

The Second Hull Young People's Parliament

18th October 2006

Report to Children and Young People



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On Wednesday 18th October, 174 children and young people, between the ages of 10 to 25, crammed into one of the Guildhall's largest rooms for the second meeting of the Hull Young People's Parliament (HYPP).



Welcomes and introductions were given by Councillor Christine Randall (Lead Councillor for Children and Young People) and Nigel Richardson (Director of Children and Young People's Services).

Nigel also talked about the Children and Young People's Plan and repeated his promise to you that the Council would listen seriously to your ideas and be answerable to you on what the Council was doing.

• Feedback from the First Parliament

Kristof Woodall (The Warren Project) told people about the meeting about more activities for young people with Nigel and Christine. Young people at the meeting asked Nigel and Christine to look at:

- Ideas of how to let children and young people know what activities are taking place
- Cheap and safe transport
- A children and young people's Multi-Cultural event

Sophie Mell (Route One Youth Centre) and Adam Howitt (Costello Youth Centre) told the Parliament about their meeting with the Youth Services Manager.

For any more information about these meetings, please contact Hull Youth Council on 585297 or see page 8.

• The Youth Opportunities Fund

Dean Davis (from Youth Development Services) told the Parliament about how the Youth Opportunities Fund could help young people get more activities where they live and in the City Centre For more information contact Dean Davis on 224337 or email youth.service@hullcc.gov.uk

- **Issues and Conversations**



You all got stuck into the Key Question **“What can we do to change the negative image of young people?”** There were 32 conversations in total! We also asked you to make three key points, or recommendations of what needs to happen to change things. You can find a full list of these at the back of this report.

- **Meeting the Inspector**

Thank you to those of you who met with Malcolm Wall, the Joint Area Review Inspector. He said he really enjoyed seeing the Parliament and talking to children and young people. The final report on how the City did in the inspection will be out on 9th February.



- **Resolutions in the Council Chamber**



This was the first time we tried resolutions in the Council Chamber but will definitely be doing it again because it was so good!

Well done to all of you for presenting, asking questions and supporting the resolutions – you did a great job.

The resolutions were:

Group	Resolution	Decision
Wold Primary School	For a Skate Park in the area	Agreed
Coalition of Hull’s Young People	To support the Gholam Campaign to help Gholam stay in Hull	Agreed
The Polish School	For a children and young people’s Multicultural event	Agreed
Gillshill Primary School	More police patrolling the Ings Road area	Agreed

More information about how the groups are getting on with their ideas will be available at the next Parliament.

- **Voting**

During the day many of you used your chance to vote on what you thought should be the main topic for the Third Young People’s Parliament.

The vote came out like this:

Crime and Personal Safety	31
Underage Drinking and Smoking	29
Sexual Health	16
Housing and Homelessness	15
Where to go for help	9
Transport	7
Education and Training	2



- **What happened after the 2nd Parliament?**

Young people met with Christine and Nigel on 15th November at the Guildhall and talked about the following:

- How to involve children and young people in how the City Council spends it’s money
- Meeting the bus companies to look at how to make buses safer and whether fares should be cheaper or no fares at all
- Resolutions that came from Parliament

For any more information about these meetings, please contact us.



- **What you thought to the day**

The majority of what everyone said about the day was really positive, there’s a full list at the end of the report. Again there are some things we need to get better at for the next one – here are some of them:

Food – following your views from the 1st Parliament, we provided a more ‘children and young people friendly’ buffet, with a pudding.

The main problem was that people made a long queue instead of waiting to be called to get their lunch. People had to wait a long time and we ran out of food because some people had loads!

For the third Parliament we’re going to try lunch bags, we’ll see how it goes.



Noise – the smaller tables seemed to work better this time but the noise from all your conversations made it difficult to hear! For the third Parliament we’re going to use extra rooms and spread out a bit more.

Ages – we are going to try to have separate groups for young people 16 and over.



Not listening to each other – we hope that spreading out groups will help young people listen to each other. We also ask that you respect each other and give each other a chance to be heard.

