**Broxbourne Youth Council**

**Minutes**

**27th April 2022**

Cheshunt Young People’s Centre

**Attendees:** Ethan Yardley, Adesola Adewale, Thomas, Tate Lambie

**Apologies:** Enrique Pereira Grosso, Jamie, Bestie

**Facilitators:** Emma Elsafty (Broxbourne Borough Council) Linton Sutherland (Services for Young People)

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Matters Arising**
3. **Community Question Time Reflections**

Agreed that it was a successful event.

WWW:

* Boxing – kept a lot of the younger participants engaged
* Turnout was amazing
* Panellists gave insightful and detailed answers
* Jim McManus and Cllr Deehart like to get youth councils from the borough to organise a conference, and talk about mental health
* Front at house were very efficient

**ACTION**: send emails to those relevant to ensure we can get the conference for mental health

EBI:

* The event should be structured differently
  + Would have been helpful to have an interval, to give people a bit of a ‘breather’.
* Panellists spoke for too long
  + In order to not make people speak for too long, might have a beeper, to not have people to speak for too long
* More organic questions
* Raffle to start earlier – felt as if we had to chase people
* More diversity on the panel
  + 4 out of 5 panels were conservatives
  + Nobody from BAME community
* We didn’t appreciate the promotion period
  + When we leave gaps to promote the event, we need to be mindful of school holidays
  + Make a schedule for promotion, so it’s not crammed into the last week (short-term targets and long-term targets)
  + Leafletting (QR code – takes to a page with info)
  + School newsletters
* Contact more of the organisations we’ve had relationships with in the past
* Needed to ensure all the leads were working properly – more leads and more mics
* Make sure everyone knows what questions are being asked – need a projector which has the questions displayed
* At least one wireless mic, to allow organic questions to be asked
* Adult sign in sheet and young people’s sign in sheet
  + Should have an age bracket tick box
* Need the evaluation sheet to be filled in
* Need to update our youth council promotions

We achieved all aims:

* + To gather info on Covid-19
  + To create professional relationships with other groups
  + Publicise results of CQT (audio recording sent out)
  + Encourage more young people to get involved in local politics

Average age of young people was 15.

Vicky Gutteridge says that the CEO can run two sessions for us (‘the science of goal setting’ and ‘talk safe, plan safe’)

**ACTION**: send thank you letters to the 6 panellists and Maddie (from WTBL)

1. **Youth Council Year Plan**

Our last meeting is 6th July

Resume on 19th September

1. **AOB**

Mark Holding is the assistant principle at Goffs, who handles all the information that’s sent to him.

Mark Hughes to come in and have a meeting with us soon – Ethan to set up a doodle poll, to see our availability for when Mark Hughes could come