

Civic Centre,
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Agenda

Date: **Monday 20 September 2021**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams**

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Gedling Youth Council

Membership

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Samuel Ojo
Daniel Hanlon
Ruth Harding
Caitlin O'Connor
Abigail Hutchison
Halle Sibanda
Lilly Stevenson
Stan Riley
Councillor Viv McCrossen – Portfolio Holder
Councillor Kathryn Fox – Policy Adviser

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- Communications platform for young people
- Examining services to young people, advocating improvements
- Cultural change

Key areas for development identified in the survey:

- ✓ Activities for young people
- ✓ Health and Wellbeing, inc. Mental Health
- ✓ Employability and entrepreneurship
- ✓ Addressing inequalities
- ✓ Young people's safety
- ✓ Sources of support
- ✓ Environmental sustainability

4 **Employability: Careers Event proposal 2022**

Members are asked to discuss proposals for the above event – what should be included?

5 **Youth Council key priorities May 2021 - March 2022**

Update – schools were not contacted prior to the summer break, due both to the recess, and recognising the extreme challenges faced by staff emerging from the restrictions, however Youth Services have been contacted, and will be putting forward new members. Schools will receive ongoing contact between October 2021 and March 2022.

- Revised Youth Council work programme – this will be determined in part by the Survey outcomes Action Plan, and also following recruitment of new members.

6 **Any Other Business**

Future meeting dates – all Mondays, 5.30 – 7.00 pm

- 22 November 2021
- 21 February 2022
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Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council meeting 28/06/2021

5.30 - 7.00pm on Teams

In Attendance: Halle Sibanda, Muhammad Malik, Daniel Hanlon, Caitlin O'Connor, Councillors McCrossen and Fox, Jane Ansell.

Guests: Sarah Layzell (Jobcentre Plus), Kathryn Banning (GBC Economic Development).

1. Welcome, introductions, minutes of last meeting: Chair

An icebreaker was introduced by the chair, and guest speakers were introduced.

2. Gedling BC Young People's consultation recommendations to Cabinet

Members were informed of the report and recommendations of the Gedling Young People's survey considered by Cabinet in May 2021.

The following key areas for improvement to services in Gedling were identified from the survey:

- Communications platform for young people
- Examining services to young people, advocating improvements
- Cultural change

Key areas of concern identified in the Survey:

- ✓ Activities for young people
- ✓ Health and Wellbeing, inc. Mental Health
- ✓ Employability and entrepreneurship
- ✓ Addressing inequalities
- ✓ Young people's safety
- ✓ Sources of support
- ✓ Environmental sustainability

The report recommended that the Portfolio Holder and Policy Advisor for Young People and Equalities works with the Youth Council to inform an action plan to address the above issues.

Agreed Action: JA will arrange a sub group meeting with the Portfolio Holder, Policy Advisor and nominated members Halle, Muhammad and Daniel to look at the outcomes and consider how the Youth Council can support an Action Plan.

Update

A meeting was duly held on Monday 19th July, at which it was AGREED that wider Youth Council Members would brainstorm a number of 'Mission Statements' at the next meeting, covering the key themes listed above, to drive forward and promote change and improvements.

3. Employability:

Guest Speakers Sarah Layzell, Jobcentre Plus and Kathryn Banning, GBC Economic Development Team spoke about the various services and target groups that they support in Gedling to become job ready. This included an Employability event 'Well4Work' that Jobcentre Plus was preparing in collaboration with Gedling BC, taking place on Arnold Market, Thursday 26th August. Sarah invited members to attend and act as 'meet and greet'. To encourage people to engage with the stalls. It was agreed that JA and Sarah would look at the feasibility of the proposal, subject to suitability and safety.

Update

In the event, due to the target audience for the event being adults, and there being no provision in the JCPlus risk assessment for under 18 participation, the decision was taken not to proceed.

However it was AGREED that JCPlus would engage further with the Youth Council to hold a Careers event via their Schools leads next year instead, where Youth Council members could both act as ambassadors, and recruit new Youth Council members, post Covid restrictions.

