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Kent Youth County Council Update

June 2018



Curriculum for Life Campaign

In Curriculum for Life we have been reviewing the PowerPoints that were made last year to make new lesson plans for Teachers to use in secondary schools around Kent. We are also currently drafting postcards for people to sign and send to the government to make curriculum for life part topics part of the school curriculum. We have also been speaking to Head Teachers and asking them to sign a pledge to commit to teaching curriculum for life to their students. The social media group has written scripts for promotional skits to promote curriculum for life and have filmed one so far.

Mental Health Campaign

The mental health group are making good progress on our Z-cards, working with HeadStart Kent, and are working on a design we hope will begin printing in July. We have also begun work on our friends and family pack. Our show sub group has now also decided to collaborate with HeadStart Kent to organise the Big Conversation event being held in March 2019. We had a very constructive meeting discussing how the event will run. Everyone is working hard to achieve our aims and in collaboration with HeadStart we are producing some highly useful resources.



Anti—Bullying Campaign

The anti-bullying group are completing scripts and planning the filming for another video for you tube to be filmed over the next month, following their last success on the last video. The booklet sub group are also working hard on creating a resource for teachers and students on how to approach bullying and how to support victims and bullies on a 1:1 basis. The anti-bullying group would also like to remind schools and youth clubs to use their anti-bullying toolkit and training file that was sent out last year. Any school or youth club that has completed the training can get certificates for all trainees by emailing KYCC.



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Other KYCC news...

UKYP Residential — April 2018

Between 6th and 8th April, some of Kent's Members of UK Youth Parliament (MYPs) went on a British Youth Council leadership and development programme in Swindon to introduce them to their roles as new or returning Members of Youth Parliament.

The Kent MYPs had the chance to meet other young people from across the country as well as meet other MYPs from their south east region. The trip gave everyone the opportunity to build on their leadership skills and learn about being an MYP. Despite an early start from a false fire drill, everyone seemed to have a great time doing team building exercises and taking part in a role playing youth council scenario through the weekend known as Forgeford.

Overall, both new and returning MYPs had a brilliant weekend and we are all looking forward to Convention 1 in June and the Annual Conference in July!

Written by Eleanor Burnaby-Rouse

Attendees as pictured L to R - Nathan, Josh, Harmony, Freddy, Eleanor, Alika & Evan



Transport Interest group update

Last year the Transport Interest Group conducted a survey asking young people for their opinion on buses in Kent. Over 230 young people responded to the survey and we have since taken the results to KCC & the major bus companies in Kent. In April we met with Councillor Mike Whiting to discuss KCC's role in managing transport & the Young Persons Travel Pass. Following the meeting we have now secured stronger links with KCC's transport department to influence the changes they make.

We also met with the managers of Stagecoach, Arriva and Nu-Venture who all promised to look at their fare structures again and also evaluate the way they give service information to young people. In the future we plan to continue to build stronger links with all the major transport companies in Kent, and we will be conducting another survey in 2019. If you have any questions about transport in Kent, please get in touch by emailing kycc@kent.co.uk or via our Facebook and Twitter.

KYCC elections 2018

Planning has started for Kent Youth County Council annual elections for members, this year elections will be running from 12th—25th November. Elections are held across the county in schools, colleges and youth organisations and we look to elect four members and four deputies in each of the twelve districts of Kent. We also elect members from a number of minority community groups across the county.

Candidates wishing to stand for election can do so from the summer holidays, for details on how to register see our website as detailed below. From September we will open registrations from schools, colleges and youth organisations to register to be polling stations. All registration forms will be available on our website www.kent.gov.uk/kycc

Last year 21,734 votes were cast across the county and 93 candidates stood for election, so why don't you get involved this year? Visit our website for more information on Kent Youth County Council (KYCC) and see what we are working on at the moment and for opportunities to get involved.

For more information on Kent Youth County Council contact us at:

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