

West Sussex Youth Cabinet Minutes

Meeting date: 15th May 2023

Venue: Zoom 6-8pm

Attendees

<p>Youth Cabinet: Anna Irvine-Capel, Vivaan Dixit, Bryan Chapman, Sophia Garman, Amber Doughton, Max Budgen, Chanel Quarry, Liubov Manzarkhanova, Stacey Manso, Luke Turvill, Ruby Doyle, Janeria Quansah, Martha Rayner, Caleb Walker, Madison Andrews, Lauren Ashby, Elizabeth Spraggs, Raphaella Badua, Ev Kimber, Ella Thornburg, Alex Ryder, Olivia Burke, Katie Oakley, Jorja Lindridge, Alex Barker, Ayah Miah, Aya Hamami, Fraser Squires, Eli Gallagher, Mathew Tempest, Maicy Markwell, Iffat Rahman</p>	<p>Youth Parliament: Edelyn Spina, Maxwell Dwyer, Flora Burleigh, Adrija Zaman, Beitris McCord</p>
<p>Workers: Toby Wilson, Angel Confiac Mentors/Volunteers: N/A Attendees: Liubov Manzarkhanova, Ev Kimber, Josh Knapp, Noah Gallagher, Raphaella Badua, Amber Doughton, Janeria Quansah, Flora Burleigh, Vivaan Dixit, Olivia Burke, Madi Andrews, Caleb Walker, Iffat Rahman Apologies: Ella Thornburg, Katie Oakley, Adrija Zaman, Aya Hamami, Sophia Garman, Martha Rayner, Ruby Doyle, Edelyn Spina, Stacey Manso, Anna Irvine-Capel, Beitris McCord, Luke Turvill, Ayah Miah Strikes: Vivaan Dixit, Bryan Chapman (2), Max Budgen (2), Chanel Quarry (2), Ruby Doyle, Madison Andrews, Lauren Ashby (2), Lucy Oliver (2), Alex Ryder (2), Alex Barker (2), Mathew Tempest (2), Caleb Walker, Adrija Zaman, Elizabeth Spraggs, Jorja Lindridge, Fraser Squires, Maicy Markwell</p>	

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Item	Feedback and Updates	Run by
Welcome	Normal icebreaker introduction - what have you done in the past month?	Chair
Discussion with Toby	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> We have had a request from the headteacher at St Mary's Primary School in Bognor for their youth council to observe a Youth Cabinet meeting. This is likely to happen in one of our online meetings over the next couple months. Iffat suggested that we change the months of our bi-annual meetings with the councillors from January to April for the manifesto presentations, and from June to October for the debate, in order to accommodate the exam seasons. This hopefully will mean that more people can attend the meetings, as these sessions are valuable in setting up a dialogue between councillors and youth cabinet members. Iffat has had a discussion with Lucy Butler (the director of children and young people and learning in West Sussex) about the availability of apprenticeships for young people in the West Sussex area. She would like our help with the dissemination of information and guidance to make young people aware of options beyond university. Ideas discussed tonight include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> trying to dilute the emphasis placed on universities in schools and colleges careers advice looking beyond university and also into degree- 	Chair

	<p>apprenticeships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - educating more widely on the system used to apply for degree apprenticeships as the majority of young people are only aware of UCAS - degree apprenticeships can be really valuable in high demand careers such as law, as they give you experience of the job - West Sussex have existing schemes such as apprenticeships for people to become social workers - apprenticeships are difficult to find at a local level, as most are based in London, which can be problematic as travelling to London is expensive - we believe trying to get local companies and small businesses directly involved would be a good solution to this issue - the University of Brighton offers degree apprenticeships, however, you must apply through the employer <p>4. If you have any other suggestions, please email either Ev (evkimberwysc@outlook.com) or Iffat (iffatrahmanyc@gmail.com)</p>	
Gathering Discussion	<p>There was a mental health evidence gathering session in January and, to follow up, the Cabinet want to involve the Youth Cabinet in the scrutiny of mental health policies on the Thursday of Half Term (1st June) at 10:30 in the County Hall Chichester. The council would like the chance to hear from professionals and witnesses about key issues and the next steps that need to be taken. We would help to voice challenges to mental health faced by young people, and attendance by the Health and Wellbeing campaign members in particular would be really useful. Email Ev (evkimberwysc@outlook.com) if you are interested in attending and she will pass your names on to Toby, or email Toby directly (toby.wilson@westsussex.gov.uk)</p>	Chair
Co-opting	<p>Manav Patel has been co-opted for the Bognor/ Felpham position. Suvanetha has been co-opted. They will be emailed and we hope to see them at the next meeting.</p>	Chair
AOB	<p>Ange and Angel have been discussing the start of a Youth Cabinet Newsletter. We registered interest at tonight's meeting so if you were not present, email Ev (evkimberwysc@outlook.com) if you are interested and we will discuss setting up a group for all those who want to be involved at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Early Help Service would like people's views on what went well and what could be improved, so if you have ever had experience of being a young carer, visiting a find it out centre, been involved with child protection services or children in need, then email voice (voice@westsussex.gov.uk). Either record a video or write down your views and email them over to give feedback on making these services better.</p>	Chair

Next meeting: 5th June

Location: Zoom 6-8pm

