

YPSF Meeting 6 January 2007 Couty Hall, Exeter

Present:- Neal Skinner (Chair), Samuel Emerson, Adeline Lavin-Ford, Ella Morris, Jonathon Hughes, Rachel Parkhouse, Ross Baines

Apologies:- Becky Porter, Tamara, Alice C, Toby, Amber Johnson, Emma Sturkey.

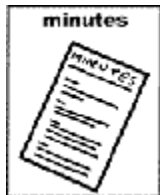
Youth Participation Worker:-
Advocacy Support Worker:

Zaena Barnard - Devon County Council (Youth Service)
Linda Shingler, - Mencap

1 Welcome

Zaena welcomed new and existing members. It was agreed that Neil would chair this meeting, but everyone would have a chance to do this in future if they wished.

2 Past Minutes



An old example of YPSF minutes were read out as an example of the YPSF meetings. (**31 May 2006**). These were read and it was agreed they represented what the YPSF do.

Ross asked about the UKYP website and Zaena explained that it was hoped that Devon CC would take over the management and would be able to update it. Young people would be able to help with design. This would be on next agenda..

Y

Which area of Devon are you from?

What is your favourite music

P

One thing that you want to achieve for yourself

and one thing for other young people - 'topic'

S

One hobby that you like doing your self

F

Why you have joined the YPSF?

Young people worked in pairs and asked about their hobbies and music etc and reported back to the group.

Area of Devon

Exeter
Exmouth

Favourite music

Pop
Carpenters
Classical
80/90's
Soul

One thing you want to achieve for yourself

To get my voice heard.....To go on bike more.....Human Rights Lawyer.....Get elected for UKYP

One thing you want to achieve for other people

Cheaper school dinners.....To feel more safe.....Youth clubs.....Help peopleGetting voices heard
Safer places for YP to go

One hobby you like doing for yourself

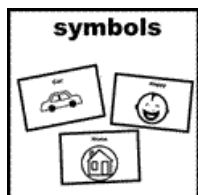
Playing the violin.....Riding a bike.....Walking my dog.....Reading.....Using ICT

Why have you joined the YPSF?

I want to be part of an organisation and to be heard by Devon
I wanted to find out more and to do stuff in Exeter
More involved with young people
I want people to know my ideas

3 What is YPSF

Some questions and answers about YPSF were passed round and Zaena went through them. She explained that as the group were unelected anyone could attend at any time. Members could bring a friend who may be interested, providing they let her know (Lunch Numbers etc). She gave example of work done last year – Healthy eating in schools, the report and change resulting from this.



Zaena explained that the symbols used in documents were aids to young people who found reading difficult, to help them find things quickly.

Although the current age of members was 11 – 19 there would be a chance to vote to extend this to 25 at the next meeting alongside considering the Terms Of Reference (TOR) for the group, which means the group boundaries, rules of operation etc.

Possible topics for the YPSF to look at in the future ...were things that members stated were topics of interest mentioned in the introductions. They were **staying safe and making meetings more funky**.

Zaena explained there would be opportunities for members to attend other activities as members of the group. It was important that everyone worked together to change things.

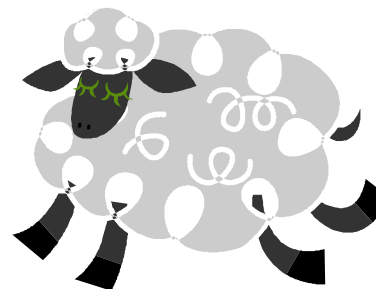
4 Police Consultation



Zaena gave the background to the document which was being looked at. It was a response to the Police Authority on how the Police Authority would work with young people. The document was a draft of various templates, tools that the Police Authority and Force could use to check to see how they were working with young people and if they were doing the right things. Young people had been asked to be consulted by the lead member for Children and Young people of Devon CC, Cllr John Smith.

This consultation was an important document for the YPSF to comment upon. The government have said that every child should have the following rights outlined in Every Child Matters in any area that affects them, including the Police. Zaena gave an explanation of ECM and its history using the reminder of SHEEP to remember the five outcomes that are :-

S	H	E	E	P
A	E	N	C	O
F	A	J	O	S
E	L	O	N	I
	T	Y	O	T
	Y	&	M	I
		A	I	V
		C	C	E
		H	W	C



Zaena explained that the document had been looked at by four different groups of young people throughout Devon over the past three weeks. She had put their comments together and she was asking this group to talk about it and add anything new. They looked at the papers and added some extra important points.

At Lunch the group were joined by Councillor John Smith (DCC) and Eelke Zoestbergen (Police Authority) who attended to receive the consultation and to talk with the YPSF about it.



Cllr Smith explained the importance of the work that the young people had done and thanked them. They discussed the attitude of young people to the police, what the police could do to be more approachable, whether it would help to have informal meetings at schools and colleges. Also discussed was parent's fear of disciplining children, and need for parenting classes. Young people wanted to be able to have fun and relax. The importance of citizenship classes was raised.



Cllr Smith thanked the young people and promised that copies of the final document would be available in April. Zaena thanked everyone for their hard work.

Due to the timescale Items 4, 7 and 9 were held over till next meeting. These items were

- 4 What is the YPSF?**
 - i. Consent Forms**
 - ii. Purpose of group**
 - iii. How YPSF operates**
 - iv. Terms of Reference – ‘YPSF TOR’**
 - v. What we are going to do – Hot Topics**
 - vi. Webcam**

- 7 Devon Youth Service Charter**

- 9 Outward Bound Opportunity**

YPSF progressed to discuss

4 Youth Challenge Competition

Zaena gave a presentation on the Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund. There is one million pounds over two years for young people to apply to have, ‘Things to do, places to go and people to talk to’.

Young people apply to the funds and young people are decision makers as to who are awarded funds. Information may be downloaded from www.devonyouthservice.org.uk

To celebrate these funds and the difference it has made to young people, funding to allow a celebration and competition for the best projects was now available from government that is being organised and supported by the National Youth Agency.

YPSF members were asked to help plan the event and judge the entries. Zaena asked for volunteers to put their names forward to help with this. All members offered to do this. (Addie, Ross, Sam, Ella, Neal, Jonathon and Rachael)

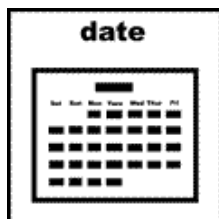
The competition has to be run by 12 February and the winning project will go forward to a national competition. Invitations would be sent to all 100 projects funded. Young people suggested to have 6 winning categories around the Outcomes of Every Child Matters (SHEEP) with one overall best project. This will be further discussed with other young people. Prizes could be a plaque... sheep on invites...

To help thing move forward quickly Sam offered to start a forum on the website which members could take part in. A letter to projects was drafted and Zaena will send this out as soon as possible.

“Dear Project

As a successful project you have been invited to enter a celebration/competition of the following categories, safe, healthy, economic wellbeing, enjoy and achieve and positive contribution. State if you will be able to attend. If so please reply before the following day. We hope to see you soon. Thank you.

YPSF discussed dress code and concluded that it should be casual/smart ..not too formal. Activities... so if there was a music project they could play for example...



Next Meeting Date 3rd February at County Hall 10.30 – 3.30