

Kent Youth Voice Virtual Meetings Summary – June 2021

During June 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 in with 20 members split between a KYCC members session or a Headstart members session.

Campaign updates:

Developing resilience in young people – Group discussed the script and animation for their video and a few of the group volunteered to do voice overs. Group discussed how to engage families and schools in the KCC Re-connect programme.

Curriculum for life – Group reviewed the script for their campaign video. Then discussed progress on their survey to schools. The group reviewed the content on the website for this campaign and agreed what needs changing so will be working on this. Finally, group discussed a virtual politics course for the summer holidays for young people.

Environmental Awareness – Group discussed and made changes to the content on the website for this group. Then went on to discuss top tips for sustainable fashion and shared images to be used on social media – each of group given action points to develop.

Mental Health – Group discussed the animation and script being developed for mental health group. Moodspark content was reviewed, and blog content was discussed. Finally spoken about creating resources for schools to promote Moodspark and Kooth.

Project Groups:

Equality: Group discussed social media posts for Pride month and developed first 3 posts. Completed session activity for whole of youth voice later in the afternoon to raise awareness of Pride.

Keeping Kent safe: Group discussed the relationship between YP and the police and would like to know what training the police have with dealing with YP – group to invite Matthew Scott Police Crime commissioner to a meeting.

Opportunities for young people: Group approved and finalised their survey and agreed to share to schools to be completed before the end of the summer term. Group discussed researching volunteering opportunities for different districts and then discussed the KCC re-connect programme.

Social media: Group discussed feedback on Wake up Wednesday emails and discussed progress on Feel Good Friday email and worked on more elements for both updates including Canva images.

UKYP: Group discussed replies they had got back from MPs from their letters to lobby about single use plastics. Communication between members and British Youth Council was discussed as well as the next members meeting on 26th June regarding make your mark this year.

Joint afternoon session

The final session of the day brought together all the Kent Youth Voice members to promote the forthcoming social and training events, recap over what was achieved in campaign and projects groups as well as promote Pride week and spread awareness of some of some of the terminology and flags used by different pride groups.