

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MEMBER CHAMPION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth Council/Youth Parliament 2019/2020

This report covers the period from May 2019 to May 2020 and will update on different projects/campaigns from the Youth Council and Youth Parliament.

Youth Council/ Parliament Members met with:

- Intergeneration Project and Debates at the Town Hall: which covered - Mental Health and Dementia – debate on both and how they affect both generations. In February, the joint session held a performance from Arc Theatre regarding ‘Friend or Faux’, which was funded by MOPAC bid. Other agencies such as HAD, BME Forum also attended the session where the performance highlighted ‘false friends... cuckooing... and other issues regarding this subject. Cllr White has attended these sessions with Cllr C. Smith and Over 50’s Forum Chairman Cliff Reynolds.
- Workshop with Street Doctors – charity promoting first aid support re knife crime
- Various Stop and Search sessions with police, including Taser workshop/Firearms
- Hate Crime awareness/training how to report etc.
- Voxpop videos for the Youth Summit – on how young people feel safe or unsafe in the borough. These videos were shown during the summit.
- Youth Council and Youth Parliament worked with Havering Communications Team for a Youth Takeover of the Living Magazine and were involved with the articles, editing, planning etc. (Covid – 19 pandemic Lockdown happened in March and this was put on hold for the April Edition).
- Just before Lockdown Youth Council attended Commonwealth Day in Romford Market organised by BME Forum
- Community Engagement Forum – Youth Council involved with the Project and attend meetings and are part of different projects
- Meeting face to face was now not an option – weekly Zoom sessions to continue meeting.
- Cllr White attended zoom session to give Mental Health Awareness Training to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week via Zoom
- Police Youth IAG attend 4/6 sessions a year – attended in May via Zoom.
- Havering Youth Council involved in a Tri Borough Project with B&D, Redbridge and Clinical Commission Group to form a questionnaire on how young people are feeling and coping during the lockdown. All three Boroughs had sub groups that met via Zoom. This report will go towards planning of services needed in the 3 boroughs. Concerns are around Education, future dreams and aspirations, mental and physical health and the uncertainty.



Street Doctor Workshop – Doctors/student doctors providing the workshops for young people. Street Doctors also visited a number of secondary schools in Havering.

Intergenerational Event – ‘Friend of Faux’ production by Arc Theatre highlighting cuckooing, false friendships and coercive behaviour.



Members of Youth Parliament (MYP's)

In July 2019 Havering youth representatives attended UK Youth Parliament Annual Sitting to debate the issues affecting young people. The issues are voted for the top 10 which is the Make Your Mark Ballot.

Make Your Mark is a UK-wide ballot which gives young people aged 11-18 the chance to decide what Members of Youth Parliament should debate and vote on in the House of Commons.

Most Havering secondary schools and Youth Centres participated. Voting this year changes to include 3 votes – 1 for UK 1 for Devolved and a local issue that could be written.

UK top 5 issues: Mental Health, Hate Crime, End to Knife Crime, Protect the environment and Curriculum for Life.

HAVERING Votes:

UK Issues:

1. Protect the environment
2. Tackling Hate Crime
3. Votes at 16

Devolved Issues:

1. Put an end to knife crime
2. Curriculum to prepare us for life
3. Mental Health

Local issues included:

- Knife and Youth Crime
- Littering/local Environment
- More youth services
- More police presences

The local data and information was fed back to schools (so they could address) and to Senior Management Board to hear young people's voice.

House of Commons (November 2019)

Havering Members of Youth Parliament attended the House of Commons in November to debate the issues in the UK and vote for two to be campaigns for 2020.

Top 5 included: Mental Health, Hate Crime, End to Knife Crime, Protect the Environment and Curriculum for Life.

Top 2 campaigns: End to Knife Crime and Protect the Environment

November 2019

Youth Council/LYA member (Daisy) and Member of Youth Parliament (Emily) attended Havering Youth Summit, and delivered a presentation on Youth Crime and Make your Mark. Emily hosted the whole event and did a great job.

January 2020

Youth Council members and Members of Parliament received awards from the British Youth Council for the following: Young Campaigner of the Year, Award for Personal Development and Youth Led Project.

Members of Youth Parliament and Youth Council receiving awards for Havering from the British Youth Council.



Youth Parliament Elections 2020 - 2022:

Havering Members of Youth Parliament hold their post for 2 years, the term ended February 2020, so applications for new applicants launched in October 2019.

- November deadline for applications for Members of Youth Parliament (MYP's) – workshops for manifesto/interviews in December and public speaking in January where Cllr White attended to share his skills and knowledge. The Candidates had their Manifesto speeches were filmed so young people could see and decide who to vote for. Then current MYP's and long standing experienced Youth Council members were part of the workshops and a great support for candidates.
- January – Feb 2020 campaigning started – candidates travelled to several secondary schools to deliver manifesto speeches to campaign for votes.
- Results Night end of February to announce the successful candidates – over 6,800 votes were received
- Successful candidates were Ronny Whetton and Aliyyah Gbadamosi who took up post 1/3/2020.



Other events that have been happening during lockdown from Youth Service and Participation via Zoom:

- Revellers for young people with additional needs
- Wednesday Night Youth Club
- Swim and Gym for young people with additional needs
- Children in Care Youth Club

This has enable young people to keep in contact and speak with one another supporting with isolation and mental health.

Councillor Ciaran White