Knowing who the Facilitators and Helpers are – for the third Parliament they’re going to wear coloured badges so you can see them easier.

The ‘Law of Two Feet’ – this is where you can move to a conversation at anytime you want. Lots of people said this didn’t work so we won’t be using it again.

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As the Parliament voted for the next topic to be crime and personal safety so the Key Question will be:

What can we do about crime and safety in Hull?

Please try to have a talk with your group about what you think about crime and safety before you come. We'll be inviting some advisers who work in crime and safety to help you with your talks on the day.



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Friday 23rd February

9.30 - 2.30

The Guildhall

Resolutions:

Please also let us know, before you come, if you have any resolutions you want to bring up in the Council Chamber. A resolution is an idea you bring from your group to ask the HYPP to vote on.



Before you bring a resolution to the Parliament, you should talk about it and vote on it at your group or School Council.

Please send your resolution to Hull Youth Council, contact details on page 8. If you want to know more about creating a resolution please contact any of the organisations listed on page 8 too, they'll be pleased to help.

Getting More Active!

Youth Forums

There are 7 Youth Forums, run by Hull Youth Council, for young people aged 11-25 across the City. Forums meet fortnightly at various places. You can join your local forum at anytime. Forums focus on young people's issues in their local area like litter, personal safety, things to do, etc. Forums campaign on their issues to change things for the better.

CHYP (Coalition of Hull's Young People)

The Coalition of Hull's Young People is a city-wide action group for young people aged 11-25 facilitated by Hull Youth Council and the Warren. Young people run their own monthly meetings on a Saturday to focus on city-wide issues and campaigns.



The Hull Coalition and Youth Networks

The Coalition is for people working with children and young people in Hull. It has 7 Youth Networks and a central group which meets monthly. The main aim of the Coalition is to help children and young people get involved, raise and act on their issues. The Coalition also looks at how workers from different organisations can work better together for the benefit of children and young people and what needs to change to make this happen

Find out more by contacting any of the following projects:

Contact Details

- Hull Youth Council, Tel: 585297, or email hullyouthcouncil@hullcc.gov.uk
- The Warren, Tel: 218115 or email empower@empower.karoo.co.uk
- Hull Children's Fund, Tel: 615250, or email hullchildrensfund@hullcc.gov.uk
- RAPP, Tel: 225855 or email rapp@hullcc.gov.uk
- The Hull Coalition, contact Di Allen on 308158 or email: dallen@connexionshumber.co.uk

Your Conversations

Here are the key action points taken from each of the conversations



- **How children and young people should respect adults. Change ideas of adults, not children**
 - 1) Change the attitude.
 - 2) Mutual respect – adults should speak nicely to kids and vice versa.
 - 3) More punishment for bad kids.

- **Adults swearing at us**
 - 1) Older young children swearing because adults do it.
 - 2) Try and work with older people/be friends.
 - 3) Have a swear box/swear charts – give money to charity.

- **What should we do about graffiti**
 - 1) Pay a professional to go into Youth Club – could bid for money from central pot.
 - 2) CCTV, Wardens to issue fines. Letters to government saying they want tax payers money to be spent on these things.
 - 3) Graffiti Club and Graffiti Walls – start a petition to get support for the club and walls.

- **Chavs, Emos, Moshers – what does it matter?**
 - 1) Three different groups to be represented by the Parliament to meet and discuss issues and how to break down barriers.
 - 2) A play to go around the schools to address issues and show all the same.
 - 3) Wristbands – depicting three different groups for young people to wear to show respect for each other's attitudes to each other.

- **Police deal unfairly with young people**
 - 1) To promote respect between young people and the police.
 - 2) Encourage the police to get to know the young people and the area where they live.
 - 3) Police to meet with members of the Young People's Parliament.

- **How can the elderly and young people work together?**
 - 1) Need to provide more activities/opportunities to bring young people and elderly together, i.e. an event (invite Parliament reps to meet elderly).
 - 2) Parliament should ask media to cover more positive stories about young people and not always say bad things.

