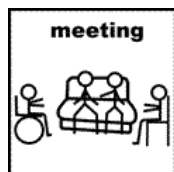


Minutes of the Young Peoples Scrutiny Forum
22nd September 2007
Held at County Hall Exeter at 11 am.



The people who attended were:
Ross, Addie, Sam, Ella and Becky



Rahila was the Youth Participation Worker and Linda was there to help support Ross

Addie and Ross Chaired the meeting and Ella took the notes



The group discussed a lot of different things:

1. We looked at the **Bus Information Strategy Consultation** from Devon County Council and gave our views on how information should be made accessible.

We thought that the font was too small
That the 24 hour clock needed explaining
That the pictures were good but maps would help us
We wondered if people would know where various bus stops listed would be
How would people know if a bus was accessible for disabled people
Bus drivers should be able to give information themselves
Colour codes would help.

We asked Rahila to fill in the on line form and send it off.



2.

We looked at the UR Devon website and said we thought it was fantastic....we wanted Nathan and the other people who had done the work to know we were really impressed and we appreciated all the hard work that had gone into it.

We are hoping that we will be able to develop our own pages for it.

We looked at the work that Kelly is doing for the magazine and have some feedback for her which is:

It looks a bit busy

More pictures, less words and extra space

Photos – but they need to be pictures of real people doing things not just posed.

We have written on the page and we have asked Rahila to pass on the information to Kelly



We then looked at the 11 million takeover day – we were really excited about this. WE would be in contraol!!! We wrote on a big piece of paper our idea and Rahila will pass then on – our ideas were:

Things we could do

Kids take lessons in schools, not teachers

Schools get involved – magazines

Doing fun stuff

Political involvement

Broadening young people's horizons

Doing adult jobs

Organised fun!

Earn respect for Devon
Kids as dinner ladies
Find out how it's like; maybe earn respect for the teachers?!
Learn about services, food, health, transport
Stop lessons – learn about politics, problems/positive
Knowledge of politics
Promote Devon service for children
Work as a team
Have fun – be you for one
Inter-school involvement
Contact within southwest
Sam to be prime minister
Get young people involved in groups like YPSF / YPSE
Share your own ideas in running the county
Team building
Political debates
County blend
Media involvement

How we can let young people know its taking place?

Devon talk
Spotlight (Becky)
Links with other 11 million takeover groups
School information
News round (Addie)
Schools get involved – magazines
Youth groups
Express and Echo
News round
URDevon website

Rahila will pass this information onto the Young Peoples
Champions – we are happy to keep giving ideas and to
work with Devon on this project.

The website is: www.11million.org.uk



4.

We were asked about RE GCSE and who did it – this was part of the research that it being done by Scrutiny from one of the Task Groups. We readout the letter and the document and we were able to understand it and so we thought that Scrutiny have taken us seriously and made things easier to understand. Rahila will send the information back to the Scrutiny team.

Their responses are as follow:

We went/go to three different schools:
West Exe, Ivybridge and Southbrook.

In Ivybridge all students have to do a subject called philosophy and ethics - students have to do RE GCSE. The way the subject is taught is through debate, power points, using lots of images, making the subject relevant to people's current experiences.

Southbrook:

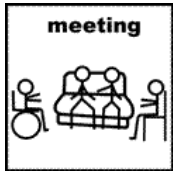
We don't do GCSE. The subject is taught through videos mainly. It seems to be around comparative religion.

West Exe - huge amounts of enthusiasm from individuals from this school, based around a specific teacher. Taught through debate, getting involved, lots of different views. You are allowed to choose 2 of 3 humanities, RE, geography, history. Although people were really enthusiastic about the subject felt might not be such a useful subject to take as history or geography.

All schools - Understanding, get involved, more visual, lots of different views, videos showing different views, social skill, helps to understand somebody else from a different religion.

The learning, not the exam so much. 'The journey not the destination'.

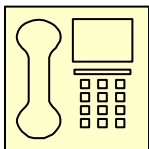
5. Staying safe consultation – This is being run by the Government – we filled in the documents and send them back to the Government.



Our next meeting will be **on October 25th 2007 at County Hall at 10.30 a.m.** This is during half term.

We would like to discuss:
Health – Jenny McNeil will be visiting us
Our work plan

There is another event on 6th October at the Waie Inn- we have all had letters about this.



If there are any **questions** we have we can call Rahila on 01392 383123 or email her on Rahila.henderson@devon.gov.uk or text her on 07815 862075.