



Deputy Young Mayor Daniel McTiernan 21st January 2019

Hello I hope you all enjoyed the time off for Christmas and New Year. Young mayor Poppy has asked me to give her update because she has a netball match tonight and she was ill for the November cabinet meeting so I hope you all read the November update that was circulated.

Youth Councillors, Poppy and I visited the Bay Food bank to find out more about what they do and how they help local people. We helped pack bags of groceries and learnt about how the scheme works in responding to those needing help. Many youth councillors took part in a second bag pack at Whitley Bay Morrisons, Hillheads rd on Sunday 7th December. Again shoppers were very kind and donated £457.66 along with over 58 bags full of groceries. This gives us a running total of over £1200 raised so far for the Foodbank and another bag pack planned for February at the same supermarket. We will be presenting the final total of money raised at the March Youth Council Meeting

The awards presentation for the Anti Bullying groups' creative writing and poetry competition took place here at council offices. There were 49 entrants from students who attend high schools and middle schools with support from 9 schools and youth projects. Some of the best pieces were read out, they were very sad.

Many more were on display in North Shields Library for Anti Bullying week. Following the Mayors suggestion the group have created a booklet of poems and writing which will be sent to school Heads, Governors and elected members to make them aware of the feelings of young people who are affected by bullying.

Adam and I went along to The Base in Whitley Bay and presented awards to the young people who weren't able to attend the Quadrant presentation.

I took part in presenting certificates to the young people who took part in the Junior Civic Award at Wallsend Jubilee Primary School.

Poppy and I attended North Tyneside in Bloom at Council Offices; we presented awards to the winning young people and schools that we had judged earlier in the year.

Youth councillors helped wrap donated gifts for Make Christmas Special after the December youth council meeting.

I took part in the budget consultation session here at Quadrant along with some other youth councillors.

Several young cabinet members attended the young people's transport forum who met in Newcastle they helped devise a young person's survey to find out from the young people using public transport in the Tyne & Wear area what are the main issues for them. Newcastle university digital civics is leading on this group and we hope to have the result of the survey soon.

Young People's Health and Wellbeing group are working alongside the MH2K group on developing their recommendations.

The preliminary part of the youth elections has begun to find the next Young Mayor and Member of UK Youth Parliament. We have received 16 nominations from young people in the borough. The online voting has begun where young people can vote for the young person who they want to represent them. After 8th February we will know the top candidates that are going forward to the next stage of the paper ballots. This part of the election will take place in high schools, middle school and colleges. There will also be the usual opportunity for young people who live in the borough but are educated outside to vote at one of the main libraries in the customer first centres.

Thank you