

East Hampshire Youth Council
6.30-8.45pm, Thursday 23rd September, Bordon Youth Centre, Bordon
Minutes

Present: Dani, Hannah G, Harry, Hannah H, Jake, Lisa, Kirstie, Heidi, Ellen, Charlotte, Matthew, Esther, Vicky, Caspian, Harriet, Sophie (EDGE project), Lara and Bob

Items	Action
Icebreaker – Rubber gloves	
1. Welcome, Introductions and aims of the meeting – Dani welcomed everyone.	
2. Apologies – Dani read apologies from: Elyssia, Joanna, Charleigh, Elin and Charlie	
3. Agree minutes of last meeting – minutes not received	
4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting – none	
<p>5. Events/meetings attended since last EHYC:</p> <p>British Youth Council Convention</p> <p>Ellen, Charlotte, Victoria and Esther had attended and spoke about the Money Pot bid on the way up which they were not sure about passing due to money being spent on a fish tank. The bid was passed though as the money could also be used to pay for other items. They also mentioned the speakers and MP's at the debate.</p> <p>British Youth Council Annual Council</p> <p>Jake, Harry and Esther had attended and spoke about how long the trip was.</p> <p>Meeting and litter photo shoot</p> <p>Harriet, Jake and Harry attended and spoke about the 4 designs which had been created in to banners/posters to remind everyone.</p>	
<p>6. Updates</p> <p>Proof of age cards</p> <p>Lara reported that Stagecoach have a free card available for young people which we have been given permission to publicise in Screaming Out Loud and through posters in schools.</p>	

<p>Leisure card</p> <p>Lara reported that interest from all leisure facilities across Hampshire had been low- probably due to recession. She also mentioned the need to think about an alternative and mentioned the possibility of a leisure booklet highlighting all the offers available to young people that YP are not generally aware of. Ellen suggested a website and the group also discussed a link from our website or PDF of the booklet on the site itself. A stamping system was also suggested whereby young people are rewarded for their custom.</p> <p>Jobs for young people in EH or volunteering</p> <p>Lara mentioned that this project was also problematic due to financial constraints with the current economy. The group spoke about existing volunteering schemes and Sophie mentioned the V volunteering scheme.</p> <p>Swap day update</p> <p>Caspian mentioned that TPS and Ditcham Park had problems agreeing on a date so Ditcham Park have now decided to hold a conference focussing on environmental issues with MP, Damian Hinds as a guest speaker.</p>	<p>Both projects to be developed further at next meeting.</p>
<p>7. Sub-groups</p> <p>Local Democracy Week/EDGE project ideas:</p> <p>The group want to raise the profile of democracy, stop democracy being boring, talk about issues such as votes for under 18s, they want to make democracy matter to young people, telling young people how democracy affects them directly, as many don't realise that these decisions affect them, they want to do a display of some kind, where people can see it</p> <p>Possible idea: A collage, using newspaper headlines etc, linking it to young people</p> <p>Sculpture idea- It would have to have a message</p> <p>Big Ben- iconic image which relates to democracy</p> <p>The green and red benches of the commons and the lords</p> <p>Interactive sculptures which speak</p> <p>Group decided this was too complicated in time for the deadline</p>	<p>Banner sub-groups to meet at Eggar's prior to Local Democracy Week.</p>

<p>The group liked the idea of a banner which they could take around schools, asking young people to contribute (final idea)</p> <p>Children in Need event</p> <p>The group discussed various ideas for an event including: sponsored silence, bake sale, eatathon, bikathon, swimathon, walk, fancy dress or dancing in the street.</p> <p>The group decided to investigate possibility of holding/doing their event at a local leisure centre</p>	<p>Lara to approach leisure centres re holding an event.</p>
<p>8. Break</p>	
<p>9. Youth Council Portfolios- moved to AOB for October</p>	
<p>10. Butserfest and YC/EHDC representation</p> <p>The group discussed their frustrations of not being asked to volunteer at Butserfest including:</p> <p>Only getting 1 weeks notice that they could not volunteer.</p> <p>Most other young people were doing the same-why should Youth Councillors be any different?</p> <p>Not everyone was told at the time that it caused offence</p> <p>Lara and Bob told the group that while they would usually stick up for them no matter what they were not able to on this occasion as any adult volunteer would have been pulled up if they had written obscene words on their bodies. They spoke about the fact this was done whilst people were wearing the Youth Council t-shirts and this was noted by Councillors and Officers at EHDC.</p> <p>Lara and Bob also mentioned that they realise they were at fault too due to the delay in this message being relayed to young people. If there is not a meeting shortly after an event this will be communicated by email/FB next time.</p>	
<p>11. Dates for your diaries and volunteers – group referred to list and confirmed</p>	<p>Lara to send reminders</p>
<p>12. AOB (schools, youth forums and councils) – n/a</p>	
<p>13. Next meeting – 6.30-8.45pm, Thursday 21st October, EHDC</p>	<p>Lara to send reminders</p>