



Young Mayor Amelie Ferris Monday 14th October 2019

Hello Everyone

As you will know it's Local Democracy Week and we have lots of activities planned for this week, tomorrow you are all welcome to come along to chambers from 1pm until 3pm to observe young people debating three important topics. These are Climate Change, Period Poverty and Compulsory exercise for young people. On Wednesday some of The Children's Council are delivering training to primary school councillors. On Thursday there will be a Young Person's Question Time attended by students from high schools with an adult panel of experts on hand to answer the questions. Thursday evening some of us are attending a Democracy Café in Newcastle where we will be discussing the possible impact of Brexit on young people. I will report on all these activities at next month's meeting.

The Make Your Mark consultation has ended. This is the largest young people's consultation in Europe. At the end of the process we will hear from British Youth Council with the overall result and we will know the most important issues nationally, they will be debated by Members of UK Youth Parliament at the House of Commons on 8th November.

For the first time this year the ballot paper has asked for young people to write the issue of most concern to them locally. There has been lots of different responses from young people in North Tyneside but the overall concern with a massive majority has been the environment. Including littering of their localities, single use plastic and recycling.

Since our last meeting I have had the pleasure of attending a Soroptimist meeting in Cullercoats. I was very impressed by the great work they do. The local group have donated their hundredth bag for female victims of trafficking to Northumbria Police. The police women present on the evening to receive the latest donation told us about how important these bags containing clothing and toiletries are for the girls and women who receive them. It helps give them some sense of worth as often they haven't ever had anything of their own before.

Young Cabinet Member for Community Safety Abbie Armstrong has led on the Community Safety Conference with Northumbria Police at The Langdale Centre. 70 Students from North Tyneside and Northumberland took part in

workshops around, Knife Crime, Substance Abuse, County Lines, Healthy Relationships and The Prevent Agenda. The conference featured on Tyne Tees TV last week.

The Tyne & Wear Transport Forum met again last month at Northumbria University where they completed more work on the website. It only needs a few more tweaks and then it will be ready to be launched.

Two members of my Young Cabinet attended a workshop at Northumbria University to look at the curriculum for Student School Nurses, Health Visitors and Sexual Health Nurses. They looked at how the curriculum can involve services users.

Regional Children in Care Ambassadors have delivered 2 workshops one to Council Leaders across the region at Durham County Hall.

The other was to 120 Independent Review Officers (IROs) at the Stadium of Light as part of their annual conference, they talked about their experience of being in care.

On Saturday Youth Councillors and Member of UK Youth Parliament Oscar attended the North East Region British Youth Council Convention. They took part in Knife Crime, Mental Health, Period Poverty and Climate Emergency workshops.

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