

Young Essex Assembly Subgroup Meeting- 2Clever4Cime
Minutes of the Meeting 4th October 2009 County Hall

Present: Samuel (YEA member- Chair), Kurt (YEA member- Minutes), Zoe (YEA member), Alec (YEA member) Catherine Roberts (YEA Staff) Jo van Zanten (Essex police representative)

Apologies: Dan (Essex Police representative), Nnebe (YEA member- Long term absence whilst at University), Rebecca (Now resigned from the YEA)

Absent: Liam, Rosie, Natasha

1. Introductions and Apologies

Samuel to chair, Kurt and Catherine to take minutes. Apologies were given as above.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting 5th September 2009 were read and agreed.
More critique forms to be sent to Dan from Samuel.

3. Local Updates

No local updates from:

Chelmsford- No meeting due to staffing problems

Harlow- No updates

Epping Forrest- New Youth Council is being set up, No updates

4. Policing Pledge- Jo

Jo showed everyone the revised/up to date version of the '2 Smart Policing Pledge'

It has the same format as the version seen previously; however, the PCSO has been changed to a female Police officer as the pledge is directly to do with the police

2C4C also decided that 'Children and Young Peoples 2 Smart Policing Pledge' was maybe too patronizing, so asked that the name could be changed to the '2 Smart Policing Pledge'

Jo reported that the designs were underway for the pledges to be printed onto postcards, which when bought together create a larger poster-more updates at the next subgroup meeting.

Jo is going to start working with a lady this week on the media for the pledge.

It was discussed how we would publicise the pledge, leaflets were ruled out as it was thought that Young People would not take a lot of interest/ read them. Ideas that were discussed as a possibility were:

- A podcast with YP/MYEA echoing the different pledges- there were a number of local radio stations discussed: Ten17-Harlow, Kiss- North Essex. **Jo will find out if this is possible**
- Screens in schools and Youth Centre's
- Will be added to the '2 smart website' and the YEA website
www.2smart.co.uk www.youngessexassembly.org
- Posters on trains and buses
- Posters in public toilets, schools, Youth Centers, Shopping Centers, Youth Café and Cinema were all discussed
- Inserts into magazines/local papers ie The Essex Chronicle

5. **2smart website**

Dan was not at the meeting to report back

It was decided that critiques were going to keep being sent, so as the project continued

Jo to ask Dan to email Members of 2C4C about web design updates from the day the subgroup visited the police headquarters.

An idea was proposed that Young People registered with the website, and then could get a newsletter, possibly interactively, to update young people of things that affect them/ give them advice about relevant, crime related issues.

AP- Website critique forms to be sent to Dan by November.

6. **Ideas from last meeting**

List of ideas relating to crime affecting Young People was checked and reviewed.

Everyone agreed that internet safety was important, an idea was proposed that we get 2 groups of Young People together to speak over a secure chat room, with some being themselves, some pretending to be others, then bring the groups together, to meet in reality. Problems that were made with this idea included:

- Should we encourage young people to 'pretend'?
- Would consent be difficult to access?
- Would people learn from the task appropriately?
- Practicality of being able to roll this out in different schools

It was discussed that we take a technological approach, i.e. adverts over the radio or TV, because speeches and leaflets have already been done for internet safety.

The main idea to come from this was to produce a resource pack to go out to schools for them to deliver to pupils, maybe with a DVD of the proposed chat room idea above for them to carry out within their own school.

Policing areas on trains: discussed whether there was a police presence on public transport, it was decided that there was less of one than there should be, but still some.

Powers of PCSO's: this was discussed in detail, and it was thought that officer discussion was needed here, as some PCSO's choose this career because it specially avoids conflict situations, whilst others thought that PCSO's did not have the respect from YP that police officers do, as their lack of power is widely known. It was decided that very little could be done about the powers of PCSO's, however, publicizing the powers they do have or show how YP and PCSO's can work together for a better community in a project etc. could work better.

Training Police: **Jo was to check with Dan** to see if this was possible in order for YP or even MYEA could get to help train police so as they could get an input around how police deal with Young People. Alocs wondered if it would be possible for the group to get training on how the police work for a better insight into the policing systems in Essex.

7. An Action Plan was created detailing what projects 2C4C had running and what we wanted to do with them by when. **The final version of this would be emailed out before the next meeting for the sub-group to check and agree.**
8. **A.O.B**
Samuel- can't receive attachments. Catherine to ensure documents are posted out.
9. **Next meeting:**
7th November however this will be first aid training for those who wanted to do it.
AP- Contact Catherine if you want to do this and need a consent form.
Catherine will email a possible date