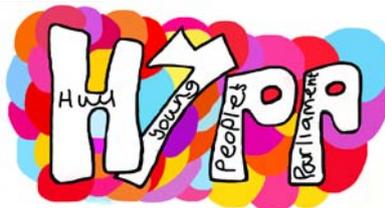


The Eighth Hull Young People's Parliament

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Report to Children and Young People

What can you do about Bullying in Hull?



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On Thursday 12th March 2009 the Hull Young People's Parliament met for the eighth time at the Guildhall. One hundred and eighty three children and young people from all over Hull came together to discuss what they could do to help stop the issue of bullying! To date this was the biggest ever attendance for any

of the Hull Young People's Parliaments so, well done to those of you returning and welcome to all of you attending for the very first time!

Nigel Richardson (Director of Children and Young People's Services) said a few opening words and welcomed everyone before the event got underway.

The Key Question

The key question for the day was "What can YOU do to help stop Bullying in Hull"? To get you all thinking about the issue three pupils from Endeavour High School who attend the Northern Drama and Education Project kicked off the day with a short powerful drama piece on bullying, the different forms of bullying and its impact on people.

Workshops

Again we made the workshops appropriate to the different age groups who attend the Hull Young People's Parliament, keeping all primary school pupils together and 'older' young people together also. In total there were 16 workshops all asking the same question - "What can you do to help stop bullying in Hull"?



Many discussions took place within your workshops looking at the many aspects of bullying such as bullying at school, bullying within the workplace and cyber bullying etc...

As well as kick starting the Parliament, The Northern Drama and Education Project also delivered workshops for both ages on bullying. They provided you with three 'scenario' questions and then got you all into groups to discuss. These were;

- (1) Two children have been found fighting in the playground at break. Steven claims that Mark has made comments about his family and this is why it started.

Your School board must come up with 3 questions to ask each pupil (6 in total) in order to find reasons for the fight and a solution!

- (2) Steven shows you some text messages that are nasty and that have been sent during school hours. He claims no-one wants to be his friend and he doesn't enjoy lessons anymore.

Your School Board must now come up with 3 ways to try and get Steven back into lessons!

- (3) Mark's parents telephone the School saying he is being ignored due to the misbehaviour of him and Steven. They say people at School are not talking to him.

Your School Board must draw up a 10 point bullying policy for everyone to abide by!

Why not have a go at using them in your School, College or Youth Group to generate some discussion and debate on bullying scenarios and to see how you would solve them?!

Some Changes!



With each Hull Young People's Parliament we are always listening to what you tell us regarding anything we can do to make things better for everyone. Recently, one thing that many of you wanted was the chance to sit in the Council Chamber with people of a similar age to you. This meant for the first time that there were two separate resolution debates within the Council Chamber - one (for the younger ages), before lunch and the other (for older young people), after lunch!

This also meant that there were fewer resolutions put forward which meant that you had more quality time to discuss and debate them. It wasn't easy to organise but we think we managed to get them both up and running without too much difficulty!!

Resolutions and Voting (Primary Schools)

As mentioned above we had two separate resolution sittings within the Council Chamber - the first sitting was for the primary school pupils. During the debates within the Council Chamber the primary school pupils put together ten resolutions with only five being successfully passed! These were:



- **All Schools should have team building days and mix with other Schools.**
- **We would like all Schools, Colleges and Youth Groups to consider holding internet safety days.**
- **A 'Worry Box' around the City where you can write down things you are worried about so someone can support them to get them sorted.**
- **To get more anti-bullying information (in Schools) and for someone who has been a bully to come in and do talks**
- **A massive poster campaign on buses, local shops, the big screen, community centres, schools, radio, TV, computer home pages and on the screens at the KC stadium.**

Resolutions and voting (older young people)

The older young people had to wait until after lunch to sit within the Council Chamber (before this they had the option to continue their discussions on bullying or to begin putting resolutions together). Once

here, they also put forward ten resolutions for discussion and debate and, of these ten, nine were successfully passed. These were:

