

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

2 July (Week 9/10)

Participants: Recruitment Officer Tej Nundah, Anastasia Filmonova, Darcey Moore, Grace Watts, Zoe Watts, Blake Webb, Isla Kayaga

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 and participated in an ice breaker activity.

2. Litter Pick

What went well

- Collected approximately 15 bags of rubbish, exceeding expectations.
- The event was safe and well-managed.
- Successfully promoted the Youth Council, generating many conversations and good public exposure.

Even better if...

- Youth Council logo added to the back of high-vis vests for clearer identification.
- Breaks and time management planned more effectively.
- Improved health and safety measures, including:
 - Providing sun cream
 - Encouraging everyone to stay hydrated
 - Offering handheld fans
- Promotion to the wider public beforehand to attract more young people to participate.
- Prepare and distribute Youth Council flyers in a clearer, more structured way to promote future activities.

3. Mental Health

Anastasia shared her experience with A&E and the mental health system, and how she expected more intensive support. Darcey mentioned some coping techniques in relation to self-harm and sensory equipment. Anastasia then mentioned her will to prioritise mental health in the next academic year of the Youth Council.

The group spoke about key issues relating to mental health including body image and raising awareness in school.

Natasha mentioned that there is a guest speaker from MIND attending the HAP project throughout the summer. The group had discussed working in partnership with MIND at local events.

Action: Anastasia to research mental health guest speakers to attend a Youth Council next academic year.

4. Funding and Advertising

The group discussed ideas in relation to promotion for the Youth Council...

Youth Council Flyer

- Include a QR code linking to more information or a sign-up form.
- Update the age range to 11–17 years old.
- Change references from Twitter to X and add an Instagram page with relevant icons.
- Images: The conference photo, one litter pick photo, a photo with the Youth Council and the Mayor
- Ensure the text is aligned straight.
- Position the QR code on the left side of the flyer.

Youth Council Tablecloth

The group discussed having a royal blue tablecloth created to feature...

- The Youth Council badge
- Services for Young People branding
- The Broxbourne Council logo

Youth Council Pens

Create pens branded with the Youth Council logo to hand out for promotion.

Pull-Up Banner

- The Youth Council logo
- Key information about the Youth Council
- A QR code

To use at events to raise awareness and encourage sign-ups.

Youth Council Pin Badges

- Specific badges for members holding positions
- Generic badges for other members
- Extra badges to hand out to the public

External Banner

Plan to display a banner cable-tied outside the Cheshunt Young People's Centre to promote the Youth Council further.

Action: Alessandro to speak to Steve about a cable-tied banner and other marketing materials.

5. LMD

The Linguistics Major's Debate has been postponed until next year.

6. Elections

The group discussed the possibility of having a new position – Mental Health Officer.

7. Debate

The group discussed and had a debate in relation to the Bob Dylan situation at the Glastonbury Festival.