

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

1 October (Week 2/10)

Participants: Youth Major Havana Marshall, Recruitment Officer Tej Nundah, Darcey Moore , Isla Kayaga, Liberti Kenny, Anastasia Filmonova, Amelia Evans, Grace Watts, Thomas Vaciago

Facilitators: Linton Sutherland, Natasha Morgan (Services for Young People), Alessandro Principato (Broxbourne Borough Council)

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Youth Council introduced themselves to The Major (Cllr Spears) and participated in an ice breaker activity.

2. LMD Updates

The Youth Council presented the idea of the Linguistic Majors Debate (LMD) to The Major, aimed at promoting modern foreign languages (MFL), encouraging research, communication, and debating. They outlined challenges such as school engagement and judging across multiple languages. To support fairness, printed and translated presentations will be provided to judges. The two highest-scoring schools will progress to a final debate in English, with advance notice of the topic. The Major approved the name Linguistic Majors Debate and suggested informing participants of the English final in advance. Judging may involve parents, MFL teachers, tutors, and staff members with relevant language skills.

Action: Alessandro to explore a staff notice to identify staff members who would assist with judging.

3. Youth Council Promotion

The group reviewed previous Youth Council posters and proposed updates, including adjusting the age range to 11–17, adding social media links (X, Instagram, Facebook), creating a new Facebook page linked to Instagram, and considering a Nextdoor account.

Plans for new promotional materials are on hold pending any changes to the Services for Young People logo before design and printing.

4. Youth Council Elections 2025

Members were urged to prepare their 2 minute speeches in advance, if nominees wish to use presentations, they must be sent over to Linton or Alessandro by Tuesday 7 October.

Nominations for the Elections...

- **Youth Major Nominees**

Havana Marshall

- **Deputy Youth Major Nominees**

Tej Nundah

- **Recruitment Officer Nominees**

Havana Marshall, Tej Nundah, Ayla Kayaga, Thomas Vaciago

- **Health Officer Nominees**

Anastasia Filimonova

5. Environmental Impact

The Youth Council explored a variety of ways to contribute to the community and environment beyond traditional litter-picking activities. The following ideas were proposed:

Environmental Projects

- Tree Planting – Helping to improve air quality and create green spaces.
- Seed Bombs – Encouraging wildflower growth to support pollinators.
- Upcycling Initiatives – Reducing waste by creatively reusing materials.
- Allotment Maintenance – Supporting local food growing and community gardens.
- Planting at Waltham Cross Youth Centre – Enhancing local youth spaces with greenery.
- Reclaim a Space Initiatives – Transforming neglected or unused spaces into vibrant community areas.

Community Clean-up

- Cleaning Monuments – Preserving local heritage sites and keeping public spaces attractive.
- Working with “Friends of Cedars Park” – Partnering with local community groups to maintain parks.

Social & Community Support

- Visiting Care Homes – Spending time with the elderly to build intergenerational connections.
- Adopting Animals – Promoting animal welfare and community engagement.
- Fundraising for Children’s Charities – Supporting causes that benefit young people and the wider community.

6. AOB

None at this moment in time.