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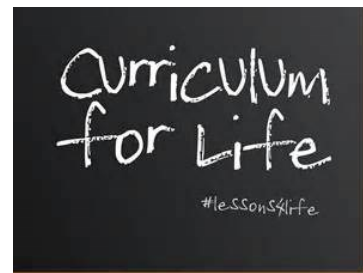
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Kent Youth County Council Update

October 2018

Curriculum for Life Campaign

The curriculum for life campaign group have finished producing Power-Point presentations for schools, to use to promote life skills to students. We have received a reply to our correspondence to the Minister of State for schools Nick Gibb and am now writing a response to his letter. The social media part of the group are currently writing content for posts. The outreach part of the group are working on postcards to help to promote the teaching of curriculum for life in schools. Following the summer break we have elected a new Chair following the last one leaving and are working hard to create more new resources.



Mental Health Campaign

We have been working on producing reference cards, in collaboration with HeadStart Kent, to raise awareness and inform young people about the issues, symptoms and tips on improving mental health.

We are also working on the production of a friends & family pack aiming to support people with mental health issues. This will include tips on managing mental health, as well as helping someone with poor mental health, useful contacts and a stories booklet. The stories booklet are true anonymous stories from people who have struggled with their mental health with comments from their friends and family on their experiences. We have also been working towards helping with the Big Conversation coming up and have introduced a 10 minute session of wellbeing into our meetings.



Anti—Bullying Campaign

We have been working with collaboration with Headstart Kent to create some resources for Anti-bullying week which runs from 12-16th November. The video sub group are also working on the development of another video to go on U-tube for raising awareness of the issues of bullying and hope to be completing this filming in next months meeting.

The campaign group want to view the anti-bullying tools and the ambassador training that is currently in schools over the next couple of months.



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Kent Youth County Council Elections—12-25th November 2018

Registrations are now open to all young people aged 11-18 that live, work or are educated in Kent to stand as a candidate in our forthcoming elections. Young people don't need any prior experience to stand for election just a passion to want to work on projects to improve services and provisions for young people across the county. Registrations are also open now for schools, colleges and youth organisations to register to be polling stations for the elections in November. Registration forms are quick and easy to complete by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/kycc elections. Make sure you follow us on Facebook & Twitter and share our posts to encourage more people to get involved. Deadline is Tuesday 16th October so time is running out!

Last year 93 candidates stood for election across the county and over 21,700 young people voted for them and the top issues they wanted KYCC members to work on in 2018. The top 3 issues that were voted for became campaign topics are these have been Anti-bullying, Curriculum for life and Mental health support. What will the top issues be this year?

Find out if your school has registered and get set for the election fortnight 12-25 November votes can be placed by paper ballot or online and all candidates will be specific to your local Kent district. Schools and youth organisations will receive full manifesto posters with all the candidates details on them within the first few days of November so get behind your school candidates and encourage your friends to stand for election and vote to get your voice heard.

KYCC Summer activities 2018

KYCC members got involved with a number of summer activities during August including completing Asdan award qualifications, first aid courses, peer mentoring workshops, trip to Thorpe Park and a day out in London including a visit to the Houses of Parliament. These activities gave members a chance to get involved in new experiences, interact with some of the young people from the Headstart project and build new skills. KYCC members also attended an Day of Action at Ashford Youth Hub that included tasting several international dishes and taking part in debates as part of an Equaliteas event to celebrate 90 years since the representation of the people act became law in 1928 which granted equal voting rights to men and women.



Headstart Big Conversation 2019

The Headstart Kent annual Big Conversation planning is already underway, with 130 young people already registered to attend. The event takes place on 27th March 2019 at Kent Event centre with workshops and marketplace stalls throughout the day ending with a Q & A session with an expert panel.

We are keen to ensure we meet the needs of the audience, we are asking for suggestions on the type of workshops young people would like to attend. If you work with young people and they are attending/ would like to attend, please get in touch and register their place along with the types of workshops they feel would be beneficial by emailing HeadStart@kent.gov.uk.



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