

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE MEMBER CHAMPION FOR YOUNGER PERSONS

Youth Council/Youth Parliament and London Youth Assembly 2021/2022

This report covers the period from May 2021 to February 2022 and will update on different projects/campaigns from the Youth Council, Youth Parliament and London Youth Assembly. This year has continued to be a little challenging with regards to Covid and the variants. Youth council meetings started back face to face in September 2021 but also able to offer virtual meetings and continued working and creating projects.

Youth Council/ Parliament Members meetings and activities:

- Some members were involved in interviewing for Assistant Director of Children's Services
- Police YIAG engagement meetings
- Members attended Litter Pick with support of Mind and Cllr White.
- Visit by Safer Neighbourhood Board Chair regarding feeling safe in the borough
- Youth Council met with Robert South (Director of Children's Services) this meeting for Robert to meet with youth council meeting and a Q&A session Agenda – discussion points on Education, Mental Health and Covid, Inclusive Curriculum
- Youth Council Chair – chaired online event regarding Climate and Environment (Leader of the Council Cllr. Damian White attended.
- Youth Council and London Youth Assembly Member interviewed the Leader of the Council on the Environment in Havering.
- Guest attended meeting to speak about Hate Crime
- Formation of the All Girl Forum with regards to safety for girls and young women (this was after the Sarah Everard Vigil)
- Met with Havering Changing High Street project – this meeting was to talk about the project and views from young people what should be included and thought about in the planning and the bid.
- Visit from Guest at NHS to speak about volunteering opportunities
- Visit from Guest from Nelft to speak about early intervention support for mental health in schools
- **Other meetings attended in Havering**
- Community Engagement Forum – to hear about what is happening in Havering and to share any projects from Youth Council
- MYP is member of Safer Neighbourhood Board and attended meetings over the past year
- 3 members of Youth Council are members of Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel

Members of Youth Parliament (MYP)



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. This has changed over the past 2 years due to pandemic and not being able to attend the House of Commons. The top 10 issues form the campaigns for UK Youth Parliament. This was Climate Change and Mental Health. In February 2022 Make your Mark is open for young people to vote, results should be announced Mid-March for the forth coming campaigns.

In Feb 2022, two new members of Youth Parliament were elected for the term 2022-24. The results were held in the Town Hall attended by teachers, parents, Cllr C. White and the Mayor.



London Youth Assembly

In 2021, Havering LYA member was elected by peers (in London Youth Assembly) to be Chair of London Youth Assembly. This role is for a year. Priorities include Mental Health.

Other events/activities have taken place since May 2021 with the Youth Influence and Participation Service via Zoom:

Activities for Young People who are care experienced:

- Youth Club for care experienced young people moved from online to meeting as a group and 1 to 1 support if needed – Newsletters every quarter Youth Influences Magazine, with updates, things to do, mindful wellbeing etc. the magazine is produced by young people for young people
- Over the Summer Care Experienced young people had bike ride and picnic at Thames Chase also had trips to Thorpe Park (16 plus young people), Chessington (year 6 transition group), Stubbers (10-16yrs) High ropes, Muddy Race, Under 10's Forest School at Thames Chase
- Say it Louder Forum Meetings (12 – 18yrs)
- Launch of “Pledge” Event at Myplace in September 2021.
- October half Term - Jump evolution, Cinema day and visit to Queen’s Theatre (Post 16’s)
- Festive Youth Club saw Elf Theatre production and visited Jump Evolution
- Over Feb Half Term 2022 youth workers took young people to Jump Evolution and Stubbers
- Young people with care experience have attended Pan London Children in Care Meetings including meeting with Director of Children’s Service of London and attending Corporate Parenting Panel Meeting
- Young people took part in
- Residential to Jamie’s Farm for care experienced young people (Feb 2022 Half Term)



Activities/groups delivered by Youth Influence Service

- Over Feb Half Term 2022 youth workers took young people to Jump Evolution and Stubbers
- Tea and Talk face to face meetings for very vulnerable young people in held at the Myplace centre
- Outreach/detached work – to support young people in their communities throughout Havering. On streets, parks and in town centres as part of our contextual safeguarding approach.
- SEND sessions including exercise and well-being on a Sunday morning are face to face. This group also went to the Queen’s Theatre Panto.
- Revellers group – for young people with additional needs or disabilities.
- LGBT plus groups- delivered face to face. Guests, support, fun and referrals if required.
- Grl Academy – support and self-esteem group for young women.
- Goodfellas – online programme for young men. Safety, emotional literacy, relationship building and fun.
- Go Girls – delivered to young women who have concerns around relationships, sexual health and body image.
- Five Ways to Wellbeing – interactive session to support young people with mental and physical wellbeing
- Bounce Back Project – to support young people who have been affected by Covid
- Phoenix – delivered to young women who are at risk of exploitation
- All Girl Forum – members are from different groups e.g. Grl Academy, Youth Council, Go Girls etc. with priority around young women and girls safety
- C-Card – condom scheme for young people to access at Myplace – drop in and appointment.
- Transition youth Club – pre teens youth club to support young people transition from primary to secondary school

Projects delivered by Youth Influence Service

- Harold Hill mobilisation ‘Love the Hill’ – project delivered with Lifeline to support community cohesion in the Harold Hill area (after recent tragic incidents – Mopac Funded)
- Mopac VRU (Violence Reduction Unit) funded detached work – delivered in South Street and Cottons Park Romford and McDonalds (Romford Station)
- Bike Shed/Art Shack – supported by funding from Sport England to set up bike workshop and arts facility in container at the back of Myplace – also used by young people who are part of the youth justice service
- Youth Service are delivering training and bespoke session in schools over Havering.
- Youth Service also deliver training to partners and establishments of the night time economy on contextual safeguarding