

Note from Youth Voice Meeting 9th May 2017

Attending:- Lizzie Lemon, Rachel Smith, Donald Macleod, Alistair Nail, Rohanna Irvine, Fiona Templeton, Aaron Clark, Stefanie Mooney, Pauline Wilson, Linda McGlynn, Paul Fletcher

The group looked at what a Youth Voice is? Feedback :-

Empowerment, Representation, views/opinions, opportunity to get the services/ activities relevant to them, providing opportunity for young people to engage with decision makers, influences decisions, represented at all stages of planning & implementing, speak directly to power – not through an adult or authority filter.

What we already have in the area :- Y.E.S Troon speak, networks of volunteers, ambassadors, advocates, dialogue at ongoing events, Glasgow Council, 4 members of youth Parliament, pupil councils, YP who attend services, organisations that focus is youth led, Active Champions, Morden Apprentices, Glasgow Life & YoMo young leaders, young volunteers, peer Educators, sport leaders, youth committees, young volunteers groups and new ones being development, GKC Transitions to learning & work steering group, care-experienced young people represent, student association.

How we will link the existing youth voice into the network? No notes all discussions:-

- Young people at the Hub Cap meeting
- Young people at Steering group
- Using Morden Apprentices
- One off consultation event
- Training young people to be peer educations
- And much more

Way Forward brought up more questions than answers:-

- Why is there a need for a youth voice as many organisations consult and have a youth voice embedded within their organisations and the worker take this to the Hub Caps
- A youth voice committee would not be representative of all young people in the North East
- What would be the reason behind the youth voice WHY & WHAT would be the purpose
- Not wanting a token young person at a meeting
- The Hub Cap meetings not being youth friendly
- What would the young people influence – is the structure of the Alliance open to a youth voice – is the Alliance not an organisational structure of workers that are bring the already existing youth voice structures to the Hub Cap meeting and Steering group
- The Alliance would have to be open and change to enable & embed a youth voice within it structure or it would be tokenistic.
- To answer the request from the conference it has been suggested that a statement is produced stating that “a Youth Voice is provided within the Alliance by the existing structures embedded within the many youth organisational membership of the Hub Cap and the youth alliance is an organisational working group.”

The Way Forward:- that small working projects for young people can be created through opportunities such as :- involvement in event planning, support and development for a youth voice within organisations that don't have one already and to support the development of the Alliance through

project ideas like the communication group or other themes in the future.

This would bring young people's involvement in the Alliance but the youth voice is as above.

Up Date on Youth Voice Sub Group

The Hub Caps looks like there will be 4 young Modern Apprentices the youth voice sub group will work offer the MP's the opportunity to work on the consultation of young people about a youth voice across the North East, one event in each area.

The next meeting of the Youth Voice Sub Group for the North East of Glasgow will be the 14th September 2017.