

## **KYV Meeting Summary – November 2022**

At the November KYV meeting 25 members were present.

### **Campaign updates**

**Mental health** – The group have not only started sharing the Mental Health Handbook through their family, friends, social media and even at school, but have been giving thought as to how best to share it further. As part of this the group considered the Handbook's target audience, believing that younger students need the Handbook, as it is important at a young age they are educated on mental health. They also discussed how it could be a way for older students to help younger students, perhaps as part of peer mentoring schemes.

**Building Resilience** – The group made a video to promote their board game.

**Feeling safe** – The group has completed an anti-bullying poster which is being sent to all Kent Primary Schools. The Kent Hope Hack was discussed as a number of members are keen to present at the event, being held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**Environment** – As part of their Education Pack materials for schools, the group agreed there is no need for a session plan but instead to draft teacher notes on the branded PPTs. Next step is to get the last pieces of work finalised to be shared with an expert for verification before being distributed to schools and community groups, promoted on social media and added to the KRH, Moodspark and KYCC websites.

**KYCC Welcome Session-** Mark Welch from KCC Transport Strategy came along to introduce KCC's new Local Transport Plan and Kent's new strategic statement 'Framing Kent's Future'. As part of his visit, he answered the young people's questions on a variety of topics, from e-scooters to bike schemes and how KCC cooperates with other councils.

After this, the group played Big Ben Bingo.

### **Project time -**

**Opportunities for Young People** – The group discussed and decided their Canva design is good enough to go out, with the young people only adapting their posters slightly in time for the next meeting, alongside drafting a letter/email to be sent out accompanying the poster. They also agreed to research a neuro-divergent event in East Sussex with a view to being a steering group for a 2023 pilot event in partnership with The Education People.

**Disability Awareness** – The topic of ‘short breaks’, activities for young disabled people which is adapted for their needs while allowing parents/carers their own break, was discussed. As part of this, the group attempted to come up with ideas on how to improve the concept of a ‘short break’. For example, many of them felt the term ‘short break’ could be too synonymous with the idea of holidays and so came up with possible alternative names.

**Equality-** The young people have finalised their postcard design and the hashtag #doesnotdefineme for social media. Postcards will be shared with schools and groups along with being encouraged to be posted on social media.

**UKYP** – Discussed during the session was the recent House of Commons visit on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November which all seven members of Youth Parliament attended. This was a great success. The group discussed the top 5 topics voted through the British Youth Council ‘Make Your Mark’ Campaign. Drugs/Alcohol and Vaping were voted as the main topic to focus on this term.

## 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	3	4	17
<b>KYCC / HSK specific session</b>	0	1	6	10	6
<b>Project group time</b>	2	1	5	7	9
<b>Choice session time</b>	0	3	3	2	16
<b>Overall day</b>	0	1	3	10	9