

Young People's Scrutiny Forum



DATE:- **Wednesday 31st May 2006**
10.30am – 3pm

LOCATION:- Robrough Room, County Hall

PRESENT:- Ross Baines, Josh, Liam Harvey, Toby and Emma Sturkey

YOUTH WORKERS:- Zaena Barnard

MENCAP :- Jo Fox, Martin Chapman and Linda Shingler

Agenda	Action
<p><u>1. Welcome and apologies</u> Welcome to everyone at the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from. (Exams)</p> <p>Neal skinner Mina Akter Grace Turner Becky Porter</p>	
<p><u>2. Celebrations</u> -</p> <p>Zaena – Sun is here + daughter has cut all her hair short Ross – Also happy to see the sun. Likes all music apart from heavy metal Liam – Pleased to have traveled from Ivybridge. Tired as a result of exams but positive Toby – Likes heavy metal and is in a rock-band. Positive about exams apart from Physics Josh – Likes horse riding. Has been riding since he was three.</p>	

<p>Has three horses.</p> <p>Emma – Has passed her driving test. Also Likes heavy metal. Recently has been a young person on the interview panel for the Chair of the Board of Directors of Connexions.</p> <p>Jo – Husband unfortunately has broken his leg. Recently met up with some old friends which was really nice.</p> <p>Martin – Son has been listening to Nirvana, enjoying this.</p>	
<p><u>3. YOF</u></p> <p>Jo requested more information regarding the YOF. She reported that she was aware of some young people who may submit applications. Would like to know more.</p> <p>Zaena gave a brief description</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zaena to find out information and forward to Jo • To discuss again at the next meeting
<p><u>4. Mencap Project</u></p> <p>Welcome to new members of the Scrutiny forum.</p> <p>Jo gave a brief introduction to the project and how it will be developing a toolkit for workers over a long period. The toolkit would be to enable young people with learning difficulties to fully participate in having their voice heard.</p>	
<p><u>5. Youth Participation and Democracy leaflet</u></p> <p>The group looked at the leaflet produced by Devon Youth Service. This is very much in the early stages.</p> <p>'Youth Participation and Democracy' – How to get involved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour inoffensive – But bright yellow was too much for one member • Text too small • Nice pictures • Liked logo's

6. Kongomana

This year the event is **14 – 16th July at Bicton Park arena.**

As Liam attended last year he explained to the group that it was two days camping for young people in Devon. There were music shows, activities, displays, question time, consultation etc. Of particular note were the Police and Fire services. Liam reported the ways in which young people were able to interact with them .such as hands on with the fire equipment...it made you get involved and learn more information about them

Liam and Ross expressed interest in attending this year.

Zaena reported that you could attend as part of your local Youth Service provision. The Participation project would be working throughout the weekend and would be consulting YP, for example regarding Devon CC work. Young people attending with the team would be expected to work alongside. As they would be working, not expected to pay the weekend fee.

This opportunity is being offered to all young people involved with the Participation project. However, only able to take a certain number, so all interested names placed into hat and a certain no pulled out by Rahila

For those attending Kongomana there will be a planning meeting to be held at County Hall on **Saturday 17th June 10.30 am**

- Josh is attending with Dawlish Youth Centre

- Zaena to take forward Ross and Liam as wishing to go and to be entered into the hat

- Zaena to forward information to YP interested

<p>Each person to bring one item of food for people to share</p> <p>Letters for parents/consent were distributed as well as a kit list for weekend</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LUNCH</u></p>	<p>All members then went to the Coaver club for lunch</p>
<p><u>6. Hoodies</u></p> <p>YPSF have team hoodies. To be given out to YP as a thank you for their commitment. Discussion around when they should be given.</p> <p>YPSF voted as to if this should be attendance at 4, 5 or 6 meetings</p> <p>Liam/Emma were given hoodies</p> <p>Liam suggested Grace was sent a hoodie in her absence. This would be a nice surprise whilst she is revising!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 – 0 votes • <u>5 - 3 votes</u> • 6 – 2 votes <p>It was agreed that Hoodies are issued after 5 meetings</p>
<p><u>7. Participation Social Event</u></p> <p>This is at the discussion stage at present. Suggestion is to have a BBQ/Beach event for everyone involved with participation. Dates suggested are August 21/22/23rd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting agenda
<p><u>8. Website</u> www.ukypdevon.co.uk</p> <p>The website was discussed as a central communication point.</p> <p>It is also currently being reviewed as to how it can be improved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross and Josh to look at website and to report back as to how they found it

<p>It was also reported that some may be put off visiting the website as a result of some of the language used (Not understanding)</p>	<p>Suggestions to be brought to next meeting as to how it may be improved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zaena to report back to Team
<p><u>8. Meeting Reflection</u></p> <p>Today's meeting was 'new' in various ways. Some people had not met each other before and for some people this was the first YPSF they had attended. The group discussed the way forward.</p> <p><u>Some of the way forward</u></p> <p><u>YPSF Information</u> Some information may be found on the UKYP devon website www.ukypdevon.co.uk</p> <p>How do new members have this information?</p> <p>What if new members join every meeting? ...Does this mean GR have to be visited each time?</p> <p><u>Breaks</u> YPSF have in the past worked from 10.30 straight through until 12.30. This was found to be too</p>	<p><u>Suggestions</u></p> <p>New members should look at this information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ground Rules/Terms of Reference</u> Displayed in room when meeting happens <p>YPSF Membership card produced that has ground rules etc on. New members requested to sign up to this. Also to have meeting dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Break Introduction</u> 10 mins break introduced in morning and afternoon

<p>long by some members</p> <p><u>Leaving Room</u> Some members require to leave the room.</p> <p><u>Meeting Information</u> Some documents for the group are quite large. Some is received at a late stage. There can be some pressure to process all.</p> <p>Zaena discussed pressures upon group. For example YPSF meet approximately 8 – 10 times in a year. This equates to approximately 40 hours worktime! During this, specific requests may arrive from DCC (E.g Ofsted work – Mins 10th April 06) that must be included or various other interested parties. This has to be managed with young peoples requests from meetings.</p>	<p>session. (11.15am and 2.15pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Card</u> Card introduced that members pick up and show when they need to leave the room • <u>Information</u> If possible, information to be sent out prior to meeting if received on time/or not confidential and can be reproduced. Zaena to meet with Mencap support worker/s prior to the YPSF meeting (30 Mins to go through agenda prior to meeting) • YPSF to continue effective work it carries out and to manage pressures
<p><u>Contacts</u> New contact details were given</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Add Contacts</u> Zaena to add new contacts to mailing group.

9. A.O.B

Agenda: - Liam will be taking minutes at next meeting. It was agreed that Liam would also co-ordinate the next agenda

PLEASE SEND AGENDA ITEMS TO ZAENA TO FORWARD ONTO LIAM

Thanks for your time



NEXT MEETING -

Wednesday 1st August 2006 – 10.30 am – 3.00pm

Liam and Ross – Minutes

Mali Sharpe – Chair

Please contact Zaena if you have any comments or queries

Happy to help

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