

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

19 October 2022

Cheshunt Young People's Centre

Attendees: Ethan Yardley, Adesola Jinadu-Adewale, Liam Pledger,

Jamelia Weg-Nour, Keira Moles, Jake Reece, Tate Lambie, Enrique Pereira-Grosso

Guests:

Facilitators: Emma Elsafty (Broxbourne Borough Council), Linton Sutherland and Natasha Morgan (Services for Young People)

1. WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were completed and the members welcomed guest speaker Ashley Frith and Amber Macdonald from SFYP (Services for Young People).

2. GUEST SPEAKER ASHLEY FRITH AND AMBER MACDONALD , SFYP

Ashley and Amber are SfYP youth workers from the central team. Young Commissioners are young people from a diverse range of backgrounds from all over Hertfordshire. Some might be young people living away from home or care leavers, and some may have disabilities or learning difficulties. They are all committed to making change for the better. It is a chance to get involved in and influence the services available to young people in Hertfordshire, including how they are delivered, who delivers them and what the outcomes should be.

To become a Young Commissioner, young people will first need to attend a training event to learn more about what is involved before formally signing up. The training is action packed to prepare you for the role and responsibilities of being a Young Commissioner. Young people will learn about how services for children and young people are developed, commissioned, and delivered, and how co-production - young people working with decision makers - works. As a Young Commissioner young people can develop skills in

- advocacy and representing others
- presentation and recording skills
- working with others as part of a team
- assessing quality and what evidence to look for

The training day is free and takes place on Sunday 30 October 11am -4pm at Hudnall Park in Hemel Hempstead which will include an action-packed day of fun activities, zip line and Young Commissioners skills training. Young people are to bring their own lunch and transport will be provided from Waltham Cross Young People Centre. Parental consent forms were given to members that are interested in taking part.

The youth council members were also asked to complete and review a Well-Being survey for young people. The youth council did this and gave feedback to Ashley and Amber.

3. YEAR PLAN

The youth council reviewed the year plan and amended the following initiatives:

- Create and distribute Christmas packages for homeless and vulnerable people
- Easter Hunt for Families

These amendments are reflected in the Youth Council Plan document.

4. YOUTH COUNCIL TEAM BUILDING

The youth council members were asked for suggestions for an appropriate social event where members can build good working relationships with each via a fun activity.

Some the suggestions included:

- Lee Valley White Water Sports
- Zorbing
- Parliament Visit

Action: Linton and Emma to speak with managers to see what activity would be possible considering cost, time, and effectiveness.

5. Debate

The debate topic for this meeting was:

Should drugs be legalised

6. AOB