- To raise awareness and understanding of bullying for parents and teachers - especially understanding that it is an individual problem.
- Just like in criminal law - people who wrongly commit an offence, i.e., hurting someone will suffer punishments. We believe bullies should also be punished, e.g. community service, rehab or have to do work as a deterrent.
- Through BSF (Building Schools for the Future), we would like to have an area where a dedicated worker can deal with bullying.
- To have an anti-bullying coordinator in every Hull school.
- To provide workshops and/or support groups for the victims of bullying to teach them self confidence.
- To teach and emphasise individuality and tolerance from a very young age in order to get the idea of individuality ingrained.
- For mentoring and buddy schemes to be extended across all Hull schools with proper training and support from mentors.
- To advertise and promote national anti-bullying week more widely and creatively so young people can get more involved.
- For all Hull schools to look at their exclusion policies and for teachers to follow anti-bullying charters.



What happens now?

In total that means that there were 14 resolutions successfully passed from both Council Chamber sittings so, well done to each and every one of you. What will happen now is that the resolutions will be passed over to local decision makers at The Children's Trust Board to be acted

on. Some of you (those who wanted to), may be contacted to see if you want to be more involved in campaigning for them but, if not, hopefully we will be able to feed back to you and give you an update on their progress sometime in the near future. Sometimes some of the resolutions can take a little longer than others to be sorted out but, don't worry, we haven't forgotten about them!

If you ever wondered what happens to the resolutions that don't get passed well, unfortunately not much! Democracy means that you are able to listen to each one being argued for and against and after this only you can decide whether or not they are passed through voting for or against! However, if a group still feels strongly that they want to do something with their 'failed' resolution then that is up to them - we at Hull Youth Council will still support you to do this if we can - just give us a call on 585297.



Local Action Points

As well as the resolutions, Local Action Points were also put together by many of you. These are usually small manageable ideas that can be done quite quickly with your friends, at school, or at your local youth facility. There have been some brilliant ones from previous Parliaments and this Parliament didn't disappoint either! In total you came up with 24 Local Action Points - these were:

- **Ainthorpe Primary School** - To have more anti-bullying days in School.
- **Endike Primary School** - To have drama and activities about anti-bullying and the School play ground.
- **Holy Name (RC) Primary School** - To have a 'linking' day with other Schools and an 'Issue Box'.
- **Newington Primary School** - To have self-esteem and anger sessions. Extra support for staff at play and dinner times. More provision for them to watch and still be able to have their break and lunch.

- **Bethune Primary School** - We would like to be able to nominate someone within the school that we could go to if we have any problems. We could then talk about problems we have or we see with other children.
- **St. Georges Primary School** - More posters, leaflets and a 'Bullying' corner.
- **Fenchurch Street Centre** - Write in graffiti 'Stop Bullying' around the basketball courts.
- **Alderman Cogan Primary School** - To have a meeting with teachers, pupils, dinner ladies and teaching assistants to talk about how to tackle bullying.
- **Longhill Primary School** - To have an 'Issue Box'.
- **St. Charles (RC) Primary School** - For the dinner ladies to be spread out throughout the playground so they can see if someone is being bullied.
- **St Richards (RC) Primary School** - An adult to talk to on your own, more drama and a 'Worry Box'
- **Southcoates Primary School** - To get a 'Buddy Bench' and to visit other schools.
- **Westcott Primary School** - We would like to select some members of staff to be able to talk to in confidence at appropriate times.
- **Cleeve Primary School** - An after school club for people being bullied and for people to come in and talk at assembly.
- **Hessle Road Network** - Have a poster competition.
- **Paisley Primary School** - To get more information about bullying and for someone who has been bullied to come in and talk to us.
- **Maybury Primary School** - A 'Worry Box' for every classroom.
- **Pearson Primary School** - A special area so people who are unhappy can go there so someone can see them and help them and a hall for a play.
- **Stepney Primary School** - CCTV cameras so bullies can't see where they are and then some more cameras that move so we can see everything. Staff in different places - not stood together so they can see more bullying.
- **Sutton Park Primary School** - A poster competition that can be distributed around the local area and shops.
- **Bude Park Primary School** - An after school club so children have a safe environment and a map of Bude Park School so bullying 'hotspots' and 'safe' areas can be identified.
- **Hall Road Primary School** - To have more Community Wardens and for more children to become Junior Wardens.

