

# **Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council meeting held on 20/09/2021**

## **5.30 - 7.00pm on Teams**

### **1. Welcome, introductions, Icebreaker: Chair**

Chair Halle Sibanda welcomed new member Aimee Kimpton, and asked all at the meeting to share their Summer Holiday experiences.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

Accepted as a true record

### **3. Youth Survey outcomes meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> July: Action Plan and Mission Statements – discussion session:**

Members reviewed the work undertaken by the focus group on 19<sup>th</sup> July and added their comments and suggestions for mission statements and underpinning actions in response to the Gedling Young People's Survey.

**AGREED:** Muhammad to take away notes of the session and create a full set of mission statements and Jane would then update the draft Action Plan.

The Action Plan will be in the name of the Gedling Youth Council, and will demonstrate how the Youth Council is influencing services in line with the young people's concerns raised in the survey, supported by the Portfolio Holder for Young People and Equalities:

#### **Key themes for improvement identified from the survey**

- 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 shared their experience of careers days held within their schools, and proposed that this event should be off site on a non –school day or evening, and should be as interactive and relevant to the full range of options that young people might want to move into in the future.

**AGREED:** JA would liaise with Futures and JC Plus on that basis, with future guest attendees from both organisations to work with the youth council to codesign the event.

#### **5. Youth Council key priorities May 2021 – March 2022**

- Recruitment Campaign to engage new members

**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 recruitment contact between October 2021 and March 2022.

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

#### **6. Any Other Business, close 7.00pm**

Members requested an update on the arrangements for the celebration of their Lord Lieutenant's Award, which had been proposed during Summer 2021, but due to ongoing Covid restrictions had been deferred again.

**AGREED:** JA to liaise with DLL Jean Pardoe and bring an update to the next meeting.

Amy updated members on Countywide Youth Parliament work, and asked any members wishing to join this year's Team Challenge events contact her directly ASAP.

JA Reminded members of Jackie Wilson of Positively Empowered Kids' invitation to members to join the 'Youth Voices Democracy initiative – members to get back to Jackie directly if interested.

**With a 'virtual' drumroll from the Chair, it was announced that the next Youth Council meeting will take place in the Civic Centre, Committee Room, top floor.**

**Future meeting dates – all Mondays, 5.30 – 7.00pm:**

- **22 November 2021 – FACE TO FACE**
- 21 February 2022
- 25 April 2022