Broxbourne Youth Council Minutes

4 November (Week 6/11)

Participants: Youth Mayor Zara Djemal, Deputy Youth Mayor Thomas Vaciago, Health Officer Lily-Rose Blackford, Paula Dilello, Dylan Djemal, Scarlett Robertson, Gabrielle Robinson, Chyna Winter, Delina Thomas, Grace Watts, Liberti Kenny, George Vaciago, Tanisha Balasingham, Ayan Maradia, Nicholas Floca, Tylan Wright

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

Minutes by Alessandro Principato

1. Introduction

Youth Mayor Zara led an icebreaker activity called 'Buddies', where members were paired together at random and given the opportunity to get to know one another. Participants then introduced their partner to the wider group by sharing facts and information they had learned about them.

2. Anti-hate Crime – Hertfordshire Youth Council

Youth Mayor Zara Djemal, alongside UK Youth Parliament Representative and Youth Council member Ayan Maradia, attended the recent Hertfordshire Youth Council meeting on 28 October. One of the current priorities identified by the Hertfordshire Youth Council is tackling hate crime through awareness campaigns.

As part of this work, each Youth Council in Hertfordshire has been asked to produce video content which will contribute towards an educational resource for secondary schools. This has now become a priority for the Broxbourne Youth Council, with members beginning to develop their understanding of hate crime before progressing to the creation of video content.

The group discussed hate crime, including its impact on individuals, sources of support, and ways others can help victims. Members explored ideas for multiple short awareness videos covering different forms of hate crime and agreed to revisit the topic at a future meeting.

3. Boys Group

The group discussed a Boys Group project and discussed how it may not be available at this moment in time, with a current lack of interest from the small number of young people members have discussed with, but this demand could change.

4. Debate / Podcast

Members participated in a podcast around what they can offer to the Youth Council and also debated in various topics around the school curriculum and education system.

5. **AOB**

None at this moment in time.