

Northampton Youth Forum

on Thursday, 20 February 2020 at 10:00 am until not later than 3:00 pm
in The Holding Room, The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**
- 2. Cadet and Youth Commission update**
- 3. UK Youth Parliament**
- 4. Knife Angel Activity**
Anti-Violence Champions
Kris Sowynski – graffiti art mural
- 5. Youth Activity mapping**
Hollie and digital services
- 6. Lunch**
- 7. Perspectives 20-30**
Anneka Shally
- 8. Update Action Plan**
Ideas for Youth Day
- 9. Any Other Business**
Ignite social change – Guildhall tours
- 10. Next Meeting**
Monday 23 March, 4pm – 6pm

Map and directions at: www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall

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NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Agenda Item 1

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL NORTHAMPTON YOUTH FORUM

Thursday, 31 October 2019

PRESENT: Aimee (NBC Officer), Morcea Walker (Adult co-chair), Alfie (Cadets), Ayo (NIA), Charlie (CC), Freya (NIA), Jay (CC), Josh (KC), Louis (KC), Mary (KC), Tabi (WPS), Tasnim (NA), Thomas (WPS), Zach (NSAC).

APOLOGIES: Wiktoria (Cadets), Lissy (NA)

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND ICEBREAKERS

Apologies received from Wiktoria, and Lissy (via Ayo). Cllr Anna King is in meetings today but will be joining us later.

Started with icebreakers; human bingo and debate game 'This and That' to get to know each other. Winners of human bingo: 1. Charlie 2. Louis 3. Tasnim

2. YOUTH UPDATE

Mary, Louis, Tasnim, Zach and Ayo told the new members about the past year and what they have been doing as the youth forum: Holocaust Memorial Day, UKPW, International Youth Day, Heritage Tours.

3. MEET THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE & LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

George Candler (Chief Exec.) talked to the forum about who he is, his previous work in theatre and what his role now as chief executive involves.

Cllr Jonathan Nunn, Leader of the Council, spoke about his background and about what both elected members and officers of the council do and are responsible for. Cllr Nunn talked about coming changes in the council, such as Unitary, and how important the youth forum is for shaping Northampton going forward.

Young people were asked about their thoughts on Northampton:

Young people don't have enough to do. MK have better shops/restaurants.

Good vintage shops in Northampton but aren't often well advertised. Need more online information and word of mouth.

Christmas activity and decoration in the town is a positive.

Ping Pong parlour works really well - would like to see more of this with different activities.

Action: Aimee to feed this back to Grosvenor. Look to invite Grosvenor Centre manager to a future meeting to discuss youth activities.

The group discussed the towns transport and fed-back positives and criticisms: Some areas don't have enough provision for the volume of people trying to use the bus, particularly in peak travel times (mornings). Often journeys that need 2 buses or more aren't synchronised so it means you often miss the 2nd bus. This has improved a little over the past year but still not brilliant.

The Chief Exec explained that some initiatives are being explored with the county transport

department to tackle these issues.

Council has declared a climate emergency and need young people's views and ideas.

Community safety raised as an issue. Discussed initiatives in place and additional police resource currently in the town centre.

Young people told about Fearless.org, this is a way of reporting crime anonymously to the Police. It cannot be traced back to you so make sure you give as much information as possible as they cannot contact you to ask more questions.

Items to cover in future meetings:

- Northampton Forward
- Climate Emergency
- Youth Activity

4. TOUR OF THE GUILDHALL

Mary led the forum on a short tour of the Guildhall with support from Louis, Zach and Tasnim, finishing in the Mayors parlour. The Mayor, Naz Choudary chatted with everyone and answered questions.

The Mayor suggested there is an opportunity to twin with a person from Marburg in Germany (Northampton Twin town), like a pen friend. **Action: Aimee to get further information on how you can get involved.**

5. LUNCH BREAK

6. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Every young person put their name forward a role and completed a ballot slip.

The results of the Youth Forum election:

Chair: Jay

Vice Chair: Josh

Secretary: Zach

Discussed lanyards and t-shirts to identify young people at events. Forum would like lanyards to show they are youth forum. **Action: Aimee to explore.**

7. ACTION PLAN SETTING

Young People worked in small groups to mind map key issues for young people in Northampton and discussed these as a larger group.

