

# Northampton Youth Forum

on Thursday, 31 October 2019 at 10:00 am until not later than 3:00 pm  
in **Holding Room, The Guildhall**

## Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Introduction and Icebreakers**
- 2. Youth Update**  
2018/19 overview by young people  
Feedback from Youth Summit residential
- 3. Meet the Chief Executive & Leader of the Council**  
CEO George Candler & Cllr Jonathan Nunn
- 4. Tour of the Guildhall**  
Led by Youth Forum and meet the Mayor
- 5. Lunch Break**
- 6. Nominations & Elections**  
Chair, Vice chair and Secretary role
- 7. Action Plan setting**
- 8. Youth Activity app**  
Project to develop an app or site for young people
- 9. Next Meeting**  
Thursday 19 December, 4-6pm: Updates and Christmas social.

Map and directions at: [www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall)

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# Agenda Item 1

## NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

### NORTHAMPTON YOUTH FORUM

Thursday, 25 July 2019

#### 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Attended by: Qais (chair), Zach, Tom, Harpreet, Lissy, Ayo, Aimee (NBC), Morcea (Adult co-chair), Cllr Anna King. Guests: Geraldine (Rising Aspirations), Marvin (Lemon Pop)

Apologies: Tasnim, Louis

Some forum members are involved in NCS and cannot make today's meeting.

This is Qais' last meeting today as he will be moving on to study at Manchester University in September! Congratulations Qais!

He will be coming to youth day so if you missed him you can still catch him and say goodbye!

#### 2. CADET AND HEALTHWATCH UPDATE

No cadet or healthwatch members available today.

#### 3. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Update on plans for youth day:

We have two units on the upper mall by the lifts, overlooking the ground floor where the stage will be located. We are still looking for performers and the forum looked at a couple of youtube that had been suggested but were not keen on inviting them. A couple of other contacts to be followed up

**Action: Aimee to draft email for Morcea to send to interested performers to confirm space.**

Youth forum will be located in the larger unit along with boxing ring, glitter, lemon pop and photobooth.

Forum members to arrive at 11.30am, event starts at 12pm, finishes at 5pm.

#### 4. UK PARLIAMENT WEEK PLANS

The forum recognise that it is a busy time for the courts. Aimee will continue to explore the UK Parliament week court activity and keep forum members up to date.

#### 5. HERITAGE TRAINING

The forum will provide 20 minute short tours of the Guildhall for Heritage Open Day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 12-4pm. Lunch will be provided for everyone who gets involved.

**Action: Aimee will arrange a one hour training session with tour guide Kate for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm.**

#### 6. LUNCH

#### 7. RISING ASPIRATIONS

Geraldine came into the forum meeting to talk about her project Raising Aspirations'. Along with a group of friends she set up the group to guide and inspire other young people about their futures and options, particularly around higher education, based on their own experiences.

They will be having an event on Saturday 17 August at the Holy Sepulchre Community rooms between 10am and 4pm debunking myths about university and sharing their own experiences. They will also be helping people with CV advice and are happy to look over current CVs and give advice.

## **8. LEMON POP GRAFFITI WORKSHOP**

Marvin from 'Lemon Pop' came to the meeting to deliver a youth engagement workshop with the forum. Everyone was asked to explore 'who they are' through writing and drawing, ending with a canvas piece about them.

Marvin will use the discussions and ideas from these and from the action plan to plan a mural design for youth day. This will be taped to the wall in the unit and will be used to engage young people in discussion whilst colouring it in.

## **9. FUTURE ITEMS**

The group spent some time with flipchart thinking of future meeting ideas:

- Careers advice
- Higher education info
- Exams and advice from former students
- Fundraising
- Politics (as approaching voting age)
- Mental Health

**Action: Aimee to invite speakers for future meetings on above topics, including contact with Uni team school advisors.**

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Heritage Tour Training - Monday 9 September, 4.30pm  
Heritage Tours event - Sunday 16 September, 11.30-4pm

