

UKYP Subgroup Meeting- Minutes

Saturday 7th November 2009

Present:

Chanelle

Hollie

Emma Louise

Sam M

Justin

Fraiser

Apologies: Damon, Hannah

Absent: Sam B, George, Ricci

1. Prue Reynolds: Prue Reynolds joined the meeting to discuss the campaign with us. Also how we can raise the awareness of diversity and equality in schools through a pledge. We all agreed that we didn't know who to go to about racial abuse in our schools. We believed that this should be something pupils are made aware of. Peer Counseling was considered for the students and that training would be needed.

The point was made that young people do not know how to approach the subject of race etc.

Prue explained that there is equipment that can be used in schools to photograph the students. This way a virtual copy of ethnic break up within the school can be put, rather than just a hard copy on paper, having more of a visual effect. Other systems could be used to determine the background of parents and grand-parents, and for that record to be kept on in schools and be displayed.

The idea of cards were brought up and sending out cards to the schools reminding them about their pledges and showing them how well they are doing to follow them. This could lead on from the children's rights cards currently being produced.

The group decided that we were going to start writing our guidelines that the school should follow when making their pledges.

AP: Everyone to find out 2 things that their schools are doing and should be doing. Email this to Catherine to collate, to start producing the pledge.

2. The minutes of last meeting were read and were accurate.

AP: Samuel Miller prefers to be called Sam.

AP: Catherine has sent out the calendars to everybody.

A suggestion was made that we approach our local MP's to sponsor us to go to London to go on a guided tour around the House of Commons, and then go onto Camden Market for a cultural afternoon/evening.

3. House of Commons Feedback

Lowering the voting age to 16 was the elected campaign. The other debates that were included were:

Crime

Tuition Fees

Job Opportunities for Young People

Transport Cards

Emma-Louise, Fraser and Justin thought that the day went well.

Damon, Justin and Ricci both had an interview for the newspaper; Justin is going to send this to Catherine

4. House of Commons Report.

The people that attended the House of Commons have agreed to write a short statement about how they found the day, what happened and any other feedback that they felt appropriate.

5. Café updates

Fraser's school is doing something through PSHE- Right Respecting Schools which is something to do with UNICEF.

There was nothing else collected since the last meeting.

6. Posters

The ECC is to be removed from the letters because the logo is not going to be put on the posters. However 'Supported by Essex County Council' to be written across the bottom of the posters (in white).

Emma-Louise read through the letter and found things to be changed before going out to the schools.

Catherine is to take out the commas after the names.

7. Café Event

The last meetings minutes were sent out to Kayzar; Catherine has not heard anything back from him.

We all agreed that another dance group should be looked at in case of an emergency and Kayzar can not make it.

The group is to have roles when we have some more information on the event.

Chanelle is happy to be involved in any of the singing, dancing and acting on the day.

Sam is also happy to be involved in the acting or dancing.

Hannah plays musical instruments.

Catherine investigated the name 'Food for Thought' this is an American food restaurant. We all believe that this is a general phrase and agreed that we like this name for our event. Also, that it should be fine to use as we will not be using the name to make any profit.

The cook book is still underway; Chanelle believes that there are not enough recipes to make a good cook book. She will email the people involved asking them to find another including some more countries. We are currently looking for funding to produce the books. However a design is going to need to be made by the group,

AP: Sam is going to email his design to Catherine.

8. AOB

Catherine made the group aware of Vinvolved. We all signed up.

Justin is now involved in the Opinion Polling Company. He introduced them to UKYP and our Café campaign. YCAP (Youth Crime Action Programme)

Sam attended the 11 million take over day, and spoke with Yvonne Howard Leader of Equality and Diversity. He has also introduced Yvonne to our campaign.