KYV Meeting Summary – January 2023 and Residential February 2023

At the January 2023 meeting there were 79 Young People in attendance and at the Residential in February there were 34 Young People

KYV January 21st

Campaigns

At the January meeting, the young people got to choose what campaign groups they joined. The newly voted for campaign groups were **Mental Health & Wellbeing**, **Free School Meals & Tackling Poverty**, **Climate Change & Environmental Action**, and **Feeling Safe in Kent**. As part of their new campaigns, the Young People set about coming up with ideas and planning what they want to work on for the rest of the year.

The **Climate Change & Environmental Action** group, after a vote, it was decided their focus for the year would be targeting businesses and schools to hold them accountable.

Feeling Safe in Kent, after discussing topics for the year, split into three sub-groups, these being Personal Safety, School Safety and Public Safety.

The **Free School Meals and Tackling Poverty** group looked at several different ideas to tackle the issues at the centre of its campaign, such as Second-hand school uniforms, School foodbanks, and Financial education from start to finish within school.

Loud and Proud

In the January Kent Youth Voice session, the non-elected KYCC members renamed their group to 'Loud and Proud' and gave their ideas about how they want their group to look like at Kent Youth Voice going forward. There were some great ideas and we're really looking forward to seeing how it progresses!

Projects and UKYP

The 2023 Project Groups are **Disability Awareness**, **Opportunities for Young People**, **Stop Racism & Discrimination**, as well as the **UK Youth Parliament** group. During the January sessions the Project groups decided their priorities. For example, the **Stop Racism & Discrimination** group decided 3 core priorities for their group- Education, Culture, and Social Responsibility.

The Young People also selected four new members to be Youth Reps as part of the UKYP group. These were Samuel, Zak, Harrison, and Sukhpreet. Two new Members of Youth Parliament were also elected, Precious, to immediately take over one of the vacant places, and Isobel, to take over from one of the current MYPs in April.

Ranking 1-5	1	2	3	4	5
(5 is best)					
Campaign Session	0	0	8	20	22
KYCC / HSK specific session	0	0	7	19	18
Project group time	0	1	6	26	20
Choice Sessions	1	1	8	23	19
Overall day	0	2	3	19	27

KYV 3rd to 5th February Residential

As well as continuing planning the year's campaign groups, young people engaged in a number of activities such as zip wire, leap of faith, and a number of team building activities.

	1	2	3	4	5
Accommodation	1		11	16	2
Food & Snacks	4	8	9	8	1
Kingswood Activities		1	1	14	14
KYCC Activities			2	16	12
Free Time / Other Activities			1	11	17
Overall – how likely are you to come on another residential?				11	19
How well did the staff team support your needs?			1	2	27