

West Sussex Youth Cabinet Minutes

Meeting date: 7 February 2022

Venue: Online - Zoom

Attendees

Youth Cabinet: Alara O’Leary, Alex Ryder, Alisha Mafaas, Anah Zakeer, Anna Irvine-Capel,, Caleb Walker, Daisy Watson-Rumbold, Flora Burleigh, Jorja Lindridge, Katarina Hill, Edelyn Ilaria-Spina, Lottie Gaylard, Martha Rayner, Katarina Hill, Sasha Nursten.

Youth Parliament: Harley Collins, Hollie Jones, Iffat Rahman, Maxwell Dwyer, Raphaella Badua, Erin Masterson.

Workers: Caz Evans, Claire Tooke.

Mentors: George Bowron

Guests: High Sheriff of West Sussex, Neil Hart DL, Cllr Jacquie Russell, Cllr Paul Linehan, Cllr Sarah Sharp.

Apologies: Finlay Metcalfe=Martin, Alba Braham, Alice Roberts, Apurwaa Sivaseelan, Aya Hamani, Ayse Parlak, Daisy Hopson-Northam, Faune Steward, Flora Belcher, Grace Tingley, Harvey Newton-Bone, Joseph Waterer, Kieran Turnbull, Liam Burring, Maddie Sweet, Malachi Furamera, Matilda Cutting, Miller Cole, Rose McFaul, Samia Hussain, Siaana Hearn, Sophie Light, William Orrell, Joseph Bensusan, Rishi Parekh.

Minutes

Item	Feedback and Updates	Run by
Introduction	Usual icebreaker introduction - what have you done this past month?	Chair
Chair Update	<p>Sign-ups for elections have closed, but you can hopefully be co-opted back in March if you’ve missed out.</p> <p>Youth Network: Daisy, Harley and Caz have spent the last two years creating a network of politicians and organisations to help young people make connections in the community. This is an incredibly exciting and advantageous opportunity that everyone at the Youth Cabinet can benefit from even if they aren’t re-elected.</p>	Chair
Talk from the High Sheriff	<p>Neil Hart DL began by congratulating the Youth Cabinet, encouraging them to “keep going, it will be rewarding”.</p> <p>He then spoke about some of the duties he has taken on during his appointment, which began last April. He recently visited the police with his wife, Ros, and had the chance to drive in the back of a police car. He also met</p>	High Sheriff/Chair

	<p>with police cadets and the fire service, as well as becoming the first High Sheriff of West Sussex to be (momentarily) locked up in Lewes Prison! According to Neil, "Lewes Prison is not for the faint-hearted!". The High Sheriff thanked the prison officers on behalf of the community, for committing to an unpopular and underappreciated job.</p> <p>Neil remarked on how beautiful a county West Sussex is to live in, with its great educational establishments and innovative industries - however, he also noted that there are problems, particularly in the shape of county lines. The High Sherriff ended on a high note, however - "where there are those problems, there are so many volunteers who make it their business to help others".</p>	
Campaign Updates	<p>Racial Inequality: webinar session with the new racial equality ambassadors and teachers was a success. The group is now writing a summary to be passed onto the next campaign lead.</p> <p>Youth Safety: fundraising day on Monday 14th February has been a huge success! The campaign raised almost £1000, with support from various schools, including the Gatwick School and Burgess Hill School for Girls.</p> <p>Environment: the beach cleans will be passed onto the next Cabinet and short summary has been written for the new campaign lead.</p> <p>Transforming Education: the WSCC debate was largely successful and was built upon the foundations of this campaign. The group have curated a list of webinar ideas for the next Cabinet too,</p> <p>Message from the Chair, Daisy: "Every single thing you did to build up these campaigns have made a difference in people's lives! You've done so much more than you think. An image of the Youth Cabinet that has never been seen before [has been created]. You are genuinely a voice for the young people."</p>	Chair/Campaign Leads
End	<p>The Youth Cabinet thanked Caz, their Youth Worker for the past two years, for her tireless work in supporting them and wished her well for her next role in the NHS. They were joined by several county councillors, including Jacquie Russell, Paul Linehan and Sarah Sharp.</p> <p>Thank you and well done to the WSYC for such a wonderful two years!</p>	Chair/Caz