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Arnot Hill Park,  
Arnold,  
Nottinghamshire,  
NG5 6LU



**Gedling Youth Council**

# Agenda

Date: **Monday 17 April 2023**

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Time: **5.30 pm**

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Place: **Chappell Room**

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# Gedling Youth Council

## Membership

**Chair** Muhammed Malik

**Vice-Chair** Halle Sibanda

Chanelle Lington  
Freddie Vokes  
Vitalii Drozdovskyi  
Leyla Abass  
Kadie Bullivant  
Taylor Chaplin  
Imogen Clunie  
Chloe Dring  
Lauren Eley  
Sophie Fuller  
Ruth Harding  
Riley Kirton  
Aimee Kimpton  
Eleanor Lumb  
Fatimah Malik  
Dylan McDonald  
Caitlin O'Connor  
Stan Riley  
Lilly Stevenson  
Rhiannon Whitmore

Councillor Viv McCrossen – Portfolio Holder for Young People and Equalities.

Councillor Kathryn Fox – Portfolio Holder for Diverse Communities and Life Chances.

## AGENDA

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Welcome, refreshments, apologies received.</b>  |       |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Minutes of last meeting, actions arising.</b>   | 5 - 6 |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Group chat discussions: subjects members want to raise.</b>   |       |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Final nominations and vote: Youth Mayor, Vice Chair.</b>  |       |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Guest Speaker Rachel Clark, NCC Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme Lead.</b>   |       |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel to respond to feedback from Gedling Young People and share Children and Young People's Mental Health and strategic and service delivery developments.</li> <li>• Questions and points raised by YC Members.</li> </ul> |       |

### Comfort break – 15 minutes

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| <b>6</b> | <b>Guest Speaker Lance Juby, GBC Head of Service, Communities and Leisure.</b>  |        |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gedling Social Mobility Commission.</li> </ul>   |        |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Gedling Young People's Consultation Action Plan, Proposals for future meeting themes and guest speakers:</b>   | 7 - 11 |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communications</b> – GBC Comms Team Lead Rob McCleary.</li> <li>• <b>Activities for Young People</b> – NCC Youth Service Sean Ryan – Gedling Team Lead / Pom Bhogal. Group Manager.</li> <li>• <b>Social Mobility (link to Employability, Entrepreneurship Equality and diversity in Consultation Action Plan)</b> – Lance Juby, Head of Service, Communities and Leisure.</li> <li>• <b>Equality and Diversity</b> – Cllrs McCrossen and Fox</li> <li>• <b>Environmental Sustainability</b> – Sim Duhra, GBC Climate Change Officer</li> <li>• <b>Young People's Safety</b> – Mark Stanley, Gedling Policing Team Lead, Niki Pekal, GBC Community Safety Officer, Environment.</li> <li>• <b>'You Said, We Did' Presentation</b> to Council and invitation to attend Gedling Corporate Management Team meeting (CMT) meeting.</li> </ul> |        |

### **Dates offered to YC members by Mike Hill, GBC Chief Executive:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> June
- 21<sup>st</sup> June
- 5<sup>th</sup> July
- 19<sup>th</sup> July
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- 16<sup>th</sup> August
- 30<sup>th</sup> August

**8 Youth Council Away Day plans - Amy Beckworth.**

Update on progress following suggestions put forward at last meeting – see minutes.

**9 Member of Youth Parliament / Countywide Youth Parliament Updates - Amy Beckworth.**

**10 Future meeting dates:**

**All 5.30 – 7.30pm in the Chappell Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, unless otherwise stated on the agenda:**

Next meeting: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July

Future dates 2023/24 to be shared at the April meeting.

## Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the Chappell Room, Civic centre 5:30pm-7:30 pm

### 1. Welcomes and apologies

**Apologies received:** Halle Sibanda, Riley Kirton, Aimee Kimpton

**In attendance:** Caitlin O'Connor, Muhammad Malik, Fatimah Malik, Sam Boulty and guest, Leyla Abass, Freddie Vokes, Cllr Viv McCrossen, Cllr Kathryn Fox, Jane Ansell, Amy Beckworth

**Guests:** Ebele Omo-Bamawo, NNE PBP Community Development Worker

### 2. Review of minutes from last meeting

Minutes reviewed and accepted as a true record. JA gave feedback from YP Mental Health Services as an outcome of discussion with MH service leads at the last meeting.

### 3. Group chat discussions

Discussed YC members going into schools to do talks on bullying, questions were raised as to whether that is possible due to School child protection procedures. Important to find out what is happening inside schools now.

**Action: JA/AB to contact Kieran to ask for the Gedling School's bullying policies he had previously collated.**

**Action: Survey to be sent off in school to find out what is happening in terms of Anti Bullying policies, but it needs to be positive to make sure school allows access.**

**Action: Follow up mental health discussion in more depth when more members in attendance – YP MH Commissioner Rachel Clark attending next meeting.**

### 4. Next meeting

Scheduled date is close to exams. Subject to availability of scheduled guest, YP Mental Health Service Commissioner Rachel Clark, the meeting will be brought forward to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, if not it will remain on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. Nominations

Nominations were sought for incoming Youth Mayor, YC Chair and Vice Chair.

- Halle will be stepping up as YC Chair and Youth Parliament Representative.
- Youth Mayor nominations: Sam Boulty and Freddie Vokes
- Vice Chair nominations: Freddie Vokes, Sam Boulty and Fatimah Malik

Existing:

- Secretary: Caitlin O'Connor
- Treasurer: Leyla Abass

**Action: Further nominations from all members will be requested via email, and final votes cast at the next meeting.**

**Action: Youth Council and GBC/NCC Youth Service to scrutinise the role of Youth Mayor during 23/24 to review purpose, arrangements for engagements, profile of the role and communications.**

**Refreshment break 6.45pm**

## **6. Proposals for future meeting themes**

Members broke into groups, each selecting a manifesto pledge from the Gedling Youth Consultation Action Plan, with the task to brainstorm areas of interest and potential guest speakers for the 2023/2024 meeting schedule. Outcomes as follows:

- **Theme: Communication.** Talk to Rob McCleary about options for dedicated communications to Young People by the council. Seek funding from Councillors to support social media. Talk to School's comms officers, published papers and news providers.
- **Action: Review research paper on YP Dedicated Comms completed by Sophie Fuller on her GBC Work Experience Placement.**
- **Theme: activities for young people.** Invite in youth club leaders to talk about what they offer for young people especially in half term. Need to tackle ASB in half term. Youth clubs should allow non-FSM children in and see different opening hours.
- **Theme: Environment.** Talk to schools about education on climate change, cut down on single use plastic in schools and make sure recycling is being processed properly. Vaping being a massive issue and not being disposed of properly, need a way to get younger people to dispose of batteries correctly. Talk to waste manager and carbon reduction manager about the Councils action plan. Invite someone from County Council to discuss green space, parks and paths. Making green spaces safe and useable for young people, such as allowing ball games, having people treat you negatively due to age. Chase up on public transport to cut down on pollution and make green space accessible.
- **Theme: Addressing inequality.** Councillors McCrossen and Fox, who are Equality and Diversity Portfolio Holders and also Chair and Vice Chair of the Gedling Strategic Equalities group. Talk to Pastoral leads in schools. Intergenerational conference was very beneficial, should not repeat it but rather deliver an inter-cultural event instead. Consider a general reporting route.

**Action: Gedling Youth Consultation Action Plan Action plan and future meeting themes to be discussed in Next meeting.**

## **7. Prepare questions for Mental Health Commissioning Lead**

To be discussed in the group chat.

## **8. Away Day**

Amy gathered ideas from young people for the proposed YC away day. Suggestions included Laser Tag, Bowling, Escape room. Can remove transport from budget.

