



## Young Mayor Amelie Ferris Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Hello

Female Youth Councillors attended the women in engineering event here at Quadrant they said how much they enjoyed it. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend because I was in France on a school trip

Youth Councillors, Childrens Councillors and I took part in a clean up at the Silverlink Bio Diversity Park. The litter pick went well, there was a good mix of people and it turned into a bit of a social which was great. There wasn't a huge amount of litter but what was collected had been quite deep routed and hidden in the overgrown grass.

Youth Councillors took part in a second Equality and Diversity training session. There are still some Youth Councillors that need to take up the training so that everyone has a full understanding.

Young Cabinet Member Abbie Armstrong led the Young People & Knife Crime summit for professionals. Another event for young people will take place later in the year during SAFE week.

Youth Councillors worked with the Environment Agency to create a story board for the flood resistance video. A second session has been arranged to develop the plan further then recording will begin. It's thought that a message from young people will be more engaging for students in schools who will be watching it.

The Young Mayor's Music Festival Soundfest 2019 took place at the Plaza outside of the Spanish City Dome. The day was successful with a large turnout of people mainly adults and families enjoying the music. This year judges decided on the winner which was After Party. The band were thrilled that they played on the big stage at the Mouth of the Tyne Festival.

There is a new Youth Forum set up for young people with a Special Educational Need or Disability. The SEND Forum will look at issues that affect their daily lives. Two of the group's members also sit on the Youth Council. Some of the group took part in the clean up at the Silverlink Bio Diversity and helped at Soundfest. Some of the group's members attended The Exchange to watch the inspiration Lost Voice Guy and they met him back stage after the show.

The Regional Children in Care Council met last week to plan the November conference. The Children in Care Ambassadors met 12 Directors of Childrens Services & reported that it went really well.

Thank you