



## Youth Forum

Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Forum held at on Wednesday 12 June 2024 at 4.30 pm.

### 1. Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies

**Attended:** Claudine (NSG), Emily (NSB), Hafi (WNC), Mihir (NSB), Zanzi (Duston), Florence (Sponne), Ella (NIA), Mudi (NIA), Kyla (NIA), Maame (NSG), Haroon (NSB), Jamie (WNC), Aimee (WNC), Rod (Police), Nic (Police), Eleri (Police), Marian (NSG), Morcea Walker (adult co-chair), Skye (Weston Favell), Tracy (NSG)

**Not present:** Henry (Chenderit), Kamron (Bosworth), Leo Loynd (Wootton Park), Saoirse (Nton College), Lola (NSG)

**Apologies:** Ramla (NSG), Sarah (Northampton Academy), Saskia (Caroline Chisholm), Bella (Guilsborough), Lissy (UON)

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Claudine volunteered to chair the meeting this time. She took us through the previous minutes – no actions to follow up – and welcomed our guests from the Police.

### 3. Youth IAG

#### **Subject: Discrimination and Hate Crime**

Northants Police Hate Crime Officer came along to talk about the work they do in the county to tackle the issue. Often the view is that the police in this county (and wider), don't deal with hate crime; or don't deal with hate crime very well. But by working closely with neighborhood officers and with local partners, we are trying to change this perception.

The group was asked what they thought a hate crime is, before being shown the official definition used in West Northamptonshire. A discussion around the types of hate crime and why it does/might happen, followed.

Activity: Eleri shared a statement with the group; the context being a fictitious social media post and comment and asked them to discuss in groups whether this is a hate crime, a non-hate crime, or freedom of speech. This was challenging as whilst the comment was uncomfortable for all it did not meet the legal definition of a hate crime. Lively discussion and debate took place.

4. **Social Media Campaign - IYD**

The forum will create a social media campaign on hate crime and discrimination with the support of WNC comms team. This will be scheduled as a 'social media takeover day' on 12 August across WNC platforms.

Asked police, what would be most important thing to share in campaign? Tolerance and understanding of different people. Reporting!

Hate crime reporting has decreased but we know it isn't reducing in our communities. Without reports there can be no change.

Group agreed to include content on Myth busting stereotypes. Suggestions included: Angry black women, autistic people being incompetent, getting black people mixed up/thinking we all know each other, absent black fathers, higher pain tolerance in black people (higher deaths in childbirth), Karen's, Chavs, basic white girls, Hijab being a symbol of oppression, LGBTQ stereotypes.

Jenny (Coms) will be attending the next meeting to help develop the social media content.

The group aim to produce a series of graphics and a TikTok video mocking stereotypes that is funny and engaging with a good message highlighting it is not right/okay.

Some are keen to be in the video and some prefer not to which is fine! Jenny will attend to film and support content creation. Those who do not want to be in the film can be working on the graphics content or support with filming.

**Action: all to bring ideas and props to the next meeting for the video. Share any Myth vs Reality ideas in the group WhatsApp chat.**

5. **Action Plan / Future Items**

The July meeting will focus solely on the social media campaign for International Youth Day (Social media takeover on 12 August).

August meeting plans:

Heritage tour training

Youth IAG and guests – serious violence topic

Developing the Youth Forum with Hafi

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 12 July, 4.30-6.30pm, Holding Room, Guildhall.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ A. Luck \_\_\_\_\_

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