

Kent Youth Voice Virtual Meetings Summary – May 2021

During May 2021, we held our Kent Youth Voice Saturday as a virtual meeting. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions the monthly meetings will be continuing to be virtual for the foreseeable future.

We started the day with 24 members in a full group session that started with an ice breaker and announcements. The group then had a visit from Ben from a filming company who is going to work with the campaign groups to develop short videos for use on social media to promote the achievements and work of each group to promote Kent Youth Voice and Kent Youth County Council.

Campaign updates:

Developing resilience in young people – The group discussed an animation they are developing and worked on the script for it. They also came up with the content for more top tip cards for their board game.

Curriculum for life – The group discussed the content for the C4L video that is being made for social media, the work they have done & planning, what the group have achieved and what message / action they want the viewers to take. The group also revised the survey they are working on.

Environmental Awareness – The group spend a while discussing the content & key messages, they wanted to get across in their campaign video. Discussion then continued on their plans for social media posts to promote sustainable lifestyle choices as tips, the group decided they would like a post to go out weekly on a Friday evening and are creating content now with a different theme each month.

Mental Health – The group started with an icebreaker and then discussed mental health week and activities that they have shared relating to nature that people could do this week as well as possible barriers. Ben visited the group and discussed the filming project for creating a short social media video.

Joint afternoon session

The first session of the afternoon brought together all the Kent Youth Voice members to promote the forthcoming social and training events as well as get ideas and votes on what the young people wanted to do as activities in the summer holidays. The group also completed a mindfulness nature-based session as part of activities for Mental Health week. Following the group session, the KYCC members completed 2 debate sessions one fun one on whether Pizza is the best food and a more serious one on whether voting should be made to be compulsory. Headstart members of youth voice discussed the forthcoming shadow board development.

Project Groups:

Equality: The group elected 2 young people to become co-chairs of the group congratulations to Izzy & Lah-Ella. The group discussed the survey they are going to share with KYV as well as the results of the pronoun survey that they had already had 24 responses from.

Keeping Kent safe: Group worked on drafting an email to the person responsible for street lighting in Kent and then went on to discuss what trainee police cover in terms of interaction with young people and discussed the possibility of creating a survey on what young people feel about the police and how to improve relations between young people and the police.

Opportunities for young people: Group proposed doing a survey for young people about volunteering and their experiences then talked about creating posters to encourage others to get involved in activities.

Social media: Group discussed the content for the weekly 'wake up Wednesday' and 'shout out Friday' emails that will be starting soon to all Kent youth voice members. The group then created a Canva graphic for mental health awareness week for use on social media platforms.

UKYP: This group did not have a meeting as part of the Youth Voice day as the elected Members were invited to join a virtual British Youth Council event to discuss sustainable living and how we can all cut plastic pollution. The group also had a guest speaker who warned of the damage that plastic is doing to the earth.