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Kent Youth Voice Update — June 2020

Curriculum for Life - KYCC elected Campaign

We have successfully moved online through Microsoft Teams! We have temporarily disbanded our 'Outreach' sub-group & replaced it with a 'Content Review' group, where members are able to review and edit the resources created by our 'Content Create' sub-group. We are currently using google slides to create PowerPoints together while on our monthly calls.

We have also begun to collate useful links to send out to schools & are working out how to send out the resources in a monthly C4L bulletin.



Developing resilience in young people — Speakout @HeadStart Kent

We are working on designing a board game about resilience that can be put in safe spaces and other places young people go. It will give people tips and advice on how to build their resilience and is based around the six resilient areas: Education, Friendships, Talents and Interests, Health, Feeling secure and Emotions & behaviours. Once the design of the board game is finished it will be professionally designed and made available. The group have also been able to discuss which aspects of the HeadStart Kent programme should be continued in the future if funding is available.



Environment - KYCC elected Campaign

We have explored a variety of ideas, such as a fundraiser & ways we can use social media to promote being environmentally friendly. We are currently looking into running tree planting events within communities involving Kent's youth & are researching tree sapling grants and looking into contacting schools & councils. In addition to this we are looking into working with KCC's environment committee & will be looking into inviting a member to our next meeting. In amongst the chaos of Covid-19 we have found a positive & have achieved our aim of being paperless and will be trying to promote and encourage other groups to do the same.



Mental Health - KYCC elected Campaign

Due to Covid 19, we have moved their meetings online. This has allowed us the opportunity to split into two groups and work more closely to complete our aims for this year.

Our first group is looking at producing a training & resource pack for young people to become ambassador or friends of mental health. The second group is looking at ways in which young people can be directed to services which can support them with their own personal mental health. Both groups are producing some good ideas and are set to have a successful year.



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Other KYCC news...

Kent Youth Voice are working virtually!

Following our last face to face group meeting in County Hall on 7th March, Kent Youth Voice which is made up of young people from Kent Youth County Council and HeadStart Kent have been continuing their communication and work through virtual meetings due to the current Coronavirus conditions. Staff and young people have responded brilliantly to these new ways of working and have learnt a lot of new technology skills. So far we have held over 40 virtual meetings in May & June and had over 220 young people attending these meetings. Photos show our Chair Alice and Vice Chair Freddie.



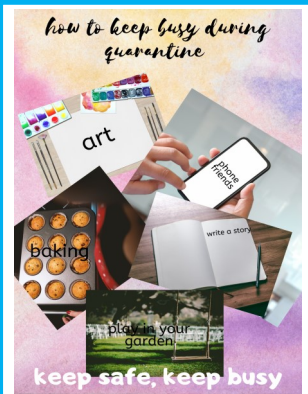
Groups have met virtually for the campaign and project groups and since deciding on their actions for the year progress is now starting well. During this lockdown we also wanted a way to bring young people together to do something fun so we ran a quiz. This was really enjoyed by all and something that has been requested again. We had questions on films, Disney and the most loved round was guess the song that Sarah was playing on the Kazoo! Well done to all our quiz winners who will receive their own Kazoo so they can play their own tunes. Thanks so much to Sarah and Jess for creating and hosting the quiz. In July we are planning a murder mystery evening game and more social activities in the coming weeks.



National Diversity awards

We are very excited to share the news that Kent Youth Voice has been nominated for a National Diversity Award recognising the work we do with working with a wide variety of young people from several diverse backgrounds and ages across Kent including young carers, ethnic minorities, young people with disabilities and home schooled young people.

The voting progress has now closed we would like to thank everyone that has voted for us and now keep our fingers crossed that we may get to the next stage of this award!



Social Media post competition

During this current lockdown we launched a competition to design a social media graphic on the top 5 activities to keep you busy whilst at home.

We have some great ideas and the top 3 designs all won a £20 Amazon voucher so congratulations again to Michael, Lah Ella and Xyanne for some super ideas and graphics they can all be seen on our KYCC Facebook and Twitter channels.



Goodbye and welcome back

At the end of May we said goodbye to Nicola Bowden who has been with us at Kent Youth Voice for the last year and in KCC for over 15 years we would like to thank her for her work supporting young people and the youth council and we wish her all the best for your future role which she is looking for now.

In June we welcome Claire Tanton back from maternity leave to take back over from Nicola, so much has changed over the past year so we wish her all the best in joining our now virtual ways of working!

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