

KYCC Meeting Summary – September 2019

At the September KYCC meeting 54 members were present.

Campaign updates – Kent BIG issues

Anti-bullying – Group finished blog and videos and are ready to go onto social media. Group discussed distribution of posters and anti-bullying detox booklets and where they can distribute extra copies to. Group decided on new update for October newsletter.

Curriculum for life – Group defined details for forthcoming select committee, drafted an email to Ann Allen – Chair of KCC, finished off politics booklets ready to be put on website and wrote new campaign update for October newsletter.

Mental health – Group reviewed actions completed so far, wrote new update for October newsletter, wrote tweets for world mental health day. The group also has a visitor Diane Marsh KCC Deputy Cabinet Member for Adult social care and Public Mental Health champion.

Developing resilience in young people – Group wrote campaign update for October newsletter, continued work on their presentation for Headstart schools on mental health and resilience and planned next meeting objectives.

KYCC specific time

Group had a visitor Francesca Baylis from Kent Environment Strategy Programme who gave the group an overview of the work of the department, answered questions from the young people and then requested that the young people take part in their current public consultation for Kent & Medway energy and low emissions strategy. The consultation can be accessed online until 23rd September at

<https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult/ti/energyandlowemissionconsultation/consultationHome>

Headstart Speakout specific time

Group discussed current Pay it Forward applications, took part in team building games to integrate new members and worked on a storyboard to develop real life stories and scenarios to help young people build resilience and coping skills to assist with positive mental health.

Project time

- **Period Poverty** – Group worked on posters and discussed setting up a red box for use at Kent Youth Voice meetings
- **Equality** – Group elected a new Vice Chair after the previous member stepped down, finished off presentation and discussed distribution to schools, finished deaf leaflet and invited a sign language ambassador visitor to attend the next session in October.
- **Public Transport** – Discussed bus posters that the group was working on and called a couple of bus companies to try and work with.
- **UKYP** – Discussed UK wide Make your Mark elections and collation of Kent votes, discussed knife crime select committee meeting that was attended by 2 UKYP members.
- **Media** - The media group discussed a possible new plan to improve the way we use social media to communicate with young people and adults about what we are doing and opportunities to join us.

Choice sessions

Debating in the chamber - Group debated topic – “Testing on animals is justified for medical research”

Ralph lead for side and Jack Read lead against side

Results: 13 For – 4 Against and 6 abstained

Agreed debate for September meeting as ‘Is the death penalty an acceptable method for justice’

For to be led by Anya and Against to be led by Shannon B

My Youth Voice Journey – The group helped to design creative templates that can be used to record young people’s development through their contact with participation activities. One young person designed a template that included a picture of a rollercoaster, illustrating ups and downs. Another drew a path and another a storyboard. It was agreed several templates should be designed so that young people could choose which one to use.

Music Quiz – Members completed one of Jamie’s music quizzes

Co-production filming – The group filmed Coproduction Video Interviews asking young people to consider the following questions to add to a school’s presentation on using effective coproduction in their work with students;

- 1) Why do coproduction with young people?
- 2) What are the benefits of coproduction for a school?
- 3) What are the benefits of coproduction for young people?

The video clips will be edited and included in the final resource training session for schools called ‘Coproduction’

Evaluations (34 returned)

Ranking 1-5 (5 is best)	1	2	3	4	5
Kent big issues (campaign time)	0	1	7	10	16
Choice session	0	1	1	16	16
Project work time	0	2	6	15	11
Overall day	0	0	2	17	15