

The 18th Hull Young People's Parliament 4th July 2012

Report to Children and Young People

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

On Wednesday 4th July 2012 the Hull Young People's Parliament met in the Guildhall for the eighteenth time! 66 children and young people from all over Hull came together to review the last two Hull Young People's Parliaments on Transport & Jobs & Education (March 2012) and Crime & Sexual Health (Oct 2011). This includes voting for the next four themes for the next two Parliaments.

We would like to send out a huge welcome to those children and young people attending for the first time and equally, welcome back to those of you who have attended previous Hull Young People's Parliaments.

Morning

Opening:

When everyone was signed in Children and Young People were directed to the Reception Suite for the opening speeches. Young people Sammi, Peter and Tyler welcomed everyone to Parliament and then introduced members of the UK Youth Parliament to talk about their successful Young Carers Card Campaign and young women from the Hull Lasses Group who gave a presentation on their Body Image Campaign. Peter then welcomed Councillor Helene O'Mullane (Portfolio holder with the responsibility for Children and Young People) – who gave a speech about how young people have been more involved in the cabinet meetings. Tyler next introduced Vanessa Harvey Samuels (head of Localities and Learning) – who also gave a speech. Peter then welcomed back Councillor Helene O'Mullane who picked out the prize draws for the winning raffle tickets, three young people won goodie bags.

1st Workshop:

Young people looked over what happened at the last two Hull Young People's Parliaments and decided on questions to ask the panel in the Council Chambers.

2nd Workshop

The 13 + age group worked in small groups with facilitators to decide on the next themes for next two Hull Young People's Parliaments. Using the Diamond Ranking to break down ideas to two themes, young people then nominated two participants to pitch their theme to the wider group. All chosen themes were then placed on a table and each young person voted for two

themes using sticky dots. **The two winning themes were Safety and Racism.**

The **under 13s** age group came together for the Council Chambers Question Time, this included directing questions they had decided on in the 1st workshop to a panel. The panel included Dave Houchin (Chief Inspector – Neighbourhoods), Justine Mortimer (Citysafe – HCC), Graham Hill (Transport – HCC), Claire Robinson (EYMS), Councillor O' Mullane (Portfolio holder for Children and Young People's Services) including Wesley Parkinson (Member of UK Youth Parliament).

Under 13s questions to the panel:

(1) Chiltern Primary School

Why do people on bikes not get the same respect as people in cars, because cars get their own lanes everywhere but bikes do not?

Answer: The panel agreed and explained that Cycle lanes had improved and if young people had any problems ring the police.

The Roads should be repaired and pot holes should be fixed so that travelling by road is safe?

Answer: The panel agreed that pot holes are a problem and the council have a policy to repair them and this can be very costly.

Why don't teenagers get more opportunities and more choice with work experience?

Answer: The panel agreed that Work experience is very important and they should keep raising as an issue with their schools. It was explained with head teachers and the council and schools are working with local employers to try and improve this.

(2) Dorchester

Why are there only a few bins in Orchard Park?

Answer: The panel suggested that ward councillors in the area need to be made aware of it.

Why aren't there many Police/PCSOs around – in schools, on streets, sorting out crime?

Answer: The panel explained about the pressure on policing locally and nationally. It was about to work smarter in Hull on the success on schools and police working together in terms of safer schools partnership. Depending on funding streams they would be looking at the possibility of increasing PCSOs in Hull.

What do you do about people who fly tip/throw rubbish onto people's garages?

Answer: Fly tipping yes agree report it. The challenge and support are doing a lot of work in this area and if panel encourage young people to report it it is a problem in their local area.

(3) Stepney Primary & Wheeler Primary (Transport)

The answer to the question on bigger and better cycle lanes for the public is very vague, why? Can you give us a better answer please?

You wrote 'cycle lanes are something that may be looked at in the future. We came up with this idea in March, its July now, why has nothing happened, it's the 6 weeks holidays soon and our safety is important?

Answer: Hull city council is looking at safer cycle and something we will continue to look at in the future.

