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Kent Youth County Council Update

March 2020

Curriculum for Life Campaign

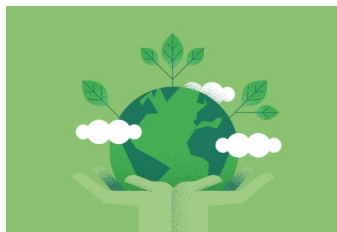
The Curriculum for Life Campaign has created a list of speakers and outside companies that schools may wish to use within their PSHE lessons as a schools resource. We have also begun to work together to email schools with other resources and we have created a survey for them to complete. In the March meeting we elected our new 2020 Chair and Vice Chair, congratulations to Poppy and Maria. We are currently working on electing leaders for our sub groups to scrutinise the work of our Outreach and Content groups. During this year we hope to create a Curriculum for Life award, reach out to our ten top schools and form a select committee to raise awareness and tackle issues.



Environmental Awareness Campaign

Over the next year we will be splitting into two sub groups, in a bid to raise awareness of the environmental issues we are all currently facing. One group will be working on resources to give to schools in order for students to be well educated on the issues and give them tips on how to become more environmentally friendly. This group will also be producing top tips for ways to help the environment such as using the browser Ecosia as it plants trees with every search created.

The second group will be working on trying to produce a fundraiser for different charities that do things to help the environment, such as rescue animals. Next meeting we will even be going paperless in a bid to reduce how much waste KYCC is producing and hopefully other groups will follow. The group also elected a new 2020 Chair and Vice Chair congratulations to Ella and Nathan.



Developing resilience in young people campaign

During the March meeting this group ran elections for the Chair and Vice Chair, congratulations to Nikita for being elected Chair and Finley for being elected Vice Chair. The group have previously been co-producing HeadStart's annual Big Conversation event, with members of the HeadStart team. The scripts for those presenting at the event were written and practiced. Feedback was given by the group members that were not going to be presenting on the day.



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Mental Health Campaign

As part of the March meeting the group elected their 2020 Chair and Vice Chair, congratulations to Abigail the new Chair and Riley the new Vice Chair. The group discussed their priorities for the year that focus on raising awareness of mental health conditions, avoiding self diagnosis and learning more from expert advice, We plan on creating videos that show 'a day in the life' of different conditions and motivational materials packs for young people to share.



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UK Youth Parliament—Kent Representatives

As part of the January youth council meeting 25 of the members stood for election to represent Kent as part of the UK Youth Parliament, after hearing all their reasons for wanting to stand all members voted. The top 7 highest voted members have been elected Kent's Members of UK Youth Parliament and 7 were elected as Deputy Members.

These members will take part in 2 residential weekends, 3 conventions and a debating day in the House of Commons over the next year all organised by British Youth Council and will represent the voices of young people in Kent, so we wish them well and hope they enjoy this fantastic opportunity.

The elected members were Zubair Asim, Alice Breiner, Lawrence Coomber, Zara Kumbasaroglu, Poppy Mansfield Jones, Alice McDonald and Lydia Nottingham. The deputies are Shannon Birch, Shoniwa Chindawi, Holly Leggett, Millie May, Alex McGovern (not pictured), Gabby Stere, & Charlotte Swaine.



KYCC Chair and Vice Chair 2020

At the March meeting elections were held for the 3 senior KYCC positions congrats Alice Breiner —Chair, Freddie Gardner—Vice Chair & Ralph Noble—Finance & Democracy Officer who were successfully elected. Chairs and Vice Chairs were also elected for all the campaign and project groups well done to all those who stood and were elected.

Alice wrote, "When I found out I was elected as chair I was in shock and was so happy I wanted to cry. It meant so much to me that everyone thought I was the right person for the job and I look forward to everything we can try and accomplish this year as an organisation. My main focus is to promote KYCC and to try and get more people aware of the amazing work that happens within it, whilst also helping to advertise and progress every campaign. I look forward to a year full of hard work and progression."



The Straits Committee launch conference — Arras, France — 5th February 2020

Alice McDonald (KYCC Vice chair 2019) was invited to attend to attend a launch conference for the new Straits committee in France as a youth representative from the UK. The conference was also attended by several other European countries and MPs from Kent including Mike Whiting to discuss cross border working between European Countries post Brexit.

The agenda covered climate change, economic development and working with and including young people. Alice was accompanied by Sarah Haigh, KCC Participation worker. Well done Alice.



Kent Youth Voice Residential at Kingswood

36 of the current members attended a residential at Kingswood outdoor site in Ashford between Friday 31st January and Sunday 2nd February. The residential included team building sessions, outdoor activities, sessions to work on the current campaigns and build basic skills to help them in their youth voice role. The residential weekend was also a great opportunity for the new members to get to know each other and work on plans for the campaigns for 2020. The 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.

Keira said, "The residential was really fun. I absolutely loved it. I met new members who I could carry on to work with and made sure I knew what my role was - It was amazing"



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