

# Kent Youth Voice Virtual Meetings Summary – October 2021

During October 2021, we held our Kent Youth Voice Saturday as a virtual meeting, although this will hopefully be the last virtual one as we are planning an in person meeting for November 2021.

We started the day in with 15 members and conducted a panel question and answer session by the Mental Health Campaign Group with various guest speakers. Following this opening session, we broke into campaign groups for the next sessions as follows:

## Campaign updates:

**Developing resilience in young people** – Group discussed the progress on the production of their game and the Big Conversation event. Elected a new Vice Chair and then group discussed future plans and possible actions for the group.

**Curriculum for life** – Group discussed a politics and empowerment workshop that they are hoping to deliver for young people ideally in our KYCC election fortnight. Group also discussed a video they have created for social media on what they have achieved and invited the group members to share it with friends.

**Environmental Awareness** – Group evaluated and suggested changes to 6 social media posts that had been created by members ready for suggestions to go back to the creators for editing. Ella sent a message about the climate action events happening in half term and asked the groups to spread the word and get involved.

**Mental Health** – Following on from the panel Q&A session at the start of the day the group discussed and evaluated the session. The group then discussed what they would like to do next which was to look at mental health in schools.

## Project Groups:

**Keeping Kent safe:** Group discussed the Q&A session from the September meeting and the recording of the session will be sent out to members of the group and additional questions not answered will be sent to the guest speakers from the Police. The group then discussed what they wanted to do next and they came up with the idea of some training or assembly for young people helping them to understand and improve the relationship with the police so this will be investigated and see if the police would like to work together on this.

**Opportunities for young people:** Group reviewed posters for promoting opportunities to young people and suggested some corrections / changes to make it better. This design will be printed and sent to schools, youth hubs and organisations. The group then discussed their next steps and decided they could promote their opportunities to Kent Youth Voice and maybe focus on 1 area of volunteer opportunities.

**Social media:** Group discussed the topics for future posts and decided to work on posts for Black History Month (October) so started to think of leading successful people that they could focus on posts.

**UKYP:** Discussed the forthcoming BYC conference on 30<sup>th</sup> October to be attended by 2 members will be first BYC face to face event in over a year.

## **Joint afternoon session**

The final session of the day brought together all the Kent Youth Voice members to discuss the feedback and actions from all the sessions of the day. In this session we also discussed the forthcoming Try angle awards which are open for nominations till 5<sup>th</sup> November and the KYCC elections which are open for young people and schools / youth organisations to sign up for elections till 19<sup>th</sup> October. The day ended with the young people being invited to complete an evaluation on the day.