(4) Stepney Primary & Wheeler Primary (Crime)

In regards to security cameras in parks, why is there no answer to this resolution? Our safety is important and parents are worried about children. The holidays are coming up and lots of people are in parks and could become easily lost.

Answer: There is CCTV cameras across the city, 14 parks in Hull are covered and in East Park there are 24 cameras. The skate park has cameras, some unfortunately have been vandalised and they are expensive to repair or replace. All primary schools can visit the Hull CCTV centre as an open invitation.

Young Peoples response: Some parks are very busy and are not covered with CCTV such as Water Loo Street.

Answer: Waterloo Street Park is not covered by CCTV, Fishers Park – Courtland Road is covered by CCTV but obstructed by trees. The camera is adjacent to the park on Courtland Road. Liddell Park – Bridlington Ave is covered by CCTV either end of the street.

(5) Wheeler Primary (Crime)

Young person sent a letter to the council about needles and dog fouling in the area and the council never replied.

Answer: The council should reply and these issues should be reported to the local policing team.

(6) Holy Name RC Primary School

Fisher playing field and Orchard Park playing equipment has been damaged and burnt.

Answer: Vandalism in parks can be a city –wide problem and the issues need to be raised and reported to the police.

Young Peoples response: Fishers park is out of action, young people have been playing football near the road and the football is going on the road. The big field next to the park is not used and young people would like to use it.

Answer: The Council will look into it , any problems should be reported to the police patrols on a Friday night

(7) Wheeler Primary (Crime)

Young people raised the issue of glass and litter in the Hawthorne Ave area

Answer: The panel said there are a number of improvements going on in that area and any problems like this need to be reported to the council to keep on top of it.

The Neighbourhood Nuisance Team Environmental Officer for the area and PCSO will carry out a patrol of the area on Friday 6th July. These patrols are carried out on a regular basis across the Newington Ward. We will contact the Community Wardens to look at signs and stencils for the area. A request will be made to Street Scene to have the pavements cleared.

(8) Wheeler Primary (Crime)

Young people brought up dog fouling in the streets

Answer: The panel said that this can be a problem across the city when dog owners allow the dogs to do this. It was also explained that the challenge and support team have city-wide hot spots where that problems have been targeted and things have improved. The panel stressed again that these issues need to be reported the council.

(9) Greenwood Library Youth Forum

Young people raised there should be seat belts on busses

Answer: that panel replied that many bus journey s are short journey, were people are on and off and there are numerous reason often to do with insurance e and how public transport is seen as how to why this does not happen. In addition the panel state that there has been no number of incidents of accident reported on busses due no seat belts on buses.

(10) Holy Name RC Primary School

Football going on garage roof and glass and litter on Orchard Park

Answer: The panel said these problems need to be reported to the police. These are examples of issues that need to be reported to the local policing team and wardens. The panel also commented on the dangers of climbing on garage roofs.

Lunchtime

At lunchtime young people from Freedom Road Creative Arts performed some music, with Sammi singing Valerie by Amy Winehouse. This was really well received and we hope see them perform again at the next Hull People's Parliament. East Yorkshire Buses and Cornerhouse also held stalls during the lunch time period.

Afternoon

The **under 13s** age group worked alongside a facilitator using the diamond ranking system to come up with two themes they would like for the next two parliaments. Each group then made up a mime of one of their chosen themes and presented it to the rest of the groups; the other groups then had to try and guess their chosen theme. All themes were then displayed and the participants voted two themes using sticky dots. **The two winning themes were Homelessness and Child Abuse.**

The **13 +** age group came together for the Council Chambers Question Time, this included directing questions they had decided on in the 1st workshop to a panel. The panel included Tish Lamb (Chief Executive of Cornerhouse Yorkshire), Gail Teasdale (Service Manager for Young People's Health – HCC), Vanessa Harvey Samuels (Head of Localities and Learning – HCC), Steve Tomlinson (Employability and Skills – HCC), Councillor O'Mullane (Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's Services).

13 + questions to the panel:

(1) Winifred Holtby & Sirus Academy

How can we raise the awareness of sexual education?

