

West Sussex Youth Cabinet Minutes

Meeting date: 7 June 2021

Venue: Online - Zoom

Attendees

Youth Cabinet: Daisy Watson-Rumbold, Flora Belcher, Alex Ryder, Martha Rayner, Alice Roberts, Edelyn Ilarla Spina, Anna Irvine-Capel, Caleb Walker, Alisha Mafaas, Anah Zakeer, Ruby Doyle, Maddie Sweet, Jorja Lindridge, Rosie McFaul, Kieran Turnbull, William Orrell, Harvey Newton-Bone, Alba Braham, Alara O'Leary, Trinity

Youth Parliament:
Harley Collins, Hollie Jones, Iffat

Workers: Toby Wilson, Claire Tooke

Guests: Neil Hart (The High Sheriff of West Sussex)

Apologies: Maxwell Dwyer, Faune Steward, Flora Burleigh, Sofia Catibog, Finlay Metcalfe-Martin, Katarina Hill, Lottie Gaylard, Ayse Parlak, Apurwa Sivaseelan, Alisha Workman, Amelie Citrone, Aya Hamani, Bess Pam, Grace Tingley, Joeseph Waterer, Rishi Parekh, Liam Burring, Malachi Furamera, Max Overington, Miller Cole, Samia Hussain, Sasha Nursten, Erin Masterson.

Minutes

Item	Feedback and Updates	Run by
Welcome	Normal icebreaker introduction - what have you done in the past month? Introduction to Toby Willson: Toby Wilson is the Voice and Participation Team manager. He'll be looking after us while Caz is gone (until November) and is excited to help out.	Chair
High Sheriff of West Sussex	Neil Hart is the new High Sheriff of West Sussex - he worked as a solicitor in corporate law and recently retired. Neil arrived in West Sussex in 1984 and has lived in Midhurst since with his family - he finds it the perfect place to live, although he recognises it has its problems such as, poverty and deprivation. The High Sheriff is an appointment made by the Queen, who represents her in the County. It is unpaid and involves lots of voluntary work, including working with charities and networking. The office goes back over 1000 years, and is the oldest office post in the country! Neil was appointed at the end of April and has worked with crime prevention in different organisations. Neil highlighted the stress and difficulty that families of convicts go through. Some of the organisations that Neil has so far worked with include Diverse Crawley and a homelessness charity, Stonepillow - future visits include Lewes Prison and Crawley Open House.	Chair/High Sheriff

	<p>Do you bring anything from your law career into your community work? Neil worked with lots of charities throughout his law career. The most important skill he learnt as a lawyer, which he still applies now, is <i>listening</i>. He highlighted the importance of understanding what the person is trying to say, rather than just hearing their words.</p> <p>What work do you do within communities? Neil has worked with Stonepillow (who the Homelessness campaign are looking to work with). He talks to the people who run these charities because they have great knowledge about what people who go through their organisations go through, which is key to understanding and helping those going through hardships. He is also going to go to Crawley open house soon.</p> <p>Neil expressed concerns about knife crime and crime overall in West Sussex, as well as a lack of support for asylum seekers who are often left on the streets without state support.</p> <p>How are you going to work with ethnic minorities? Neil said he has "lots of learning" to do about BAME communities in West Sussex and plans to spend a lot of time in Crawley during his term in office to get to know the constituents.</p>	
<p>Campaign Planning</p>	<p>Transforming Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They have had contact with the NHS Digital Team to help people become confident and take charge of their wellbeing. ● Social Media campaign ● Posters for schools ● School assembly with a catchy slogan ● A webinar during the summer, covering: staying safe at university, cooking on a budget, etc... <p>Knife Crime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ambassadors, similar to the work Racial Inequality is doing. ● Videos, perhaps of a prison ● Talking to probation services (suggestion from the High Sheriff) ● The campaign recently had a meeting about a survey they want to conduct <p>LGBTQ+:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social media campaign to explain different concepts and sexualities ● A podcast talking about personal experiences of the community <p>Political Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Media - condensing down the PowerPoints from the webinars into infographics. The information has already been collated so it shouldn't be a big task. 	<p>Chair/Campaign Leads</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Podcasts - about 25-minute episodes covering one topic at a time - branching over current and foreign affairs, ethical and even philosophical issues. Message Joe (Lead) if you'd like to be involved, you don't have to be a part of the campaign! More information is on the Youth Cabinet Messenger group chat. <p>Homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Went into the details of the fundraising packs and what they would include: activities, powerpoints, infographics, videos and certificates of completion Set deadlines - aim to finish all the work by September and spend the autumn contacting schools <p>Racial Inequality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting with Dan Sanders is being held next week, focusing on racial inequality ambassadors in schools. <p>Note: Domestic Violence, Mental Health and Environment campaigns were not discussed as their leads were absent.</p>	
AOB	<p>Emails: Please fill in this form with your Youth Cabinet Gmail account (making a new one if necessary). It should be in this format: namesurnameyc@gmail.com.</p> <p>There's been some issues with emailing at the moment, so please let Toby/Alisha know if you think you aren't receiving emails.</p> <p>Social media presence: We want to have a Communications Officer in each campaign, so if you're interested let Iffat/Daisy know.</p> <p>Organisation: Toby Wilson will be looking after us while Caz is gone and there is also a team of young people to help you out with any concerns you have. Feel free to contact them whenever needed via Messenger or email:</p> <p>Daisy - Chair: chair@wsyouthcabinet.org</p> <p>Anah - Vice-Chair: anah@wsyouthcabinet.org</p> <p>Alisha - Secretary: alisha@wsyouthcabinet.org</p> <p>Harley: harley@wsyouthcabinet.org</p> <p>Iffat: iffat@wsyouthcabinet.org</p> <p>Note: While there is a group of YC members helping out with running the Youth Cabinet, there is in no way a hierarchy.</p>	Chair/Vice-Chair

	<p>Hoodies: Message Toby (individually) if you haven't received your YC hoodie yet. Toby's email: toby.wilson@westsussex.gov.uk</p> <p>Youth Achievement Awards: Claire will hold a separate session soon to answer any questions and introduce new members to the awards.</p> <p>External Work/Consultations: We won't be taking on any external work or doing any consultations in meetings for the time-being, while we figure out how to manage efficiently with Caz gone.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: 5th July 2021, 6-8pm Location: Zoom</p>		