- **Francis Askew Primary School** - To put up posters and hand out leaflets.
- **Gillshill Girls** - A graph to show the pupils who have no-one to play with.

Someone from Hull Youth Council will be in contact very soon to help you get started with all your Local Action Points. So, don't worry, we haven't forgotten about you!

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 and 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 constantly looking at ways to get you and other children and young people more involved in the running of it.



Already we have had children and young people involved in co-facilitating some of the workshops and at this Parliament on bullying, you may have noticed that we had two young people helping out in the Council Chamber. 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 to the many people who helped to make the Eighth Hull Young People's Parliament such a fantastic day. Especially, to all the children and young people who turned up. Furthermore, a big thanks also to the facilitators and 'experts'



who helped out in delivering the workshops. A special mention also to the catering staff at the Guildhall for all their hard work, Rob and Suraya for helping out in the Council Chamber, Brian for controlling the microphones, the compere - Mark Spight, Iain Thompson and the Northern Drama and Education Project, all our partner organisations and friends who we continue to rely on, guest speakers, funders and anyone else who helped out along the way!

Some Number Crunching!

Did you know that after eight Hull Young People's Parliaments your appetite for attending, debating, voting and coming up with ideas to make things better shows no signs of wilting! Have a look at the list below:

- The total number of groups to date that have registered to be part of the Hull Young People's Parliament is 121 of which 52 are Schools (Primary, Secondary and Special), 1 College, 16 BME (Black and Minority Ethnic), 9 Youth Centres and 43 others
- The total number of young people who have attended so far is 1,114
- The total number of resolutions debated so far is 82
- The total number of resolutions passed to date is 54
- The total number of Local Action Points put together so far is 56

And.....only 3 of the 121 registered groups have attended all eight - Are you one of them?!!!

A date for your diary

The next Hull Young People's Parliament will be held on **Wednesday 17th June 2009** at The Guildhall and the issue that we will be looking at (as voted by you) will be **The Environment**. So, put that date in your diaries and start thinking about how the environment affects you and/or your friends. Are you worried about things in Hull such as transport, pollution, more flooding, using too much energy at home, how we recycle, the amount of litter on our streets, lack of spaces to play, too many cars etc.... Then please start chatting with your friends at school, college or at your local youth facility about what worries or concerns you have about



our environment in Hull and what steps we could all take to help make things better for everyone living here!

After Environment, we will be looking at Education and then, after that it will be 2010! By this time we will probably need to take a step back and look at all your

resolutions to date and remind ourselves what they were and what progress has been made on them!

Useful Information

Finally, remember that there are many local organisations in Hull who will help you out with further information and assistance when dealing with the issues of Bullying. Here are a few to get you started:

- **RAPP** (Rights and Participation Project) Tel: (01482) 225855
- **CABP** (Community Anti-Bullying Project) Tel: 0800 915 45 45
- **Victim Support** - Tel: (01482) 211749

Or, some useful websites you might want to check out;

- www.bullying.co.uk
- www.bullyfreezone.co.uk
- www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

In the meantime, if you would like more information about the Hull Young People's Parliament, copies of previous reports or about how to become involved or to register your school, college or youth group - please contact Hull Youth Council on (01482) 585297 or e-mail us at hullyouthcouncil@hullcc.gov.uk You can also find out about us or information about our other partner organisations at www.cluedupinhull.co.uk

See You All in June!

What you said in the workshops!

As mentioned earlier there were 16 workshops in total that you all attended all asking the same question - "What can you do to help stop bullying in Hull"?

As usual, the workshops gave you all the opportunity to ask questions, find out some facts and have the chance to take part in some really good and lively discussions. Have a look below and find out what was said:



Workshop ideas; what can you do to help stop bullying in Hull?

