping to visit a Head Teachers meeting to promote UKYP and Youth Voice. With regard to Votes at 16, the BYC have a scheme where you adopt a Lord and all Rotherham MYPs now have a Lord to campaign on around Votes at 16. They also met with Sarah Champions office last Friday to discuss Votes at 16 for her debate in the House of Commons. Oliver and Toni's names were mentioned in her speech. Sarah Champion has offered to support Youth Cabinet with anything.

The Curriculum for Life is a national campaign where young people believe the curriculum for PHSE needs reforming and campaigns for what young

people think should be in there. All MYPs have a task to review their own schools, which have a certain criteria to fulfil.

Make your Mark is a national ballot which takes place across the whole of the UK and NI. Young people vote for which issues they believe are the top issues out of twelve. The top three go to House of Commons debate and are debated to be the national campaign for next year.

RULED OUT CAMPAIGN

Rebecca explained what the Ruled Out Campaign was and asked if people wanted to continue with the work. Rebecca explained that it focuses on why young people with autism miss out on education. The campaign wants to raise awareness of this issue.

Quality Mark Visit Feedback

Following a recent Quality Mark visit, feedback was that young people could not always communicate the impact of their involvement in the group and that there was no accreditation. Sarah said that the BYC had developed a Youth Voice ASDAN and gave our packs to the group. She asked if young people would like to work towards this accreditation and many of the group responded positively.

Poland Visit

The group showed photos about the trip to Poland and explained about the photos and the visit.

They will be doing a presentation to councillors, going to Beth Shalom and The Imperial War Museum, along with support the next group of young people who may go to Poland.

Josh G said It was fantastic, very emotional and eye opening and was thankful for having the opportunity.

AOB

Rebecca explained about the Mini WE day which will be held in Leicester on 28 June. The event is an anti-bullying conference and Rebecca and Toni will be speaking on the day.

Ashley said that he is now the Rep for Rotherham for the Yorkshire and Humber Youth Voice Steering group. This is a group of reps from each local authority in Yorkshire and Humberside who work closely with the British Youth Council to help run conventions. Ashley will be doing a workshop on Team Management.

Sarah updated the group on NCS and asked if any further members were interested in getting involved, that she had forms to fill in.

Sarah said that Toni and Rebecca had been nominated in the National Diversity Awards and encouraged people to vote for them.

Debate

Costa or Starbucks
Costa definite winner

Private/Home schooled v Public School
(debate was not fully debated and concluded as ran out of time.