

Youth Forum Zoom Meeting

Wednesday 28th June 2020

Attendees: - Aimee Luck (Chair), Alfie Kingston, Wiktoria Malgorzewicz, Bianca Todd (Community Courtyard), Cllr Anna King, Tabi Boyce, Zack Scrivener, Thomas Whitford, Josh Muscutt-Brown, Jay Richardson, Harpreet Jawanda, Debbie Burns, Louis Obasogie, Morcea Walker, Lissy Startin-Ashley,

Apologies: Charlie Atkins, Mary Morgan,

1. Welcome

Aimee Luck welcomed all to the meeting and briefing introductions made with a wave.
Welcome all, we have only one apology from Charlie.

2. Round table – how are you?

Please share one good thing and one thing you have found difficult during Covid 19

Aimee

- ☺ Finally learnt to do a kick up handstand and learnt so so tik tok dance
- ☹ Not being able to give mum a hug

Debs

- ☺ Started Couch to 5K – I maybe a runner yet
- ☹ Not being able to see family and friends and hugs

Tabi

- ☺ Watching friends box set
- ☹ Not seeing friends and family

Wictoria

- ☺ Picked up reading (does god play dice, about maths)
- ☹ Amount of time spent in bed

Zach

- ☺ Washing and drying up
- ☹ Getting out of the house

Jay

- ☺ Productive at A 'Levels, lots of work done.
- ☹ Not being able to go out – cannot pop out

Josh

- ☺ Running most days
- ☹ Working in hospital (ward host – server food and that- AL noted positive as well – great support – Well done Josh)

Harprett

- ☺ Got into University – studying Interior Architecture
- ☹ Celebrate birthday during quarantine – 18th as well

Louis

- ☺ Listening to audio books (How to focus more)
- ☹ Coursework and A Levels

Anna

- ☺ Working from home organising fun things
- ☹ Normally work in retirement visit, daughter high risk so cannot go to work

Lissy

- ☺ Week before lockdown got a new horse
- ☹ Not being able to see friends – keeping up with GCSE

Alfie

- ☺ Taking up doing more BBQ – cooking for family
 - ☹ High Sheriff Cadet cannot do anything – 2 months and cannot do anything
- Congratulations to Alfie on recent appointment as High Sheriff Cadet. WOW High Sheriff very supportive of our team and events.

Thomas

- ☺ Spending more time doing art and colouring - share painting – AL asked to send some photos
- ☹ School work not able to keep up very well

Morcea

- ☺ Nice to be able to catch up with paperwork and so on, working with new Lord Lieutenant re funding, raised extra money for food banks. Gardening. Catching up with people
 - ☹ Missing seeing grandchildren
- Cancelled events and going virtually and website – Carnival will celebrate on 13th June.

Bianca

- ☺ Quite enjoyed walking round Abington Park, Baby birds everywhere. Swans not killed them.
- ☹ Lottery funding £220,000 for a building, got the building but cannot go in due to Lockdown.

3. Quick Update and Information

Aimee (AL) explained since lockdown, our team, Community Safety, were now supporting the Community Resilience Hub – a helpline number for the county has been distributed to everyone in Northamptonshire, if somebody needs support with shopping, prescriptions, getting on line, loneliness etc., they ring the helpline and those for Northampton get sent to us - we collate, ring them and then link them to a support group, volunteer.

Quick update on restrictions rules - the advice is still the same, and you can now use open spaces, parks more but only meeting 1 person from outside your household – 2 mtr distance, cannot gather in groups. Play areas – equipment and playground, not in operation, cannot use. Fines are being issued.

If you know people remind them, it's not safe yet.

If you are worried about any big gatherings you can inform the [police online](#) or call 101.

Our work:

- Knife Angel – June – proposed in May 2021
- Cllr A King reported Council's will still move to Unitary Authority in May 2021 - Shadow Board next Tuesday to try and shape how things will look for the future. Start planning how things will look for us for the future – engagement from Youth. Next meeting more of an update.

4. Youth Provision

AL shared links previously of what was happening in the area, this has developed and youth provider feeding in – Newsletter being produced to be shared, hopefully this will be ready by the end of the week, early next week.

Action: AL will share with the group when it has been completed.

Bianca from Community Courtyard – Youth Organisation.

