

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

NORTHAMPTON YOUTH FORUM

Thursday, 25 July 2019

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Attended by: Qais (chair), Zach, Tom, Harpreet, Lissy, Ayo, Aimee (NBC), Morcea (Adult co-chair), Cllr Anna King. Guests: Geraldine (Rising Aspirations), Marvin (Lemon Pop)

Apologies: Tasnim, Louis

Some forum members are involved in NCS and cannot make today's meeting.

This is Qais' last meeting today as he will be moving on to study at Manchester University in September! Congratulations Qais!

He will be coming to youth day so if you missed him you can still catch him and say goodbye!

2. CADET AND HEALTHWATCH UPDATE

No cadet or healthwatch members available today.

3. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Update on plans for youth day:

We have two units on the upper mall by the lifts, overlooking the ground floor where the stage will be located. We are still looking for performers and the forum looked at a couple of youtube that had been suggested but were not keen on inviting them. A couple of other contacts to be followed up

Action: Aimee to draft email for Morcea to send to interested performers to confirm space.

Youth forum will be located in the larger unit along with boxing ring, glitter, lemon pop and photobooth.

Forum members to arrive at 11.30am, event starts at 12pm, finishes at 5pm.

4. UK PARLIAMENT WEEK PLANS

The forum recognise that it is a busy time for the courts. Aimee will continue to explore the UK Parliament week court activity and keep forum members up to date.

5. HERITAGE TRAINING

The forum will provide 20 minute short tours of the Guildhall for Heritage Open Day on Sunday 15th September 12-4pm. Lunch will be provided for everyone who gets involved.

Action: Aimee will arrange a one hour training session with tour guide Kate for Monday 9th September at 4.30pm.

6. LUNCH

7. RISING ASPIRATIONS

Geraldine came into the forum meeting to talk about her project Raising Aspirations'. Along with a group of friends she set up the group to guide and inspire other young people about their futures and options, particularly around higher education, based on their own experiences.

They will be having an event on Saturday 17 August at the Holy Sepulchre Community rooms between 10am and 4pm debunking myths about university and sharing their own experiences. They will also be helping people with CV advice and are happy to look over current CVs and give advice.

8. LEMON POP GRAFFITI WORKSHOP

Marvin from 'Lemon Pop' came to the meeting to deliver a youth engagement workshop with the forum. Everyone was asked to explore 'who they are' through writing and drawing, ending with a canvas piece about them.

Marvin will use the discussions and ideas from these and from the action plan to plan a mural design for youth day. This will be taped to the wall in the unit and will be used to engage young people in discussion whilst colouring it in.

9. FUTURE ITEMS

The group spent some time with flipchart thinking of future meeting ideas:

- Careers advice
- Higher education info
- Exams and advice from former students
- Fundraising
- Politics (as approaching voting age)
- Mental Health

Action: Aimee to invite speakers for future meetings on above topics, including contact with Uni team school advisors.

10. NEXT MEETING

Upcoming Dates:

- Heritage Tour Training - Monday 9 September, 4.30pm
- Heritage Tours event - Sunday 16 September, 11.30-4pm

Next Meeting:

Youth Forum Induction – Thursday 24 October, 10am – 3pm

The meeting concluded at 2.30pm