



Deputy Young Mayor Kody Walker Monday 24th June 2019

Hello, Young Mayor Amelie has asked me to read her update because she is in France this week on a school trip.

Amelie and I visited the Phoenix Detached Youth Project's Annual Meeting. We heard about some of the activities that they have been doing with young people from the area. They have an impressive record for supporting young people to achieve their goals. We are planning on meeting up with them again over the summer.

Young Mayor Amelie took part in the Corporate Peer review with other young representatives, including Brandon, the Young Ambassador, representing children in care. They were happy to be invited to take part in the discussions and are looking forward to the findings being fed back.

The Anti Bullying working group are planning two big events; they have launched the Creative Writing and Poetry Competition building on the success of last year. They will be working more closely with the libraries service in the short-listing stage. The group are planning an event to present awards to the winners of the competition but also extending it to include the Anti Bullying Standards which we are asking all schools to adopt as good practice and re launch of the Your Present Your Future website which we are updating. Later in the year we will be holding the Equality and Diversity Conference which High School student's year 7s and 8s will be invited to attend.

The Soundfest 2019 Young Mayor's Music Festival is going ahead on Saturday 6th July from 11:30 until 5pm outside of the Spanish Dome in Whitley Bay, Channy Thompson is headlining and there are 10 acts competing to win the prize of performing on the big stage at the Mouth of the Tyne Festival at the Priory the following week. This year it's free but we are asking for sponsorship from businesses and donations of prizes, we've already had people donating prizes but are hoping for lots more.

The Environment group had a visit from the Environment Agency staff to discuss the making of a film about flooding and actions to take if you are affected. The film will be made with neighbouring local authorities flood ambassadors.

Thank you