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Kent Youth County Council Update

March 2019



## Anti—Bullying Campaign

The Anti-bullying campaign group have outlined plans for the year which include: a blog, which we are hoping to update throughout the year, two videos covering physical and verbal bullying and advice if you are being bullied. Finally we plan to send out the new Bullying Detox booklets to schools and youth hubs for young people to use. We are very pleased to be sending out these booklets as last year the group worked extremely hard on these booklets. The group have also shared what they wanted to improve within this year and set targets which was based around young people's views. We look forward to this year's work.

## Curriculum for Life Campaign

Pilot surveys were trailed at the meeting, asking what types of subjects young people want to learn about, then edited for ease of data collection. We are currently focusing on three tasks; PowerPoint creation, survey collection and outreach. We decided to postpone the printing of postcards until we have data from the survey and support from some schools which we will receive the PowerPoints. Instead of focusing the postcards on MP's the group instead decided to focus them first on parish council level, then city councils, then working up to KCC and finally cities own MP's. The reason for this is to show why this issue should be of national interest by creating support and momentum for the campaign and so that we have real feedback which can be sought out by councillors from individual teachers, students and schools. The group decided to change the postcards from a written statement and signature to ideas of what curriculum for life is campaigning for, as it was thought that members of authority will disregard the message if it is not written in the words of the sender.



## Mental Health Campaign

Elections took place for the new campaign leaders and a big congratulations go to Fabienne for becoming Media rep, Josh for Vice Chair and Charlotte for Chair within this campaign. During the March meeting the group looked at the content of the directory and what we think of it so far, it was decided that the term 'Directory' was not the right term and will need to be renamed. We also looked at how we can promote it and the possible hashtags we can use on social media as well as alternative advertising methods.



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# Other KYCC news...

## UK Youth Parliament—Kent Representatives

During the KYCC January meeting we had 13 of our elected members standing to represent Kent on a national level to become UK Youth Parliament members. Following manifesto speeches by all those standing a vote was cast and we elected 7 young people to become Kent's UK Youth Parliament members. Within the next year these UK Youth Parliament members will take part in 3 conventions, 2 residential weekends, help to drive the national Make your Mark election in Kent and attend a debating event in the Houses of Commons along with other area representatives across the UK. A further 6 young people were elected as Deputy Members and will support the work of the members throughout the year. Congratulations to elected members we wish them all the best and hope they enjoy their time representing Kent nationally. The successful UKYP members were (as pictured L to R) Lawrence Coomber, Holly Leggett, Poppy Mansfield Jones, Alex McGovern, Kyle Siwek, Alice Breiner and Lydia Nottingham



## KYCC Chair and Vice Chair 2019



Big congratulations to Eleanor Burnaby-Rouse who was elected Chair and Alice McDonald who was elected as Vice Chair at the March monthly meeting. Seven young people stood for the roles and all had to complete a speech on why others should vote for them. We wish them both all the best and wish them well for a productive and enjoyable year.



### Eleanor wrote:

"I am completely over the moon and honoured to have been elected as Chair for KYCC this year- it's been such a key part of my life the past 3 years and it feels great that I've been given the chance to give something back to such a great organisation! I can't wait to push forward with our campaigning as well as build up our relationships with KCC, schools and youth organisations across the county"

## Kent Youth Voice Residential at Kingswood

Between 1st-3rd February 40 KYCC and HeadStart members attended a residential weekend at Kingswood outdoor centre in Ashford in which they participated in adventurous outdoor team building activities and indoor training on topics including decision making, charring meetings, social media and learning about democracy.

The residential was also a opportunity to start planning the work they wanted to complete within the campaign groups this year and to get to know other members of Kent Youth Voice. The weekend was a great success and evaluations state that everyone had a good time and are now ready to develop their skills further through the year within their chosen campaigns starting at the next meeting in March.



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