- **Restaurants and more nightclubs for young people so they can chill out**
 - 1) A new venue for all.
 - 2) No extremes – with more supervision as good role models should include nightclub, Burger King, Starbucks – big names.
 - 3) Exclusively for young adults (secondary school age) with a central point for funding this.

- **More support and help for young people to deal with things**
 - 1) More support for males, i.e. contraceptives.
 - 2) By providing help and support young people will be encouraged to do positive things, e.g. if support was available for teenage parents then they would be able to have a life/education and support the child – so this is positive for young people.
 - 3) Schools could be a contact point.

- **More alarms and cameras around shops**
 - 1) Everybody needs to be alert.
 - 2) Get Council and adults involved by a petition, letter or sponsored walks.
 - 3) Cameras on lamp-posts to see who is around or who is breaking into a house.

- **More positive stories on young people in newspapers, radio etc**
 - 1) TV/Radio Show – local media to pay more attention to young people's stories.
 - 2) Get local press/TV to highlight positive stories of young people.
 - 3) More info/leaflets and award ceremonies to highlight the stories of young people.

- **Young people not allowed to hang out on street corners**
 - 1) Somewhere for kids to go all week.
 - 2) An outdoor space where they can go.
 - 3) Youth Cafe.

- **More multi-cultural events so young people can come together**
 - 1) Have tolerance for the language difficulties and invite different cultures to take part in Parliament.
 - 2) Promote in schools – dinnertime could be activity based, involving new pupils with poor English or who feel vulnerable.
 - 3) Citizen-based tolerance of cultural needs and shared knowledge through activities within the community.

- **How can schools help with images of young people**
 - 1) Bigger schools for disabled young people and more ramps.
 - 2) More trips and more Multi-cultural events.
 - 3) To improve image in Stockwell, young people suggested changing the colour of the uniform and have a competition to change the logo. In regards to uniform colour, it could be put to a vote by all pupils and the colour which wins would get it.

- **Teenage pregnancy**
 - 1) Continue our education throughout the pregnancy and beyond.
 - 2) People think we are a burden on society.
 - 3) People perceive that because you are young you can't care for your child.

- **More things to do to avoid negativity**
 - 1) Community scheme for young people to help the community – reward scheme (money and vouchers).
 - 2) Graffiti Walls in community (on Skate Parks).
 - 3) Rewards for good young people – only young people who are naughty or bad get rewards.

- **Gholam Campaign**
 - 1) We should fight for the protection of human rights and protect freedom of speech.
 - 2) Support Gholam Campaign.
 - 3) More anti-racist education.

- **Young people wearing ID badges**
 - 1) Post Office should do the work (to stop going out of business).
 - 2) By using ID cards to buy alcohol and cigarettes there would be less litter dropped by young people as they wouldn't be able to get it.
 - 3) Have a points system for adults to buy alcohol so they wouldn't buy any for young people as they would want to save their points for themselves.

- **Stop calling us 'young people', we're like everyone else**
 - 1) Young adults (would like to be known as).
 - 2) They think young people of school age should be known as students.
 - 3) Reduce the age structure to 11-18 young adult, 18+ known as adult.

- **Disability Awareness**
 - 1) Hull Young People's Disability Campaign.
 - 2) To have talks in schools to raise awareness of disabilities.
 - 3) Equal opportunities, especially in terms of employment.

- **Positive images in the media (1)**

- 1) Appeal to things like BBC to tackle negative images, ie names.
- 2) Highlight good points rather than bad ones.
- 3) Tackle stereotypes throughout the media and society.

- **Positive images in the media (2)**

- 1) Make people and the community more aware of the misconceptions around young people.
- 2) Get the media to focus on contributions and achievements of young people, not just the bad issues talked about as much.

- **Images of young parents**

- 1) Getting the government to help young mums ensure that young fathers contribute and take responsibility, including support the fathers.
- 2) There needs to be more accessible support in the very early stages of pregnancy when people first find out they are pregnant.

