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Kent Youth County Council Update

January 2018

Anti—Bullying Campaign



In the Anti-Bullying campaign group this year we have decided to keep both the video and booklet groups. We have uploaded a video onto YouTube that has been thoroughly planned and edited so go and watch, like and share it! The booklet group have been hard at work and are close to finishing! Anti-Bullying has made significant progress this year and are continuing the enthusiasm, dedication and quality of the campaign in this year! We've all worked super hard and are looking forward to more campaigning! Don't forget to look out for our tweets and resources in your schools and youth clubs soon!

Curriculum for Life Campaign

Since October Curriculum for life campaign has rounded up previous work ready for 2018. In the video group we have filmed and edited a politics video for the KYCC YouTube channel. In the outreach group a report has been created showing the results of our survey which was given out to young people across Kent. In the content group the presentations and lesson plans are currently in the process of being edited by the group and will soon be out and ready for use by schools and youth hubs.



Mental Health Campaign



In the December meeting, we presented to the new KYCC members an overview of the Mental Health group's campaign work- both actions taken during 2017 and those which we hope to take in the following year. We have achieved most of our annual aims this year - including fully revising our Mental Health Directory, working to raise awareness on social media, and designing posters and Z-cards. In the following weeks, our primary focus will be planning for the Big Conversation event in March, where we will launch our directory alongside Headstart and other mental health charities. We hope many KYCC members, both new and old, will collaborate to join us in this endeavour!



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Other KYCC news...

KYCC Elections 6th—19th November 2017

The recent annual Kent Youth County Council elections took place from 6th—19th November across the county in secondary schools and youth organisations. During the fortnight 21,734 young people voted. The ballot papers gave every voter an opportunity to vote for a young person standing to be members of KYCC within their district and an opportunity to vote for a youth related issue or topic that KYCC will work on in the forthcoming year on the other side. Voting was open to all young people living or being educated in Kent between 11 –19 years old.



72 young people were elected on to the Kent Youth County Council across the 12 districts of Kent and their first meeting was held at County Hall, Maidstone on 10th December. Many of these new members will attend a residential in mid January at the Swattenden Centre to learn more about the work of KYCC, work on the new campaigns and develop team working skills with other members.

The 3 top issues that were voted for have become this years KYCC campaign topics these are Anti-bullying, Curriculum for Life and Mental Health.

British Youth Council — House of Commons event

On the 10th November the Kent members of the UK Youth Parliament had the opportunity to sit on the green benches in the House of Commons and this was a the biggest privilege of my life so far, during the day we debated the five topics chosen by 1,000,000 young people across the UK. John Bercow Speaker for the house of Commons chaired the debates. The day was absolutely amazing and I would highly recommend this to anyone interested in politics or passionate about getting young voices heard.

Written by Ben Stanley - one of the 7 Kent MYP's

Try Angle awards achieved by KYCC members

At the recent annual Try Angle awards 3 current KYCC members achieved top awards in the categories they were nominated in. A big congratulations to all those involved and to our winning KYCC members:

Harmony Chapman

Jess Griffiths

Tierney Sharp

Winner positive intervention in Gravesham

Winner Good friends and young carers— Shepway

Winner Achievement in sport— Swale

KYCC annual awards 2017

During our December KYCC meeting as well as welcoming our new members we presented some members with awards for hard work and success as voted for and agreed by the members themselves.

Congratulations to **Josh Attwell, Ellie Bretherton, Eleanor Burnaby-Rouse, Elena Ewence, James Futcher, Alex Knight, Michael Mulheran, Jenn Power, Beth Thornton, Freddy Waters** on your awards and to those of you that have now moved on from KYCC we wish you all the best for the future.

We also thanked Beth Thornton and Lilly Ebsworth for their work and leadership in the roles of Chair and Vice Chair of KYCC over the last year.

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