



Young Mayor Cameron Update to Cabinet 27th March 2023

Hello Everyone,

I am Cameron Quinn the new elected Young Mayor for North Tyneside my pledge is:

To ensure that every young person in North Tyneside has the best possible start in life by creating a safe diverse and nurturing environment.

The new elected MYP is Sharon Zeng and her pledge is: To raise awareness about the importance of financial education in schools, informing students about their financial choices and career choices.

We are working together along with Youth Councillors to achieve our plans and will be working on topics in the various committees.

We will be continuing with the Ready for Life Committee which will focus on creating financial lesson plans to support students learning, the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Committee will continue, and their focus will be to review and circulate useful resources to young people.

The Environment Committee will continue with the monthly Swap Shops in North Shields Customer First Centre but will also develop projects around cooking on a budget with tips about reducing waste and saving resources. I am also looking for support from the environment committee to help me develop an allotment or small garden project in schools which will link well to the Eco School award. A new Community Safety

Committee has been created which will focus on issues affecting young people. The Equality and Diversity Committee will continue, and their focus will be on accessible places and activities which was the pledge of former Youth Councillor and MYP candidate Daniel Taylor.

At the last youth council meeting a cheque was presented to Walking With, one of the trustees, Councillor Val Jamieson, you will remember that Youth Council fundraised over the last year by collecting donations selling books and running a tombola at North Tyneside Together. The final amount was £723.67p. We will be agreeing the new charity for 2023-24 that we are going to fundraise for at the next youth council meeting, but we do know that it will be connected to Daniel Taylor's legacy.

We have spent time recently preparing for the Young People's Conference which will take place on Thursday 30th March. We have over 120 participants attending from 10 schools across the borough. The workshops will be looking at what it means to be Ready for Life and the other will explore what are the barriers to young people accessing places and activities.

I look forward to feeding back to you at the next cabinet meeting how it all went. There will of course be an opportunity for decision makers to attend an event here at Council offices to hear first-hand from young people what the issues are connected to these two topics, this is planned for June 8th. We do hope that you can attend.

Thank you.