- **Bullying**

- 1) Bullying helpline.
- 2) Give skills to help stop bullying.
- 3) More anti-bullying groups in schools or activities.
- 4) Punish the bullies – losing things that they like.
- 5) Friendship Group – learning languages (Swahili, French) to help refugees make friends.

- **Binge drinking and vandalism**

- 1) Write to the newspapers and ask them not to publish negative images of young people binge drinking as this is not always true.
- 2) Don't let the adults in the shops sell alcohol to young people.
- 3) Do posters to stop binge drinking – start a campaign to highlight what binge drinking does to your health and make it look 'uncool' to drink.

- **Why do people dress differently**

- 1) Promote better understanding with elderly people and young people about why they dress like they do.
- 2) Fairer reporting on young people from local press – less labelling.
- 3) More respect from local retailers/shopkeepers – invite them into schools to talk with young people.

- **Don't treat people differently because of colour or race**

- 1) More multi-cultural awareness sessions/workshops/lessons needed within schools, youth and community groups.

- 2) Each school should have named teacher to act as a mentor for people from different cultures/races.
- 3) More positive media awareness needed to highlight why people choose to live in Hull and that we all should be treated as equals.

- **Shops that won't let us in**

- 1) Only ban people who do cause trouble, not everyone – use CCTV.
- 2) Should be a law passed that shops can't refuse to let young people in.
- 3) Have a meeting with shopkeepers re not all young people are going to cause trouble.

- **Stop fighting**

- 1) Police/bouncers – get more.
- 2) More CCTV.
- 3) Try and understand what makes people fight – respect
- 4) Make sure everybody knows how to report a fight.

- **Make it illegal to smoke in public places**

- 1) Youth Parliament could run a campaign to make it illegal to smoke in public places.
- 2) Council to provide more places for smokers to smoke.
- 3) Youth Parliament could lobby government about selling cigarettes to young people.

- **Vandalism, litter and graffiti**

- 1) Talking cameras.
- 2) Washable/smart graffiti.
- 3) Graffiti Club.

- **Lack of exercise/affordable places for young people to exercise**

- 1) Free range sports so that young people can become proficient to competition level.
- 2) Free equipment.
- 3) Giving young people the choice, opportunity and liberty to participate in sports.

- **Multi-cultural events**

- 1) Sports.
- 2) Multi-faith and cultural events, festivals, parties.
- 3) Lots of arty things.

What You Thought About the 2nd Hull Young People's Parliament

Here's a list of what you put on post it notes to tell us what you thought of the day

- More Organisation
- Good and fantastic
- I thought it was Great, can't wait to come again
- It was good, it was brilliant
- Great
- I thought it was ok but they ran out of coffee and milk so it could have been more organised but at least our views have been heard.
- I thought today was great because everyone can say what they really feel
- It was great can't wait until the next one.
- I think it was great.
- It was good fun but the food wasn't that good because I didn't get any pudding.
- It was fantastic.
- I think that it was good, and I enjoyed the time.
- It was nice I felt I was listened to.
- I thought it was really good and I enjoyed it.
- Need better organisation with the food, but a great day, better than the last one.
- Need to be more organised
- Good fun and the Council Chamber was interesting
- Not bad
- No pudding, I was looking forward to it.
- Ok
- Super
- More activities within the talks like spider graphs and things.
- Good and fantastic
- Cool
- It was nice
- Extravagant
- The day was great
- Not bad but bit boring
- Well boring
- Off the hook
- Needs to be more political
- I think it could have been better by letting everyone have a say.
- It was good
- Cool
- Fantastic
- Really good
- Very informative
- More workshops
- Not bad
- It was great fun, nice to be asked my opinion
- More of a lot of things.
- It was off the chain.
- More organisation
- It was very cool
- Very good but too many primary children.
- Great
- Not bad

- I thought it was better than the first one.
- Really good at getting your point across
- Not bad
- Fantastic
- Great, a really good experience
- Helpful
- Issues were varied
- Wow! It was really good even though some of the topics had nothing to do with the theme. Had a good time though.
- Exciting
- Very good

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