

Kent Youth Voice Meeting Summary – November 2021

During November 2021, we held our Kent Youth Voice Saturday as a face to face meeting – the first since March 2020! The meeting was held at Ashford College.

We started the day in with 24 members and conducted a welcome session and ice breaker as lots of the young people hadn't met before and it was a new venue. Following this opening session, we broke into campaign groups for the next sessions as follows:

Campaign updates:

Developing resilience in young people – Group discussed the Big Conversation event that is going to happen in March 2022 and the involvement of young people and the mix of workshops for this event.

Curriculum for life – Group discussed the forthcoming Politics workshop that they have arranged to host as a virtual meeting on 25th Nov 6-7.30pm it's a workshop run by external company for YP. Group discussed how to promote this event and then started to review the groups activities over the year.

Environmental Awareness – Group discussed and researched sustainable water bottles that could be bought to give to all members of youth voice to ensure the meetings didn't require the use of single use cups.

Mental Health – Group discussed what they had achieved over the last year and what the struggles had been. Then went on to discuss ideas to do next year if Mental health continues to be a campaign

Project Groups:

Keeping Kent safe: One member of the panel from the Q&A session last month has agreed to work with the group to co-produce something so the group discussed what training they want to create.

Opportunities for young people: Group discussed the current actions and plans for next year if this continues to be a project group.

Equality: Group fed back on the developments from the pronouns project and created a photo frame to use on social media posts. A short survey has also been sent to schools to ask their views on accessible toilets.

Social media: Group discussed anti-bullying week this month and shared resources for the group to feedback then used Canva to create more content.

UKYP: Discussed the recent BYC conference on 30th October which was attended by 3 members and then discussed work being done in Canterbury with climate change and the International COP summit.

Joint afternoon session

This session of the day brought together all the Kent Youth Voice members to discuss the feedback and actions from all the sessions of the day. The young people also got involved in an

evaluation of the day and venue. In this session we also discussed the forthcoming Try angle awards judging sessions and members were encouraged to help judge awards.

Afternoon Choice sessions

The final part of the day was an opportunity for young people to choose between 3 choice sessions as follows:

Parliament week – debating activity – where members debated 2 topics one on the use of electric scooters and one on whether public transport should be free to all.

Badge it – young people had an opportunity to make badges for anti-bullying week or to raise awareness of the pronouns people can use and identify with.

HeadStart Speakout – Members of the HeadStart group (10-16yrs olds) got together for a central meet up.