**Action: Amy to update at the next meeting**

## **9. Meeting closed at 7.30pm**

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

Theme	Action	Leads	Time frames
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The Council aims to improve its communication with Young People in the borough by using dedicated methods and media that is relevant to their experience</b>		
<b>An Instagram platform for communicating with young people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work in partnership with Notts County Council to develop an associated social media platform and build the content population of this database.</li> <li>Encourage NCC to build engagement through any platform, link our GBC Commis with Youth and Community providers in the Borough</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/youth-services">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/youth-services</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Scope, identify funding and engage partners</li> </ul>	NCC Youth Service NCC Children and Families Service GBC Comms/ CR Team External Comms providers NTU engagement	2021 - 2023
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The Council will work with its partners to provide and promote a range of activities during school holidays that is accessible and engaging to young people of all ages and abilities</b>		
<b>Activities for young people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holiday Activities and Food Programme</li> <li>Enhanced young People's holiday activities</li> <li>Events, Intergenerational activities</li> <li>Family Food Clubs rollout</li> <li>Increase support for local Voluntary Youth provision, especially for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)</li> </ul>	NCC/GBC	Annual programmes  2021 – 2023  Ongoing

<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The council aims to provide more opportunities for young people to gain employability skills, in order to better prepare the next generation for entering the workplace</b>		
<b>Employability and entrepreneurship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with GBC Economic Development and Jobcentre Plus on representing at Employability Events</li> <li>• Advocate for Work Experience placements</li> <li>• Increase employability and careers guidance support for young people</li> <li>• Work with Futures, JC Plus and local employers to deliver a Careers Event for Gedling Young People</li> </ul>	GBC Economic Development  Futures JCPlus Schools	2021 - 2023
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The Council and its partners aim to ensure that young people in the borough are equally respected and feel included in the actions we take to improve the borough, and in the services that we provide</b>		
<b>Addressing inequalities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross reference working with Equalities Consultation delivery plan</li> <li>• Instagram links to LGBTQI+ SEND support and information</li> <li>• Multicultural engagement, multicultural activities</li> <li>• Intergenerational activities</li> </ul>	GBC Communications, CR Team, all departments	2021 - 2023
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The Council will work with the Children and Young People's Mental Health Board to ensure better access for young people to health and wellbeing support, including mental health services, by aiming to reduce the waiting time for appointments to 3 weeks</b>		
<b>Health and Wellbeing, including Mental Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Children and Young People's Mental Health Board to identify and improve access to services in Gedling</li> <li>• Population of Instagram</li> <li>• Advocate for Young People's Health and Wellbeing service improvements in the Borough, especially Mental Health services</li> </ul>	GBC Community Relations Team, Public Protection Health/ICP NCC Youth Services	2021 - 2023



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with local community and young people's clubs, sports and health groups and Positively Empowered Kids to develop local offers</li> <li>• Engage with Children and Young People's Mental Health Executive Action Plan</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk">The Thrive Approach – Healthy Young Minds (healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk)</a></p>	NCC Children and Families Service CAMHS CYPMHE	
<b>Mission Statement</b>	<b>The council aims to work with young people and public protection partners to provide guidance on how to report bullying and harassment and access to personal safety advice</b>		
<b>Young people's safety Sources of support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population of Instagram</li> <li>• Engage with Commissioned Partners to advocate for improvements to safety and support offers in the Borough</li> <li>• Gather data and information to inform our response to external funding opportunities</li> </ul>	GBC Notts Police NCC Youth Service Respect programme	2021 - 2023
<b>Mission Statements</b>	<p><b>The council aims to make public walkways, parks and nature reserves more sustainable and accessible for young people to use in order to improve their wellbeing now and in the future.</b></p> <p><b>The youth council supports 'Kids Against Plastic' in their campaign to encourage schools to sign up to their 'plastic clever schools' initiative and achieve carbon neutrality by 2023</b></p>		
<b>Environmental sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Engage with consultation on the Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy and action plan</li> </ul>	GBC Community Relations Team GBC Environmental Services NCC Environment Dept	2021 -2022



## **Equalities / Culture change**

### **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.**

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