

Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

29 April 2026 (Week 2/11)

Participants: Deputy Youth Mayor Tej Nundah, Recruitment Officer Ayla Kayaga, Health Officer Anastasia Filimonova, Thomas Vaciago, Teddy Hall, Chase Hall, Zara Djemal, Gabrielle Robinson, Ayan Maradia, James Vaciago

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

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. Welcome and introductions

The group took part in introductions, and an ice-breaker activity. They then reviewed and confirmed the minutes from the previous week's meeting.

2. What Matters Activity Revisit

The group revisited key issues affecting young people, including vaping and its negative impacts, mental health and wellbeing, and the importance of youth clubs and safe spaces to develop skills and interests that help prevent anti-social behaviour. Accessing and promoting existing youth services was highlighted as a priority.

The group agreed on the following proposed events and dates:

- **13 May** – Community Walk and Litter Pick at Grundy Park
- **24 June** – Mental Health Public Conversation in Waltham Cross, including signposting, open discussion, and a panel of professionals (HALO Team, Police, NHS, and Mind)
- **17 June** – Linguistic Mayor's Debate (subject to confirmation from one additional school)
- **TBC** – Cheshunt Services for Young People Centre Open Day (between 11am and 5pm)
- **1 July** (provisional) – Wellbeing Fayre focused on mental health initiatives
- **TBC** (Autumn Term) – Themed Bake Sale for a chosen charity, potentially combined with the Wellbeing Fayre or Cheshunt Young People's Centre Open Day, with professionals invited

3. Podcast + Linguistic Mayor's Debate

Some members took part in recording a podcast discussing key issues currently affecting young people. Other members focused on planning the Linguistic Mayor's Debate, noting that confirmation from one further school is required for the event to proceed on 17 June.

4. **AOB**

None at this moment in time.