



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

Youth Forum

Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Forum held at Guildhall on Wednesday 31 August 2022 at 10.00 am.

1. Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies

Present: Lissy (NA), Kayla (WPS), Honey (NSB), Michaella (WPS), Morcea (adult co-chair), Aimee (WNC Officer)

Guests attending: Nick Stephens (Northants Police), Anjona Roy (NREC)

Apologies received from: Kamron, Lia, Ruva, Jessica, Nicole

Reminder to prioritise meetings wherever possible and send apologies in advance if unable to attend.

2. Memorandum of Understanding

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Last meeting was a Youth Day planning meeting. Event successfully completed and forum members consulted with young people at the event.

4. Action Plan

Perspectives report

Aimee shared a request from Regeneration for the Youth Forum to be involved in the designs for the hoarding (fencing) around the market square works. All agreed this was great news and something the group would like to do with view to incorporating ideas for the youth vision for Northampton. **Action: Aimee to add to agenda for October and invite regeneration team and artist.**

Youth Parliament

Group discussed recommendation from Youth Voice to consider engaging rural areas through established youth clubs, using an online 'youth priorities' questionnaire for young people across West Northants to feed into the Youth Parliament. Agreed the priority for the Forum at this time is to engage more with Cabinet and comment on issues being discussed and proposed decisions. **Action: Aimee to liaise with Cllr Baker/democratic services re this opportunity.**

Youth Summit

Covered in agenda – progress being made. Agenda item to be added to October meeting to review and have a final run through of the workshop.

UK Parliament Week

Forum would like to use this as a soft launch for Youth Parliament, involving a Youth Council meeting with Cabinet members and local MP's to present their Perspectives report and have a Q&A. Suggested we could open up tickets to a number of young

people not currently involved in the youth forum to get wider engagement and help promote the forum and opportunities to have your voice heard.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Michaella enquired about the Challah bread making workshop. Good Loaf cannot accommodate in December. **Action: Aimee to explore other options.**

5. **Youth Summit; Hate Crime workshop development**

Anjona Roy from Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council and Nick Stephens, Hate Crime Officer for Northants Police attended to support the workshop development session.

Lissy, Kayla, Honey and Michaella worked on the slides for the Youth Summit Hate Crime Workshop. [Link to shared document here.](#)

Action: Kayla to add slide backgrounds. All to review and share comments/give input to any slides.

6 forum members will be presenting the workshop, other roles available on the day – see below table, please confirm. **Reminder this will involve a letter to your schools to request for you to be absent for the day so please confirm to Aimee by email or WhatsApp group asap.**

Attending:

Deliver Workshop	Front of House support
1. Lissy	1.
2. Kayla	2.
3. Honey	3.
4. Michaella	
5.	
6.	

6. **Lunch break**

7. **Heritage Tour training**

Heritage Open Day at the Guildhall is on Sunday 18 September, 12- 4pm

Young people participating must arrive for 11.30am and will deliver a series of 20-30 minute tours throughout the day. Aimee and Morcea will be attending to support you during the event and will manage tour bookings.

Caroline and Katherine from the Guildhall Office joined to deliver Heritage Open Day tour training. A brochure with information about the building was handed out. **Aimee to share with notes.** Reminder – you do not need to learn this or recite this; you will be showing small groups around and are only expected to tell them what you remember/found most interesting.

Confirmed attendees so far:

- Lissy

- Kayla
- Kamron
- Lia
- Jessica

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 27 October, 10am to 3pm
Northampton Guildhall

The meeting closed at 2.45pm