

Youth Council Meeting Minutes
27th Sept 2004
6-9 pm Barnsley Town Hall

Present: Ali, Stacy, Sophie, Kay, Elliot, Emily, Sigourney, Ashely Hanson, Ashley Hoyland, Martyn, Johnathan, Andrew (chair), Jenna, Danielle, Tiffany, Stephen, Joe, Ricky, Shaun

Apologies: Alex Duke

Staff: Clare Archer Youth Council Coordinator, Andy Fleming Participation Manager

Guest: Diane Cooper MV

Matters Arising:

Emily asked for support from the Youth Council members to help her raise funds for the visit she is going on with Royston School to Africa. They need to raise £40,000 to help to re build an African School. All members agreed to come up with ideas for fund raising and volunteered to get involved in an event to support the cause.

Andrew gave an update on the politics night that he is involved in planning he agreed to keep everyone informed with developments

Ashley Hoyland talked about the UKYP manifesto and noted that it was not very young people friendly therefore a condensed version might be better she agreed to circulate this in the future.

Ashley Hanson asked about the possibility of obtaining £2,000 funding towards a Children's Recreation Centre in Kexbrough. Andy explained that the budget has to be spent on getting young peoples voices heard and supporting initiatives that young people want to get involved in. After discussion it was decided it would not be appropriate to fund this kind of development, however Andy and Clare did suggest alternative sources of funding specifically for projects such as this one and told Ashley who the organisers need to speak to etc.

Discussion around elections: The Youth Council discussed how many Youth Council members there should be for each area, the main focus was on changing it from two per area to three so that there was not as much pressure, it was recognised that the commitment is hard to manage when you have college/school work and also a 'social life'. The consensus was that three would be a good number of members for each area. Andy and Clare agreed to discuss this further and update the Youth Council at the next meeting.

Diane Cooper from Millennium Volunteers came to update registered MV's hours and also register anyone who had not yet joined MV.

Clare gave out correspondence to members, for example invites to meetings.

The second half of the meeting was the Parents meeting for all the Youth councillors attending the Germany visit. The itinerary for the visit was discussed and the opportunity for questions was given.