4. Youth Council key priorities May 2021 – March 2022

Members confirmed the following key priorities

- Recruitment Campaign to engage new members
- Revised Youth Council work programme
- Supporting the Young People's Consultation action plan

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Draft Action Plan in response to the Gedling Young People's Consultation outcomes 2021

Theme	Action	Leads	Time frames
An Instagram platform for communicating with young people	<p>Partner with Notts County Council to develop an associated social media platform and build the content population of this database.</p> <p>Encourage NCC to build engagement through any platform, link our GBC Commis with Youth and Community providers in the Borough</p> <p>https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/youth-services</p> <p>Funding identified, scoping</p>	<p>NCC Youth Service</p> <p>NCC Children and Families Service</p> <p>GBC Comms/ CR Team</p> <p>External Comms providers</p> <p>NTU engagement</p>	2021 - 2023
Activities for young people	<p>Holiday Activities and Food Programme</p> <p>Enhanced young People's holiday activities</p> <p>Events, Intergenerational activities</p> <p>Family Food Clubs rollout</p> <p>Increase support for local Voluntary Youth provision, especially for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</p>	NCC/GBC	<p>Annual programmes</p> <p>2021 – 2023</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Employability and entrepreneurship	<p>Work with GBC Economic Development and Jobcentre Plus on representing at Employability Events</p> <p>Advocate for Work Experience placements</p> <p>Increase employability and careers guidance support for young people</p>	<p>GBC Economic Development</p> <p>Futures Schools</p>	2021 - 2023
Addressing inequalities	<p>Cross reference with Equalities Consultation delivery plan</p> <p>Instagram links to LGBTQI+ SEND support and information</p> <p>Multicultural engagement, multicultural activities</p>	GBC Comms, CR Team, all departments,	2021 - 2023

Health and Wellbeing, inc. Mental Health	<p>Population of Instagram</p> <p>Advocate for Young People's Health and Wellbeing service improvements in the Borough, especially Mental Health services</p> <p>Work with local community and young people's clubs, sports and health groups and Positively Empowered Kids to develop local offers</p> <p>Engage with Children and Young People's Mental Health Executive Action Plan</p> <p>The Thrive Approach – Healthy Young Minds (healthyyoungminds.pennine.nhs.uk)</p>	GBC Community Relations Team, Public Protection Health/ICP NCC Youth Services NCC Children and Families Service CAMHS CYPMHE	2021 - 2023
Young people's safety Sources of support	<p>Population of Instagram</p> <p>Engage with Commissioned Partners to advocate for improvements to safety and support offers in the Borough</p> <p>Gather data and information to inform our response to external funding opportunities</p>		
Environmental sustainability	Work with Notts County Council Environmental and Youth Services, GBC Waste Services and Kids Against Plastic to achieve zero single use plastic and improved household recycling	GBC Community Relations Team Environmental Services	2021 -2022
Culture Change	<p>YP consultation included in Bi Annual Gedling Conversation</p> <p>Impact of GBC services on young people to be included as a cross cutting theme in Annual Service Planning</p>	GBC All departments	2022 and ongoing

NCC Database of YP information and support

<http://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/results.page?districtcovered=4&newdirectorychannel=10-2>

Action notes: meeting 19/07/2021

AGREED: Youth Council members to produce Mission Statements – What we want to be our Core Offer to Young People from Gedling Borough Council?

Events and Activities

Mission Statement 'The Council and partners will provide a range of activities suitable for all ages during school holidays and promote them widely'

Mental Health

Mission statement: 'If a young person has a mental health need, they will receive an appointment within 3 weeks'

Environment

Mission Statement 1: 'The Council will provide opportunities for young people to safely access public walkways, parks and nature reserves to improve their wellbeing'

Mission Statement 2: 'The Council will support Kids Against Plastic in their campaign to sign up all schools to their zero single use plastic challenge 2022'

Employability

Key actions discussed:

- Springpod initiative
- Inspire Day interview practice
- Ways of signposting to employers / build confidence
- Careers event 2022?

Mission statement 'All Gedling Young People will be ready to enter the workplace whenever they decide to leave education'

Bullying/Community safety

Mission Statement: 'Every young person will be provided with the means to report bullying or harassment, and have access to self - defence advice and training'

Actions discussed

- Need to engage neighbourhood policing guidance

Equalities / Culture change

Mission Statement: 'All young people in the Borough, regardless of their race, religion or gender identification will feel included and respected by the Council and our partners'

Actions discussed:

- Work with young people identifying within the protected characteristics groups listed in the Equalities Act
- Celebrate the diverse nature of who we are – events should be inclusive in both planning and engagement
- Education - use the right/ new accepted language
- Provide safe space to talk in real terms and feel accepted
- Put bullying, mental health and safety under safeguarding

Observation: All mission statements must have a measurable outcome/ outcomes listed beneath it.

Action: JA to circulate notes, next Youth Council meeting to brainstorm mission statements and agree key measurable outcomes