Answer: Reviewed Sex Education in schools and have re-hashed what is delivered. Support young people who miss their sex education (through Cornerhouse). Youth Workers/teachers have gone through training which ensures they can deliver accurate information.

(2) Greenwood Youth Forum, Merlin Bridge, Pearson Park Youth Forum, Young Lasses Group, YVIC

Not a lot of schools hear about sex education, what improvements have been made on sex education in schools?

Answer:

(3) Greenwood Youth Forum, Merlin Bridge, Pearson Park Youth Forum, Young Lasses Group, YVIC

Can young people up-to 18 have free bus passes throughout the year that are in education and training?

Answer: UKYP spoke about EYMs reduced cost. Post 16 learning – colleges have post 16 bursaries which can help low income families children access information. UKYP spoke about how they are trying to arrange a meeting with bus companies.

(4) Fredrick Homes

Would like a specialist Residential College in Hull?

Answer: UKYP said that the specialist Residential College idea was passed on to Cabinet. Councillor O'Mullane discussed plans for a specialist college.

(5) Rotary Club

What are you doing about educating young people (eg yr6) about puberty and the changes their bodies go through?

Answer:

What are you planning to do about encouraging and motivating young people to gain work experience through volunteering in their own time?

Answer:

How long will it take for the apprenticeships in the council to start, and what are you doing about apprenticeships for 19 + young people?

Answer:

(6) Keilan Maclead (School?)

What is being done to encourage young people to access information and advice about jobs and education?

Answer:

(7) Jack Wadsworth (School?)

What is happening with surveying young people about sexual health and advertising?

Answer:

(8) Wyke Youth Forum

Why can't changes to education be for all year groups?

Answer:

Work experience options are limited and often in placements & jobs we aren't interested in?

Answer:

(9) Kimberley Elgar (School?)

How can we make work experience more assessable and more realistic experience?

Answer: Steve Tomlinson said that there used to be Education Partnerships who could influence. Young people to work with Hull Young People's

Parliament to pass their opinions onto school's and begin to make a change. Would have a huge impact on the economy in Hull if we could help young people to have excellent 'employability skills'. Learning & skills policy will soon be developed – which may put some standards for work experience in place.

Young People's Involvement

As you know we are always listening to what you tell us and think about the Hull Young People's Parliament, especially when you give us ideas about how we can make it better for everyone. As it is rightly called Hull Young People's Parliament we are always looking at ways to get you and other children and young people more involved in the planning and facilitation of them.

Already we have had children and young people perform short plays, stand up and tell us about some of the wonderful campaigns they have been involved in, facilitate workshops, 'chair' the Council Chamber resolution sessions, take photographs and help compare the day! Don't forget that if you really want to help out on the day just let us know at Hull Youth Council on 585297. It isn't easy to stand up in front of hundreds of people or facilitate a workshop but don't worry, we will help you along the way – just give us a call if it's something you would really like to have a go at. Remember, it's your Parliament and your day!!

Thank You

A BIG thank you as always to the many people who helped to make the 19th Hull Young People's Parliament such a great day! Especially, to the 66 children and young people who turned up. Furthermore, a big thanks also to the facilitators and 'experts' who helped out in delivering all the workshops. Very special mentions to those young people who made a big contribution including Tom who 'chaired' the Question Time in the Council Chambers, Sammi, Garry, Tyler and Peter who compared the event, our photographers Wayne and Richard from Bransholme Community Arts Enterprise. This also includes Ellie and Molly and Freedom Road Creative Arts for filming on the day. Furthermore, not forgetting Brian for controlling the microphones. And, last but not least all our partner organisations and friends who we continue to rely on, guest speakers, funders and anyone else who helped out along the way.

Next Themes and A date for your diary

The next Hull Young People's Parliament will be held on **Thursday 25th October 2012** at The Guildhall. There will be two themes at the 19th Hull Young People's Parliament, the 13+ age group will focus on Safety and the under 13's age group will explore the issue of Homelessness.