

Local Youth Network Meeting- Minutes

Monday 22nd June 2015 Bradford-on-Avon Youth Development Centre

Apologies:

- Jade Britton, Vincent Nicholas, Amy Claridge- Young People
- Councillor Rosemary Brown, Wiltshire Council
- Charlotte Jackson, Holt Youth Club
- Bradford-on-Avon Police Service

Present:

- Cherry Riley, Local Youth Network Chair
- Emma Coombs, Community Youth Officer
- Siobainn Chaplin, Wiltshire Council
- James Vaughton, Youth For Christ
- Councillor Ian Thorne, Town Council and Wiltshire Council
- Councillor Magnus McDonald, Wiltshire Council
- Councillor Alison Craddock, Town Council
- Peter Dunford, Bradford-on-Avon Area Board
- Bob Crouch, Holt Youth Club
- Amée Desimone, Selwood Housing
- Karen Butler, St Laurence School
- Councillor Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Council

Review of Previous Meeting:

- C.R reported that young people had felt at the previous LYN meeting that individuals were argumentative. Young people also felt not listened to and saw lack of respect for the Chairs and members of the group.
- E.C re-explained the grant application process.
- It was explained that during the scoring, the scores should be solely based on the written application, despite the applicant's use of presentation. To keep it fair.
- It was mentioned that other LYN groups use the presentation process as a separate date to the application scoring. It was discussed whether B-o-A LYN could use the same structure.
- Presentations, post to receiving the grant, could be presented at the Area Board.
- Suggestion to have groups asking for a large amount for funding to do a presentation only, would need to decide on the amount.
- Concerns around not all young people being actively involved.

Needs Assessment:

- Needs assessment was emailed to LYN management group.
- E.C explained the use of the needs assessment.
- E.C displayed questionnaire which indicated the activities/ needs of young people in the Bradford-on-Avon area.
- The use of credits was explained, that young people can exchange their volunteering time for credits, which can be used for activities.
- It has been reported that there are low crime rates with young people in the Bradford-on-Avon area.
- Youth club running through the summer.
- Put on summer activities in BoA, LYN MG agreed to top slice £2000 for this and for EC to organise.
- Suggested that the LYN MG to take an active role to help put on activities.

Widening the LYN:

- It was suggested that more young people needed in the group.
- How to get young people involved- School Council, regular discussions to find the gaps from young people.
- Sport groups could become involved in the LYN.
- Discussion about inviting individuals to the LYN meetings to speak about what they do.
- Questioned whether sports club are aware the grants which are available to them.
- S.C spoke about the use of the Youth and Community Centre building for a wider LYN event. Town council were supportive of this, although charges would apply.
- J.V mentioned being able to pay for the charges of the youth and community centre during the period of the wider LYN event.
- It was suggested that it would be interesting to compare BoACAN's results of questions to young people to the needs assessment.
- Cycling event in September happening in BoA.
- Organise a wider LYN event.
- Spoke about how time credits/ leisure credits would be a good idea in BoA and to have providers on board with it for young people to spend their vouchers.
- Spoke about how much funding is left and that at the moment it all needs to be used in this final year. In discussions about being to continually roll over the LHF.

Management Representatives:

- More young people are needed within the group.
- K.B said the attendance of young people in the LYN meetings and engagement is essential.
- M.M explained there is a lack of providers in the group.

AOB:

- S.C spoke to the group and will be leaving.