

# KYV Meeting Summary – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023

At the March 2023 meeting there were 61 Young People in attendance.

## Welcome and Joint Sessions

During the meeting, the young people elected a new Chair and Vice Chair, Liv and Precious respectively, as well as Joshen and Livia as the new Finance and Democracy Officers.

## Campaigns

The campaigns also elected their new chairs and Vice chairs. These were:

**Feeling Safe in Kent: Chair- Justice, Vice Chair- Elani**

**Mental Health: Chair- Shreya, Vice Chair- Kay**

**Tackling poverty: Chair- Izak, Vice Chair- Leah**

The **Climate Change and Environmental Action** campaign group welcomed Laura from KCC as their expert for the Education Packs 2022. She also gave an insight into KCC plans for 2023 that link with the group's chosen campaign. The young people also went through their research as well as discussed their experiences of waste and good examples in their schools, looking at strategies of targeting catering companies, schools and waste bins. They reiterated their focus should be positive and encouraging good practice, rather than highlighting bad practice.

**Feeling Safe in Kent** discussed issues such as vaping, self-defence lessons for which they have decided to split into 4 sub-groups to look for funding, as well as a PowerPoint presentation to go out to primary schools.

This year, the **Free School Meals and Tackling Poverty** campaign group are aiming to tackle how much school uniforms cost and to be able influence schools to offer more support and make changes to help reduce for the cost of uniforms. To be able to do this and complete their campaign goals, the members are to gather research from schools across Kent about their uniform policies.

The **Mental Health** campaign group discussed themes to focus on such as helping families understand mental health, autism and ADHD as well as signs and symptoms, and how they can get a child assessed for mental health issues. They also discussed possible future guest speakers.

## Loud and Proud

The group designed and made badges, as well as discussed what they would like to do at forthcoming sessions that include a low level wellbeing activity.

## Projects and UKYP

The newly elected Project group chairs are:

**Disabilities Awareness: Chair- Ellie, Vice Chair- Emma**

**Stop Racism & Discrimination: Chair- Amelie, Vice Chair- Nirja**

**UKYP: Chair- Hadyn, Vice Chair- Michael**

The **Disabilities Awareness** project group discussed the school environment for disabled young people and things schools can do i.e. more training for staff and help for young people. At the April meeting the group will have a guest speaker.

The **Opportunities for Young People & Improve Life Skills** group shared their recollections from the last meetings and arranged to split into 4 sub-groups to propose ideas for their focus in 2023. Out of these discussions, were suggestions such as producing a Life skills booklet, looking at unorthodox/non-traditional routes to careers, an immersive careers day or series of talks/podcasts/booklets about Post 16 options, and a campaign for more diverse careers offerings with industries that aren't just local opportunities.

The **Stop Racism and Discrimination** met in their new sub-groups of Culture, Social Responsibility, and Education, and began thinking about their priorities for the year.

The UKYP project group had Oliver Jewell, Principal Trading Standards Officer for KCC, as a guest speaker to talk about the Trading Standards response to vaping, in particular sales to underage people.

## **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	17	20
<b>KYCC / HSK specific session</b>	0	0	5	18	12
<b>Project group time</b>	0	0	6	19	15
<b>Choice Sessions</b>	1	0	5	13	18
<b>Overall day</b>	0	0	5	15	19