



Young Mayor Amelie Ferris Update to Mayor and Cabinet 24th February 2020

Hello

Some Youth Councillors visited Gateshead last week to see the Knife Angel and watched a drama performance at the Sage. It was really moving, understanding the background to the angel.

During half term Young Cabinet Member for Ready for life Abigail Akinyemi and Youth Councillors delivered donations of food, toiletries and children's clothes to the New to UK project in North Shields. The project helps asylum seekers and refugees who are living in North Tyneside. Everyone was very appreciative of the donations. We hope to be able to continue to support them in the future.

Some Youth Councillors attended the Adult Council meeting last week which they found very interesting. It was good to see how the adult meetings compare to the young people's meeting. This was an interesting meeting looking at the council's budget.

The Environment Group Members have been busy again this month, they have agreed with the Environment Agency that the flood video should be completed in collaboration with other young people from the region. Northumberland & Newcastle Youth Councillors have already agreed to attend the meeting tomorrow. It's hoped that South Tyneside and Sunderland will also join the project.

Group members have met with staff from Newcastle Universities Dove Laboratories to discuss World Ocean day. Youth Councillors are very keen to be involved on Sunday 7th June on Longsands Beach. The group are helping with a variety of activities, we think it will be a great community event. This continues the work that we have been doing around the environment & climate change.

I had the honour to attend the Holocaust Memorial Day, I found the event very moving and was pleased that I was able to speak about the theme of Standing Together as part of the presentations.

Deputy Young Mayor Kody has been to see the Police and Crime Commissioner to talk about his role as North Tyneside's Knife Crime Ambassador.

This year's Regional Children in Care Council conference was held at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland. The young people delivered the workshops on mental health and post 18 support for leaving care. The conference was a great success with over 100 professionals attending.

We now know the Top four candidates from the first round of online voting in the Young Mayor elections. They are Poppy Chaplin from Wellfield Middle School, Cady Herdman from Marden High School and two candidates from St Thomas More RC Academy Suzie McKenzie and Max Godfrey. The final stage of paper ballot voting will take place in March with the announcement on 13th March. This is my last adult cabinet meeting and I would like to thank you all for making me feel welcome and I've found the meetings very interesting. I've enjoyed my role as Young Mayor, I've made some really good friends and I will be staying on the Youth Council

Thank you