### **Next Meeting:**

Youth Forum Induction – Thursday 24 October, 10am – 3pm

The meeting concluded at 2.30pm

Youth Forum Action Plan						
<b>Youth Chairs:</b>	Qais and Lucas		<b>Cllr &amp; Community Chair:</b>	Cllr Anna King, Morcea Walker		
<b>Outcomes identified within the Corporate Plan:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empowered local communities with a greater capacity to become involved in community life</li> <li>Promote integration and cohesion</li> <li>Appropriate support provided to those in most need</li> <li>Services are fair, accessible and responsive to individual needs residents and customers feel informed and engaged in service quality and design</li> <li>Future developments informed by the views of local people</li> <li>Delivery of events to celebrate and enjoy the Town’s heritage and culture</li> </ul>					
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify issues of importance to the young people of the Borough, research and discuss issues and decide on outcomes to achieve</li> <li>Promoting and encouraging equality for young people in the Borough</li> <li>Promoting partnership working by statutory and voluntary sector organisations, schools and Youth groups and communities</li> <li>Identifying gaps in provision for young people</li> </ul>					
ω	Action	Activity (intelligence led)	Timescale	Cost	Measure	Last Updated
	UK Parliament Week 2018	Political Speed dating event on Friday 16 November at the Guildhall. Councillors invited to participate. Young people to discuss with their student bodies and put together a list of questions for the councillors. Take notes on the responses and report back to peers. Complete. Attended by 8 Youth Forum members	12-18 November 2018	£100	Number of young people attending, schools represented	Nov 2018
	Holocaust Memorial Day	Young people to welcome guests, give out challah bread, and read the 7 statements of commitment at the Holocaust Memorial Day event and light candles as part of the commemoration ceremony.  9 youth forum members participated in the event and received praise from the community for their involvement and conduct.	Monday 28 January 2019	Nil	Number of young people involved.	February 2019
	Youth Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support NBC’s Knife crime project work</li> <li>Equality Allies project – badges and charms promoted at Holocaust Memorial Day.</li> </ul> PC Stevens attended the April meeting to discuss youth crime stats with the forum. Forum members asked about a range of other issue and received information and advice form the Police.	September 2019	Nil		June 2019

Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth awareness around cybercrime and protecting their accounts. <b>Online safety workshop delivered in February meeting.</b></li> <li>Training session for adults to gain understanding around social media platforms and how young people use them. Highlight safety implications and how to support young people. <b>NBC co-ordinating some events for secondary schools and parents. Forum listed ideas and are happy to support parent workshops.</b></li> </ul>	21 February 2019  September 2019	TBC		June 2019
International Youth Day	<p>Lemon Pop workshops attended forum ahead of event to do creative consultation workshop.</p> <p>International Youth Day event in the Grosvenor centre on Monday 12 August. Live music, workshops and activities for teenagers and supported by UNO buses offering young persons discounted rate.</p> <p><b>The event was a great success with a high footfall and engagement in the Grosvenor centre.</b></p>	12 August 2019	£1000		June 2019
4 Heritage Tours	<p>Volunteers from the Youth Forum to continue to provide short (20 min) tours of the Guildhall to the public on Heritage Open Weekend.</p> <p><b>Training delivered to youth forum ahead of Heritage weekend. 5 young people attended on the day, 4 for the first time. They delivered a total of 10 tours to the public, guiding over 120 people around the building and giving them a brief history and interesting facts.</b></p>	September 2019	Nil		June 2019
Carnival	Youth forum members are invited to take part in Carnival 2019.	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	n/a		June 2019
Secondary Schools conference	<p>The forum are supporting the Community Safety Partnership to plan a secondary school conference covering topics that young people need information on.</p> <p>The forum provided suggestions for topics that young people need more information on. Suggestions included drug and alcohol, sexual violence, and mental health. <b>Taken to partners planning meeting. The conference will be piloted soon.</b></p>	September 2019			June 2019
UK Parliament Week 2019: Court visit	<p>Judge Mayo has agreed to support an arranged visit for the youth forum along with members of staff from Community Safety and Engagement to attend the courts and learn more about the court process and how the system works.</p> <p>Action: Aimee to make contact with Judge Mayo to arrange for Nov 2019. – <b>The courts are very busy at this time so it may not be possible to arrange the visit for this year.</b></p> <p><b>An additional youth forum activity is being explored at the Guildhall.</b></p>	November 2019			April 2019