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Kent Youth County Council Update

October 2019



Anti—Bullying Campaign

The anti-bullying campaign group have planned the rest of this years activities to include a blog with 6 sections looking at definitions of bullying and what we can do to help prevent bullying, reviews on books and websites that address bullying, cyber bullying, mental and physical bullying.

The group are also creating 3 videos to go hand in hand with the creation of a hashtag #thisneedstostop. The group delighted in receiving some positive feedback on the Anti-bullying Detox booklet that was recently produced and sent out to schools.

Curriculum for Life Campaign

Following the publication of the KYCC Annual Report in July, KCC has agreed to set up a Select Committee aimed at improving Curriculum for Life Provision in schools across Kent. The Curriculum for Life campaign is currently working with KCC to decide the aims and contents for that select committee. The group are also continuing to create lesson resources for schools on PSHE topics that are in high demand such as Politics, First Aid and Economics. The First Aid and Politics Lessons are now published and are beginning to be sent to schools for use in assemblies and in PSHE Lessons. In the next 3 months we hope to secure funding for schools to be able to use to improve their PSHE provisions



Developing resilience in young people campaign

This group have been working on a presentation for students aged 11-16 in Headstart schools on mental health, resilience and ways to combat any stigma and problems facing young people. The aim of this presentation is to highlight awareness sand support and it is interactive and fun, it will hopefully be distributed by the end of the year. The group has also started work on the planning for the Big conversation for 2020 to be held in March next year.

Mental Health Campaign

This year we focused on helping Headstart with the Big conversation event in March as well as been focusing on raising awareness on different weeks and days in a month such as World Mental Health Week, Autism and Stress Awareness week instead of working on one big project. The group are completing a Mental Health calendar which has all of the dates of important days in 2020 to be released to schools in Kent with a survey by the end of the year .

We have just started planning an event for World Mental Health day in October and are looking at what members would like to do in their schools and work-places. Keep an eye out on our social media pages for updates.



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Other KYCC news...

KYCC elections — 11– 24th November 2019

Are you aged 11-19 years and interested in making a difference in Kent for young people? Or Are you a school or youth club that would like to have a voice with the youth of Kent? If so then this is a great time to get involved in the Kent Youth County Council elections that are running from 11-24th November.



Any young person that lives or attends school in Kent can stand as a candidate for Kent Youth County Council registration is open now till 9am on 15th October just register your interest and tell us your top 3 issues you are passionate about improving in Kent by registering online at www.kent.gov.uk/kycc/elections

Any school or youth club in Kent with young people 11-19yrs can register to be a polling station for these elections and take part either as paper or online voting. We will deliver manifesto posters, ballot papers or online voting instructions, PowerPoint presentations on KYCC and other promotional materials to support you with your elections. To register your school or youth club go to www.kent.gov.uk/kycc/elections deadline is 15th October.

Last year 85 candidates stood for election and just over 20,000 votes were cast across Kent. These votes determined which young people represented each district of Kent on KYCC and the top issues the youth council are working on, this year these have been anti-bullying, curriculum for life, mental health and developing emotional resilience. To find out what the young people have been doing this year please look at our website at www.kent.gov.uk/kycc you will find lots of free resources and guides for you to download. Please follow us on social media— Facebook, Twitter, You Tube and Instagram and help us promote our elections—we look forward to hearing from you soon.

KYCC summer activities



During the school summer holidays KYCC members have enjoyed a varied mix of events including a Red Cross first aid course, co-production training that allowed the members to get to know each other better and have some well earned fun during the school holidays, The summer activities this year included a Tour of the Houses of Parliament, Workshop working on an Asdan award and day trips to Thorpe Park and Dreamland.

During the summer holidays the KYCC cabinet also met and made plans for the forthcoming meetings and this years elections.



BYC Annual Conference

Between 2nd—4th August 7 of our elected UK Youth Parliament representatives attended a British Youth Council annual conference residential weekend In Leeds. The weekend was attended by representatives from all over the UK and gave our Kent members the chance to network with other young people from all over the UK. The programme over the weekend included a key note speech from Rt Hon John Bercow MP for the House of Commons, voting on topical youth issues, workshops, action planning for the year ahead and the annual UK Youth Parliament summer party.

Alice one of the attendees wrote: I thoroughly enjoyed the annual conference in August as I got to see my friends I had made at the previous residential in April. I even spoke in the Big Vote which was an achievement for me and something I am proud of. We completed workshops as well during the weekend in which I chose to participate in one based around hate crime which was very eye opening.



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