Street based youth work, 10 years, not had a building historically but young people wanted a building, got the funding, got the building, just before lockdown, however currently working from home. Brief insight below on what Community Courtyard do and plans going forward.

Gorilla Gardening – late at night, starts at 7pm and finishes at midnight, 1pm. Works with gangs that cannot access mainstream services.

Bianca is interested in how we can work together – thoughts? Keen to have conversations together with young people on the street and young people across all areas – meet virtually and discuss - live stream – Youth council we do not get out to other people that would like to – for example Young People who do not have access to the internet, Young People who are not very good at behaving. Having conversations as a group.

Bianca likes Music, dad was Record producer; their youth work involves making music, trips to London, it's important to escape where you are now.

We have difficulties at the moment due to lockdown of providing these services but doing lots online but if there is something that you think that we should be doing ... let us know.

Team who work for her are Young People working with Young People – if you have story to tell or your community and you want a different way to tell it, we want to be part of it, lockdown diaries... lets share.

Youth should have a visible voice on Facebook / Instagram etc... Young People who are struggling can see how Young People are coping. We need to reach out to Young People and share on line. Get your profile out as a group.

Information has been shared on the Newsletter (as stated above, will follow shortly).

Community Courtyard – Facebook / Instagram

Monday – Gaming

Tuesday – Story Telling

Wednesday –8.00 am – Writers hour, Evening – Kenny talking about issues – cooking

Thursday – Mindfulness / mediation

Friday – Fitness quiz and fitness challenge / Young People quiz

(All Youth workers are all over the world at the moment due to lockdown)

Saturday – Virtual youth club – watch films, Netflix available. Families struggling with money to pay them electric Music quiz

Sunday – Family Quiz

MW endorse Bianca's story telling – is a powerful tool, hearing other stories you realise that someone has good / bad, in-between, things going on, you can learn a lot about people. Virtual Human Library will happen shortly. Bianca will share.

AL asked if anyone knew of other Youth services that they wanted to share with the group. Lissy – part of the Youth Group – Ignite Change in Northampton have supported with issuing the leaflet to their community, helping handing out in our local area. (Big thank you from Community Safety for this) Group also keeping in touch virtually.

5. International Youth Day

Open discussion and ideas for Youth Day under likely restrictions

Wednesday 12th August - We would normally put an event on – show people what is going on in Northampton. This year not going to happen this year.

We would like to work collaboratively virtually this year with partners

1. Do you have any ideas on what this should look like?

2. Virtual events on line
3. FIFA Tournament
4. Bench press competition
5. Human Library – video it and put it out virtually
6. Arts & Crafts – running sessions virtually
7. Delapre walled garden – social distancing picnic – if measures are lifted slightly.

Action: AK to ask Delapre.

We need Young People to share their ideas rather than what we come up with. Do we have any ideas of anything that is being done on line? Please have a think about and let us know thoughts.

Action: All - if you see anything please screenshot and send messages to Aimee, we can collate and put our ideas together.

Small gatherings might be an option but probably not until October / November.

Anna shared virtual event: Oak Apple Day – Monday 1st June.

Northampton Borough Council You Tube account

Carnival and Pride will happen virtually

Carnival: - Saturday **13th June – Carnival Youth Forum Bake Off**

Spend £5.00 on ingredients.

If you want to be part of it let AL know - AL/MW/AK provide recipe and decoration, members to film themselves and present. Have a think if interested, let us know. These will then be collated and uploaded to share virtually.

6. Questions

Charlie asked AL to share information regarding the Ted Talk Event. Jay updated that they applied and accepted TED Talk Event at Caroline Chisholm, due to lockdown now online.

Thursday 11th June (on-line event)

Theme is 'Ignite': Working with youngest Harvard graduate, talks from teachers, motivation talks, students performing musical pieces.

Due to lockdown all online. If you have any questions these can be directed to Charlie or Jay.

Link to event on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/sPu5JAb9h0Y>

Link to event Ted page: <https://www.ted.com/tedx/events/38664>

Lissy shared video – This is Yogi – A short video documenting the work Lissy has been doing with her new horse Yogi.

7. Next meeting : 25th June 2020 10.30 am to 12.30pm latest.

Group chat – generally discussion around what all had been doing. Jay asked about setting up a group where they could chat instantly rather than email. AL thought they had an informal WhatsApp group already – will seek advice and look into an official one for all.

All thanked for being at the meeting, take care and stay safe.