

# KYV Meeting Summary – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Due to train strikes, the meeting was held virtually.

## Welcome and Joint Sessions

As part of the Welcome Session, there was some fun such as a Eurovision quiz, as well as important announcements such as the Parent and Carer attitudes to LGBTQ+ Topics Survey, Spirit of Try Angle presenters are needed, and that there are 15 tickets to the House of Parliament summer visit as well as 12 spaces for a VRU Workshop.

## Campaigns

The **Climate Change and Environmental Action** campaign group reviewed their work completed since their last meeting including a revised catering company letter, a recycling poster design and an inspirational litter picking video. The group then consolidated planning for their 2023 projects such as looking at best practices and reducing waste by School catering companies, launching a group litter pick, litter picking competition in schools, as well as social media posts and an inspirational video in support of this, as well as looking at the best practice for KYCC regarding lunch packaging and waste at Kent Youth Voice.

The **Feeling Safe in Kent** group have almost completed their presentation about vaping in schools and planned contacting Youth Hub managers about the possibility of holding self-defence classes. The group also discussed meeting with Martyn Jeynes from Maidstone Borough Council, who wants to develop a space within Maidstone Town Centre, with the group keen to share their views and ideas, as well as looking at rolling the idea out to other Borough Councils. The group are also keen to be involved in a Violence Against Women and Girls event run by Sadik Miah from Kent Police to be held later in the year.

The **Free School Meals and Tackling Poverty** finished their survey questions, ready to be double checked. Alongside this, the email was written up, while posters and social media posts were talked about, with the research to be carried out by the Young People for them.

The **Mental Health** campaign continued to work on their podcast ideas, in particular focusing on how to tackle the issue of mental health needs of neurodiverse pupils in school and how situations can cause anxiety. The group intend to draft and finalise 6 key questions for the podcast, with every member to put forward 1 question.

## Project Groups and UKYP

Guests Melissa Devine and Rosie Hitchings talked to the **Disability Awareness** group about the Autistic Educations Trust. The group also discussed options for their video as well as the possibility of holding an Autistic arts workshop in the summer to gather artwork.

The **Opportunities for Young People and Improve Life Skills** group reviewed project ideas discussed at the last meeting. The group discussed their plans to develop a series of Life Skill shorts, not duplicating, but recommending best ones that are out there. Discussed presenting these as podcasts

/ social media posts / videos etc rather than a physical booklet. They also talked about developing a series of inspirational interviews with people about their career journey for industries that interest the group, also as podcasts / social media posts / videos etc.

The **Stop Racism and Discrimination** group talked about the race action plan event that took place in Medway. Guest Sean White is to now attend June's meeting. Discussed supporting with the Race equality network event that Kent Police's Sadik has been tasked with organising an event in October. The group discussed podcast ideas and have identified culture awareness as the topic for the first recording. Members believe the podcast should be around 10 minutes long and have started identifying possible people to be interviewed.

The **UKYP** group started by just checking up on the food for learning campaign and contacting local councillors. They then decided what they want to focus on in the vaping campaign is packaging. The group finished by discussing the government's Call for Evidence and sending out the thing by its closing date- 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### YP's Evaluations

<b>Ranking 1-5 (5 is best)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Campaign Session</b>	0	0	2	5	5
<b>KYCC / HSK specific session</b>	0	0	1	9	2
<b>Project group time</b>	0	1	0	5	3
<b>Overall day</b>	0	0	1	9	2