

Broxbourne and Stevenage Youth Council
Joint Meeting
3rd February 2021

Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Ethan Yardley, Adesola Adewale, Gabby Newallo-Ragbir, Enrique Pereira Grosso, Tate Lambie, Thomas Jennings, Daniel Akinbogun, Luke Mobbs

Apologies: **Cindy Long, Robbie Long, Lloyd Evans, Lania Ways**

Facilitators: Oliver Brady (YCH Services for Young People) Emma Elsafty (Broxbourne Borough Council) Linton Sutherland (YCH Services for Young People)

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Stevenage Youth Council Joint Meeting

SYC (Stevenage Youth Council) went through the minutes of the last meeting and asked about Broxbourne youth councils' social media and if they had ever thought about creating a video or webinar. As Broxbourne youth council is in the middle of creating a video to introduce the cabinet members they decided this is something they can look to do in the future, especially if SYC are successful.

The youth council discussed the Hertfordshire Young People's webinar and encouraged people to submit questions to the professionals hosting the event which will take place on Wednesday 17th of February at 11.30am-12.30pm.

SYC shared their year action plan and discussed the projects they are working on at the moment. Darcy and Aphelia asked for advice and ideas on the marginalization of people with disabilities. Ethan suggested conducting a consultation so they could figure out what was needed within that community rather than assuming. Broxbourne youth council often attend some other youth groups to promote what the youth council are doing at the moment.

There are many YCH youth projects that SYC could attend including LGBT, young people with learning disabilities, and detached projects shown in the link below:

<https://www.ychertfordshire.org/support-for-young-people/youth-projects-in-your-area/stevenage-projects/>

Broxbourne youth council are going to conduct a survey next week on climate change and SYC helped with the feedback and ideas

Broxbourne Youth Council Consultation Questions:

1. How clean are the walkways where you walk?
2. How much Litter can you see?
3. How clean are your schools?
4. Do your schools recycle?
5. Do any Litter Hotspots come to mind?
6. Is there anywhere that new bins should be placed?
7. Do you have any other comments?

Mapping exercise for placement of new bins

Hand out the flyers for feeling good week that Ethan has made.

SYC Feedback and Suggestions:

- Do these questions cover all aspects of the environment?
- Might need to add in things about fossil fuels or emissions.
- Ask about general concerns about global climate change?
- How much do you know about alternative single use plastics?
- How are you contributing to climate change?
-If not, how could you change that?
- Do you think your education or workplace helps to maintain the environment?
- Green travel, young people via public transport and Carbon Footprint are other aspects of the environmental issues that could be asked about.]
- Narrow down to smaller areas as this would make the results more specific.
- Ask about the use and promotion of recycling bins in the schools.
- Thomas cabinet member for environment suggested asking some open questions for opinions
- What could help bring across the message of the environment

SYC asked what types of questions BYC asked with equality and diversity. BYC stated they have consulted young people around crime and safety in the area and some of the answers gave an idea of what equality was like with in Broxbourne. BYC have made a second newsletter and would like to know how SYC are going about with self-promotion of their youth council.

SYC – social media has now been set up and they are going to talk to youth groups within YCH They have made a power point presentation to introduce themselves. Alissa has sent Ethan a link via social media and suggested we send the introduction to the cabinet video BYC are making to schools as well as posting on socials.

The youth council discussed it would be great if schools are doing rapid testing when they go back to enable group activities to take place in real life.

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Adesola updated SYC about BYC delivering a Feel Good Week Project for young people to attend which will promote and encourage positive mental health, physical health and emotional well-being. The SYC have been invited to attend these sessions.