

# NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL NORTHAMPTON YOUTH FORUM

Thursday, 10 December 2020

## 1. WELCOMES AND APOLOGIES

**Attended:** Aimee Luck (NBC), Debs Burns (NBC), Morcea Walker (adult cochair), Jay Richardson (Caroline Chisholm), Charlie Atkins (Caroline Chisholm), Zach Scrivener (Beehive) Oriana Criclevit (NSG)

**Apologies:** Cllr Anna King, Lizzy Startin-Ashley (Northampton Academy), Tara Scarth (NBC Housing), Tabi Boyce (Wootton Park), Tracy Wobil (NSG), Mary Morgan (Kingsthorpe College), Ayo Popoola (NIA)

Welcome all - discuss start time - will make the next meetings slightly later due to other members not able to get on-line until about 4.30 / 4.45.

## 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

No actions from previous minutes to pick up.

Aimee took an action away from UKPW event to explore opportunity for forum members to stand for/join the UK Youth Parliament – currently waiting for response from British Youth Council; will update when information received.

## 3. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Filming will take place at the Guildhall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm for Youth Forum members who want to take part. Please wear a facemask on arrival.

Everyone keen to take part. **Aimee to send out a copy of the statements. Members advise Aimee if they have a preference and confirm availability.**

## 4. HOMELESSNESS

Apologies received from Tara Scarth – Single Homelessness Pathway manager at NBC. Tara will attend in January instead to talk to forum about her service area and what support is available for homeless people in Northampton.

### **Question asked: What support is there for winter help?**

Severe weather - 3 nights at minus temperatures

### **Forum members wanted to know how they can support/fundraise to help?**

Aimee to share any relevant information to the forum.

Morcea advised that various Christmas fayres have waived their fees and are asking for donations instead.

Aimee suggested forum members consider watching the next Cabinet meeting for information on the plans to buy and develop Avenue Campus for housing.

Debs to send link of date and time and information. Actioned via email 11.12.20

<http://www.northamptonboroughcouncil.com/councillors/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteId=528>

The next cabinet meeting is Wednesday 16th December at 6pm, available to watch via YouTube.

## 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Knife Angel

Coming to Northampton in May 2021, [find out more here](#). Forum members invited to be the youth 'anti-violence ambassadors' for Northampton. Responsibility would be to design the pin badge and promote the anti-violence campaign – opportunity to come up with more ideas. **Forum members to come up with ideas for the anti-violence pin badge over Christmas break.**

Northampton Town Football Club have arranged for Cobblers defender Cian Bolger to be their anti-crime ambassador and he will be supporting this project. Opportunities for the forum to work with Cobblers teams on this. Anna Letts (NTFC) invited to future meeting to discuss. There will also be opportunities to get involved in Graffiti art and music projects as part of the Knife Angel visit – covid restrictions dependant.

### Covid messaging

Charlie took part in interviews with Mark Dean from BBC and Inspiration FM radio and has been involved in some of the discussions led by public health and other professionals around creating messaging that is engaging for young people.

### Things to do over Christmas

Explore Northampton App

<https://www.northampton.gov.uk/news/article/3219/discover-christmas-in-northampton>

## 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**2021** - tbc

Anneka will be returning to continue work on the perspectives project and start pulling together the report.

Regeneration officers invited to discuss town centre regeneration plans and get your views on their proposals.

### **January**

Tara Scarth – Single Homelessness pathway manager (NBC)

Anna Letts – Northampton Town Football Club; Anti-violence ambassador project.

### **February**

Action for Happiness have approached us and would like to join us to talk about mental health – Laura Graham.

## 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

*Tuesday 5 January – HMD event filming at Guildhall, 5pm.*

**Thursday 7 January, 4.45pm (Virtual)**

The meeting concluded at 17:30



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