Everyone is keen to be involved in the annual events on the action plan and would particularly like to do something around knife crime. **Action: Aimee to bring upcoming projects and initiatives to the next meeting that the forum can be involved in a support.** Everyone is happy to support an action from last year's plan (not completed) should this go ahead - an event to educate parents and other adults around social media.

Forum advised that UK Parliament week takes place this month but the planned event has had to be cancelled. Everyone keen to revisit the event along with a possible courts visit in the New Year. **Action: Aimee to explore and arrange.**

8. YOUTH ACTIVITY APP

Unfortunately the Communications Team were unable to attend at the last minute.

Action: All forum members to think about how they find out about things to do/youth activities and what the gaps are. If you were designing an app/website/other how would it work. Bring some ideas to future meetings.

Action: Aimee to invite Comms and Digital Team to a future meeting to discuss how we can develop this.

9. NEXT MEETING

Future meetings will take place on Thursday's during half term. Any additional meetings that take place after school will be on a Monday wherever possible for maximum attendance.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 19 December, 4-6pm** (Christmas social), meet at the Guildhall.


Upcoming events to note:

Holocaust Memorial Day event – Monday 27 January, details to follow.

The meeting concluded at 3pm.

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Youth Forum Action Plan						
Youth Chairs:	Jay (Chair) and Josh (Vice), Zach (Secretary)	Cllr & Community Chair:	Cllr Anna King, Morcea Walker			
Outcomes identified within the Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowered local communities with a greater capacity to become involved in community life Promote integration and cohesion Appropriate support provided to those in most need Services are fair, accessible and responsive to individual needs residents and customers feel informed and engaged in service quality and design Future developments informed by the views of local people Delivery of events to celebrate and enjoy the Town’s heritage and culture 					
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify issues of importance to the young people of the Borough, research and discuss issues and decide on outcomes to achieve Promoting and encouraging equality for young people in the Borough Promoting partnership working by statutory and voluntary sector organisations, schools and Youth groups and communities Identifying gaps in provision for young people 					
5	Action	Activity (intelligence led)	Timescale	Cost	Measure	Last Updated
	UK Parliament Week	<p>UK Parliament Week ‘Question time’ activity postponed – to be rearranged in 2020.</p> <p>Possibility of a court visit for the forum next year. Aimee to explore with Judge Rebecca Crane.</p>	12-18 November 2020	£100	Number of young people attending, schools represented	January 2020
	Holocaust Memorial Day	<p>Young people to welcome guests, give out challah bread, and read the 7 statements of commitment at the Holocaust Memorial Day event and light candles as part of the commemoration ceremony.</p> <p>Majority of forum want to be involved. Further information to follow.</p>	Monday 27 January 2020	Nil	Number of young people involved.	November 2019
	Tackling Knife crime	<p>The forum would like to support projects around tackling knife crime. Aimee to bring any information on upcoming projects to the forum for their view, support/involvement.</p> <p>Aimee informed the young people that the Knife Angel will be coming to Northampton in June 2020 and that there will be a commitment to deliver related projects throughout the month. Young people interested in delivering an activity. All to think about what they would like to do.</p>	Ongoing	Nil		November 2019

Online Safety	<p>Action carried over from 2018/19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety team are co-ordinating safety events for secondary schools; will look at option to host adult/parent sessions. Forum are happy to support adult/parent workshops around online safety if this goes ahead. 	Ongoing	TBC		November 2019
International Youth Day	Forum to decide what they would like to do for International Youth Day 2020 and when.	12 August 2020	£1000		November 2019
Heritage Tours	Heritage Tours will take place at the Guildhall on Sunday 13 September, 12-4pm.	Sunday 13 September 2019	Nil		November 2019
 Carnival	<p>Youth Forum members are invited to take part in Carnival 2020 along with the other borough council community forums. More details to follow.</p> <p>Discussed incorporating a tackling knife crime theme to the carnival float. Young people could do something to promote as part of knife angel activity ahead of carnival.</p>	Saturday 13 th June 2020	n/a		December 2019