

Kent Youth Voice Meeting Summary – October 2019

At the October Kent Youth Voice meeting 56 members were present.

Campaign updates – Kent BIG issues

Anti-bullying – Group looked at ideas for budget spend - included posters to promote their blogs and videos on you tube. Group also started to look at ideas for next year including a survey to Young people, more resources and a new logo

Curriculum for life – Content subgroup made a Kahoot for politics PowerPoint and agreed final plans to lesson plans. Outreach subgroup made post lesson survey for teachers and created a cover letter for the PowerPoint they have created.

Mental health – New Vice Chair was elected in group following last member leaving group. Survey worked on and edited before being sent out to schools. Final work on mental health calendar was completed and posters and poems were created for world mental health day.

Developing resilience in young people – Group look at revisions to an icebreaker, as well as made suggestions to other resources on bullying and homophobia

KYCC specific time

Group had a visit from KCC Strategic statement team that discussed the KCC budget and consulted with the young people on their views on where money should be allocated and revised within the council budget.

Headstart Speakout specific time

Group spent time reviewing the peer mentoring toolkit and had a visit from Angela Ford – Headstart Manager.

Project time

- **Period Poverty** – Group discussed their project and decided on new name, completed a budget application form and discussed businesses that could help their cause.
- **Equality** – Group completed posters and discussed development of stickers and badges. The group then discussed fundraising ideas for Stonewall charity as well as having a sign language champion visit the book to support them on their deaf awareness leaflet.
- **Public Transport** – Group discussed years progress so far as well as possible next tasks including a project on safety on buses, prices and parking issues
- **UKYP** – Group spent session counting and collating UKYP Make your Mark ballots ready for submission.
- **Child protection team** – Extra opportunity for young people, 3 of the KCC child protection team visited and consulted with young people on their current and future priorities in Kent.

Choice sessions

Debating in the chamber - Group debated topic – “Is the death penalty justified?”

Anya lead for side and Shannon B lead against side

Results: 3 For – 25 Against and 4 abstained

Mindfulness Colouring – Members enjoyed some colouring of tote bags and colouring sheets as a mindfulness exercise.

Hello Yellow Mental Health Cupcakes – Group discussed the forthcoming World Mental Health day on 10th October and the yellow theme, discussed raising awareness and fundraising and decorated cupcakes to promote this event.

Evaluations (40 returned)

Ranking 1-5 (5 is best)	1	2	3	4	5
Kent big issues (campaign time)	2	6	6	11	15
Choice session	1	6	4	11	18
KYCC / Speakout session	3	4	9	8	16
Overall day	1	4	5	10	20