

Broxbourne Youth Council

20 January 2021

Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: **Lloyd Evans**, Ethan Yardley, Adesola Adewale, Gabbie Newallo-Ragbir, Enrique Pereira Grosso, Tegan Fernee, Tate Lambie, Dylan Ways, George Hunt, Daniel Akinbogun, Luke Mobbs,

Guest Speaker: Mark Hughes (YCH Service for Young People Team Manager)

Apologies:

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

1. Welcome & Introductions

The youth council completed their introductions and welcomed new participants.

2. Guest Speaker Mark Hughes

Mark Hughes joined the youth council this week. He spoke about the youth strategies group action plan and the survey that took place and the outcome of what young people were concerned with.

Youth council has expressed an interest in climate change and making a difference within the community. Mark is confident he can use the youth council's voice to promote young people taking charge and perhaps start local social action projects and help and listen to the ideas of the youth council and then use the youth strategies group to work together.

Mark asked for ideas from the group.

Ethan brought up putting bins in particular areas that have a problem with litter. This has proven difficult in the past.

Tegan stated she has noticed that non-smoking signs do not discourage it happening and has found that parks need more signs so it is obvious.

Daniel stated that certain areas are really bad for dog waste as litter as there is not enough bins.

Mark suggested that we start to map areas that have an issue of litter that could help the youth council when raising the issue.

Gabbie stated she believes it is a good idea to try and convince people to be involved with our litter picks as it is good showing people that we do but need more involvement from young people.

Mark suggested that we could start a programme with in our communities that people pledge to help with the issues we have raised.

Last year the youth council brought up the issue of how schools deal with their waste. The new build schools seem to have recycling bins posted all around the school so there is less of an issue. Also encouraging kids to take different forms of transport.

The youth council are keen to get involved in addressing environmental matters.

Mark has requested being invited back when we have a list of actions we would like to be involved with and a part of.

3. Social Media Cabinet Introductions

Please send over your photo and description over to Ethan.

ACTION- This should be done by next week

4. Feeling Good Week

The youth council has been awarded the full amount of £500 to use for the FGW (Feeling Good Week) Project.

Ethan has made a draft of the poster and is just waiting for some of the details that will be decided such as the prizes and dates. The youth council all approved of the draft and some changes will be made.

Lloyd will be contacting Lucy about GROWGA. Lloyd will ask if they are able to do this for free or if we will be paying for this service out of the funding money.

The dates of FGW are from February 8th-14th. The youth council have until August 2021 to deliver their proposed project. The youth council have voted and agreed that it would be better to run the projects in Easter half term. This is because they believe they will be able to keep the momentum going by using partners and social media to promote what has been planned.

Enrique has spoken to boxing coach Adam Davidson and he suggested doing the sessions on Friday 15th February and Saturday 16th February from 5pm with a payment of £35 per session. The boxing sessions would be delivered in the Waltham Cross Young People's and there is a possibility of face to face delivery depending on the government restrictions at the time.

ACTION- Enrique to find out Adam Davidson Easter half term availability

The youth council explored poster ideas for the FGW Poster competition:

Criteria for the poster

- Art work should be 2D
- You can use the computer to create the art work
- You are able to use quotes,, poems or creative writing within the poster but it must be under 200 words
- Sign posting

Judging criteria

- Creativity
- Originality
- Aesthetic
- Relevance and effectiveness of the content

Prizes

- Gift Cards- online vouchers – the winners are able to choose where the voucher is for as long as we approve it. (Have a list of options?)
- Top three get vouchers
 - 1st place - £100
 - 2ND place- £50
 - 3rdplace £25

The youth council will choose the winner at the end of Easter half term.

The plan is to have two sessions depending on how many entries we get to judge the posters.

All submitted entries will be judged anonymously by the youth council. Depending on government restrictions it is possibly this could be done in person rather than online.

ACTION If a youth council member would like to be on the judging panel they should make this known to the group next week.

ACTION- Enriqye to contact MIND about running Emotional Well-being Coping session for FGW.

5. My Star

Linton explained that a My Star is tool that is used to help measure where you are at with your life. The Youth council members will complete this soon and then in a couple months see if anything has changed or support needed.

The youth council have decided that it will be better to complete this in our meeting. It will be sent via email and completed in next week's meeting on the 27th of Jan the second form will be filled out the week after Easter half term.

6. Litter Pick

The youth council are able to do deliver a local litter pick under current COVID guidelines, but the youth council think it will be better practice and a more positive experience if we were to postpone this to after Easter. This will be discussed further at the time of the My Star review.

7. AOB

Ethan will speak to Twitter about the suspended youth council account.

Lloyd spoke with Cllr Monaghan last week and would like to discuss this next week with the group.

Next week we will speak about what Mark Hughes suggested.

Stevenage Youth council would like to do a joint meeting on Wednesday 3rd February at 16:30.

Luke Mobbs suggested starting up a "Be Inspired" volunteering initiative again. Ethan is going to create a new account.

