

**European Youth Ambassadors (EYA) meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> September 8pm  
At Exmouth Young People's Centre**

**Present:** Graham Duncan Laura Daniels, Katie Heskins, Abigail Lake, Lyndsay Pickering

It was agreed by all that Abi would Chair the meeting, the agenda she had prepared was agreed and that Lyndsay would take minutes.

### **1 Communication**

A discussion took place about the best means of communicating now that the EYA's are back in their normal lives and at work or college.

It was decided that emails should be responded to individually where appropriate and that there did not have to always be a group consensus this was to avoid time delays and missing opportunities. When EYA's are requested to attend meetings with County Councillors, MYP's or with Rahila, Lyndsay will co-ordinate communication and respond after contacting everyone.

General comment was that when a quick answer is needed phone is often better than email. The group have been in regular contact since returning.

Abi's email address was now – [abitheangel@aol.com](mailto:abitheangel@aol.com) there is a link from her DCC email account

### **2 Projects**

Lyndsay thanked Katie for typing the project proposal's up. The aim(s) of Abi & Graham's project should read: To gain young people's views on their use of public transport. To influence decision makers to increase the accessibility of public transport to young people and in doing so reduce carbon emissions.

These now need to be forwarded to AER (Martin) to go on website - **Action Katie**

**Action all** - projects still need to be given snappy titles.

Laura has a contact who had arranged a YP's discussion group in Bovey Tracey after they had had watched 'The day after tomorrow'. **Action Laura** contact to find out what the main themes were in the discussion.

It was agreed that each pair should meet and begin planning how they were going to take their projects forward – with perhaps a more detailed action plan (elaborating on the timeline) **Action all**

### **3 Meeting with Brian Greenslade – next week**

Lyndsay explained that Brian requested to meet with them to gain some general feedback on the summer school (i.e. accommodation & food, structure of workshops, activities, what could be better). It would also be appropriate to talk about the two project proposals.

Discussed the young people's initial thoughts, which included:

#### Summer school – business workshops

- Explanation before going – **EU domination** issue sensitive
- Need to be **well managed** – i.e. when young people are split into groups they should select the area most relevant to their project not be put in groups
- Should focus on giving YP **practical skills**, i.e. project management & planning skills
- Should be **interactive** – focus on doing rather than listening
- 'Show and tell' approach
- **Icebreakers** for each day or session
- Need adequate break out rooms
- **Interpreters** – float when in break out groups - can be called on when needed
- A central exhibition room for regions to showcase work perhaps in a communal eating area

#### Trips/activities

- Young person friendly option i.e. Crealy or other ideas
- Young volunteers over the age of 18 who would show groups around local areas etc

#### Accommodation

- Room shares should only be split between regions

#### Health & Safety

- 24hr contact point for all young people would be good
- Emergency contacts held centrally of participants
- Details of nearby Hospitals, Police etc

#### **4 Presentation to County Councillors & MYP's**

Lyns to request date to meet with MYP's via Verity – Action Lyns. We will request a date to meet with County Councillors when we meet with Brian Greenslade next week.

Roles for putting presentation together we decided. Abi volunteered to co-ordinate power point pieces, please send photos and your area to her – **Action all**. Katie volunteered to do an overview of the workshops, talks and presentations they had attended, Laura is going to cover the sightseeing/social events & Romanian culture, Graham is going to do The EYA projects & what's next section.

#### **5 Youth Team**

Laura was asked how things were going as a youth team member. She has had a lot of support from her employers who are flexible and will be allowing Laura to attend meetings etc with due notice. Laura has also had a lot of

email contact from one of the Norwegian workers who is on committee C. So generally things are very positive.

### **6 Reimbursements**

AL gave LP receipt for the necessary upgrade of flights; any other outstanding receipts should be submitted asap

### **7 AOB**

Abi will be sending an email to Phill Norrey, Cllr Brian Greenslade, Cllr Saxon Spence, Cllr John Smith thanking them for their support prior to attending the summer school and giving a brief outline of the EYA projects. **Action Abi**

Press release – LP reminded all that the press should not under any circumstances be approached directly; all communications are to be done through the press office at County Hall. Lyndsay will co-ordinate this. Laura is writing an article for her company and will forward this to Lyn's as this will be the basis for the general press release. **Action Laura & Lyndsay**