

## **Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes**

**13 November 2024 (week 8/10)**

**Participants:** Youth Mayor Havana Marshall, Deputy Youth Mayor Kaitlin Hussey, Recruitment Officer Tej Nundah, Thomas Vaciago, Amani Yasser, Liberti Kenny, Anastasia Filimonova and Darcey Moore.

**Facilitators:** Linton Sutherland, Natasha Morgan (Services for Young People)  
Hannah Neal (Broxbourne Council)

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

The agenda for the meeting was agreed.

### **2. Ice Breaker**

The Youth Council took part in an ice breaker activity.

### **3. Linguistic Mayor's debate**

Hannah showed the members the draft poster for the Linguistic Mayor's debate – the members were happy with the poster.

The seven schools in the Borough will be invited to attend . These are St Mary's Cheshunt, Goffs Churchgate, Goffs Academy, Haileybury Turnford, Broxbourne School, Robert Barclay Academy and John Warner School.

### **4. Video creation / social media**

An idea was suggested about having a podcast.

### **5. Nick Daines from Safe Net (Havana met at a race riots lecture)**

Havana and Nick connected and he said that he could come down to the Youth Council meetings on a talk about online safety and crime intervention. He mentors people who are vulnerable to extreme ideological ideas. They offer intervention and education services.

### **6. Arriva buses**

Havana contacted Arriva buses on their Instagram account asking to speak to a representative who deals with issues in the local area. They replied back asking for an email to be sent.

The Youth Council drafted an email together.

### **7. Medals/Badges/Lanyards**

**Action:** Linton to speak to Mark Hughes about lanyards.

## 8. UKYP (UK Youth Parliament)

The Youth Council discussed UKYP. Established 25 years ago, the UKYP is made up of more than 300 young people aged between 11 and 18 years, elected as Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) to represent the views of their peers. It provides opportunities for young people to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning.

Young people vote for their MYPs in elections every two years, which are held in over 70% of constituencies, and often in schools.

Funded through a grant from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, the UK Youth Parliament brings young people into the policymaking and parliamentary process, with direct access to decision makers.

The Youth Council would like to see a MYP from Broxbourne which would require local schools to support a democratic voting process to establish young candidates. The following youth councillors will speak with school staff to explore interest.

Darcy	Ms. Reynard
Thomas	Ms. Richardson, Mr. Welch
Tej	Mr. Spall
Anastasia	Mr. Lindquist
Liberti	Shaun

## 9. Debate

Deferred to the next meeting

## 10. AOB

**Action:** Look into Broxtown – Havana came across on the Broxbourne Youth Council Instagram.