- Stronger school rules
- Stand up for yourself x2
- Make a friend with a bully to stop them bullying x4
- Talk to bullies try and make friends x5
- Tell teachers x20
- Let the bullies join in and help with things
- Treat others how you want to be treated x3
- Don't bully others x2
- Give each other respect x3
- Get a worry box x10
- Have posters and competitions to stop bullying x6
- Fight back x8
- Talk to a friend x10
- More PSHE
- Don't be afraid to tell some one you've been bullied x3
- Have an assembly about bullying x3
- Warn bullies to stop
- Talk to adults x23
- Try to stop bullies x3
- Go to the police if you see bullying
- Walk away and ignore them x2
- Let them know how it feels
- Don't talk to people online unless you know them x3
- Training course to help adults understand x3
- More cameras at school x7

- More youth clubs x6
- Team building days x3
- More dinner lady's x3
- No mobile telephones in school x4
- Get a trustworthy person to stay around and over sees what is happening
- Don't provoke bullies x2
- Anger management for bullies x6
- To have an Anti bullying day x4
- Talk to the bullies under supervision x3
- 1 on 1 support x2
- Safety alarms for victims x4
- Older children visit primary schools
- Have counsellors for the bullies x7
- More Community officers x6
- No school trips for bullies x2
- Anti bullying films x3
- Anti bullying week x3
- Anti bullying websites x3
- Anti bullying competitions x3
- Help for bullies and bullied
- A teacher that looks after children who are bullied x5
- Tell the bullies parents x8
- Report abuse on online site e.g. face book/my space x4
- Exclude bullies and kick them out of the school after so long x4
- Help lines in hull x2
- Reward good behaviour x5
- Buddy system so they have some one to talk to x4
- Use other help lines / child line, even the police x2
- Find people to help children bullied even on the bus
- Better school rules x3
- Help for children bullied x7
- Bring visitors to help kids under stand x6

We also got the following info from Ainthorpe Primary School who did some work on bullying beforehand so thank you for this:

What is Bullying

- Hurting People
- Name calling
- Picking on people

- Making people feel bad and sad
- Ganging up on people
- Hurting feelings
- Stealing
- Blackmail
- Starting rumours
- Talking about you behind your back
- Making someone scared to come to school
- Using comments about their family against them
- Leaving people out
- Staring at people
- Pulling faces
- Booing when you've done something good
- Making out you're 'different' or 'disabled'
- Being racist
- Laughing when someone is upset
- Doing things they don't like

How do you think Children feel when they are bullied?

Sad, hurt, feel like crying, cross, angry, upset, grumpy, pressured, less confident, unsure, unhappy, uneasy, worried about it if they tell, feel it's difficult to tell, scared, afraid, annoyed

Evaluation: What you thought of the day!

Have you enjoyed the day?

- Yes x 91
- No 0
- It was ok x6

What have you enjoyed?

- I have enjoyed the resolution debates x13
- I enjoyed the performance at the start x3
- The resolution vote x6
- All of it x35
- The council chamber x11
- The workshops x3
- Sharing ideas in groups and team building
- Debating in the council chamber x9
- The staff x3

- Sharing ideas with other people x5
- Meeting new people
- The Drama Production x3
- Having the day off and Mark the Compere was funny!
- The food
- Meeting others from different Schools
- It was very organised

What haven't you enjoyed?

- It's too hot
- The food was rubbish x4

Have you learned any thing today?

- Yes x82
- No x12

What have you learned?

- How much bullying affects people's lives
- Bullying is bad x10
- People get affected when bullied
- That bullying takes place everywhere x2
- Not to bully x13
- Team work and listening
- How to stop bullying x18
- Not to be afraid to speak up x6
- That bullying is not just physical x4
- How to do a resolution x2
- That we can vote x2
- That it's important to express your feelings
- Don't fight back x3
- A lot about bullying x5
- How serious bullying is
- People get bullied in different ways x3
- More info on bullying
- How to talk to bullies
- Eat quicker
- Leadership
- How to help people bullied x2
- That the council have meetings in halls
- It's a good place to go and get your opinions across
- That there are different views on bullying

Is there anything you would like to see changed at the next Hull Young Peoples Parliament?

- Nothing x17
- No x60
- No apart from the rush
- Not a thing
- Make dinner earlier x4
- More fun activities x2
- Better dinners x2
- Make it colder
- Maybe a cooked dinner x4
- More 1st person workshops
- More time in workshops
- No Bullying
- The food - more choice in refreshments and food!
- A buffet

