

KYV Meeting Summary – 1st April 2023

At the April 2023 meeting there were 49 Young People in attendance.

Welcome and Joint Sessions

As part of the Welcome session, the Young People took part in an April Fools Team Challenge where they undertook tasks such as a quiz, making a video, and writing a letter.

Campaigns

The **Climate Change and Environmental Action** campaign group elected their new chair and vice chair. These were Abbie for Chair and Sam for Vice Chair. The group are looking to collaborate with Countrystyle waste and have sent an email, as well as looking at packaging and sustainability efforts before and after the COVID-19 pandemic. Other things discussed by the group included developing a school survey/petition to talk about catering companies to be sent out to school environmental groups.

The **Feeling Safe in Kent** group have continued to work on their personal safety idea of a self-defence lesson for Young People and in subgroups have decided on 4 areas within Kent. They have called leisure centres and self-defence teachers to get a rough idea of how much this may cost.

The **Free School Meals and Tackling Poverty** group have divided into two groups, one focusing on the research around uniform costs and the other being a media group to promote, highlight and raise awareness of free school meals and support for uniform costs. The group are also supporting UK Youth Parliament's Food for Life campaign by writing to their MPs about free school meals, for more information:

<https://www.byc.org.uk/uk-youth-parliament/uk-youth-parliament-campaigns/2023/food-for-learning-the-campaign-for-universal-free-school-meals-2>

The **Mental Health** campaign created three introductions for their podcast and voted on which one to use, as well as the six different episodes, and the 3 main questions they would like answered in each of them by a particular service group.

Projects and UKYP

The **Disability Awareness** group focused on the Autistic Experience, such as bullying and difficulty at school.

The **Opportunities for Young People** and Improve Life Skills group elected their new Chair and Vice Chair. Oakley was elected as the new Chair with Tim as his Vice Chair. The group has begun focusing on two projects: 'Lifeskills Booklet' led by Oakley, and 'Careers Event' led by Tim.

The **Stop Racism and Discrimination** group have decided to focus on a podcast/ambassador programme, with the young people looking at other resources that have been made in other counties.

The **UKYP** group talked about the Spill the Tea campaign, which involves talking to MPs and inviting them for a school meal, and their vaping campaign.

YP's Evaluations

Ranking 1-5 (5 is best)	1	2	3	4	5
Campaign Session	0	0	2	7	26
KYCC / HSK specific session	0	0	4	12	14
Project group time	0	0	7	14	14
Choice Sessions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Overall day	0	0	2	8	23