



SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

FOR A MEETING OF SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 7TH February 2024 AT 5PM
@ COUNCIL CHAMBER

Apologies for Absence:

Emmanuell, LilyRose

Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor & Member of Youth Parliament Updates:

Tom: attended the Neurodivergence meeting, participated in the new Council video on voting

Edward: attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at the Council

Madi: Holocaust Memorial service, continuing the spread of Food For Learning campaign.

Officer and Committee Updates:

Jocelyn: attended Holocaust Memorial service, shadowing Madi as the next MYP

Noah and Anali: Event set for 13th March at Focal Point gallery

Miles: Guests from CAMHS attended last Neurodivergence meeting, next one set for February half term

Debate:

This month's question: 'Should we have three day weekends?'

Points for Yes:

- Other countries have this system already
- Increased time for study and revision
- More time for extra-curriculars and hobbies
- More time to do homework

Points for No:

- People work on the weekends regardless, so it would only really change school times
- Childcare fees
- Some people use school as escapism
- We may have to sacrifice half term holidays

Youth Council Membership:

Plan: no waitlist, no limit for numbers but keep track of members attendance. If you can't attend, please send an apology on the group chat, there will be a poll on WhatsApp as to whether you can attend the upcoming meeting (for numbers). To get rid of old members on the group chat.

Young Enterprise Network (Ben Cluett):

Bi-monthly sessions bringing young people together to learn about running a business.

First meeting is 16th February 10-12 about networking

Aims to invite a different school to each session - the first being Cecil Jones

Members were asked what they feel is missing in the curriculum for business studies:

- Contextualising success into business
- Financial side to setting up a business
- Teaching practically rather than theoretically

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External influences • Issues around the world for running a business <p>Session to be organised for members after school – Lucy to email out information Times for sessions will be flexible so that everyone can attend Other schools participating: SHSG and Southchurch</p>
<p>Make Your Mark:</p> <p>Members to get in contact with their schools and get involved with the distribution of ballot papers. Southend aims to be the largest contributor to the campaign.</p>
<p>Corporate Management Team (Simon La Roche):</p> <p>The three priorities for the Council from 2023-2027 are: A Growing City, A Safe City and A Clean City. Members chose one of the three priorities and wrote down what they mean and how to achieve these.</p>
<p>Madi's Farewell:</p> <p>A presentation shown to members about Madi's time in the Youth Council. Thank you from all members for everything Madi has done for the YC and good luck to her in the future.</p>
<p>Peer Mentoring:</p> <p>Members were asked whether they would like to become a peer mentor for new members. Lucy to organise a workshop for peer mentors.</p>
<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Thomas C asked members if they would be interested in starting the Vaping Campaign back up with a poster competition.</p> <p>Tyler suggested the Marine Parade Committee to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>For the website: Members were asked what other pages there should be in the new Youth Council website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health workshops page • Previous members – where are they now? • Thoughts and opinions on the YC (from members)

If you have any queries, please contact: LucyBissell@southend.gov.uk or The Youth Mayor on: YouthMayor@Southend.gov.uk