



Exciting Times at National Election Evening

Wednesday 17th June was a big night for a number of CYC representatives as we held elections for our national representatives on UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and British Council (BYC).

Firstly we said a big thank you to last year's reps for all their hard work and then candidates for this year prepared their speeches.

We applaud all the young people that took the time to put themselves forward for election and all the speeches were amazing!

At the end of the evening we had four representatives elected and they were Xinyu Ye and Ibrahim Osman for the UKYP and Alaw Griffiths and Fiona Mc Gavin for the BYC positions.

The reps will now have a busy year firstly attending the BYC Wales Conference in August followed by working on the Make Your Mark Ballot across all schools in Cardiff from September onwards.

This ballot will not only inform the priorities for CYC 2015/6 but feed into the national ballot which will involve Alaw and Fiona taking part in the annual UKYP sitting held in the House Of Common in November.



Ibrahim Osman



Alaw Griffiths

Xinyu Ye

Fiona Mc Gavin

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Young Evaluators Training

19 young people have taken part in a 2 day training course and are now ready to join a range of adults on panels to evaluate grants from organisations across the city. Cardiff Council and partners have developed a new model for Youth Services as part of a wider Youth Offer for young people in Cardiff. The model sets out to provide a great level of service for young people which are responsive to need, offering young people places to go and things to do together with access to professional targeted support where required.

The Young Evaluators come from 6 high schools across the city and they learnt about the Children and Young People's Pledge, Children's Rights and Youth Work skills and values.

The grants will be awarded by the panels at the beginning of July with services for young people starting shortly after, we will let you know how it went in the next edition.



Happy Young Evaluators.



CYC were invited by our friends at Full Circle Education to host former World Leaders in Newport at the InterAction Council. The InterAction Council of Former World Leaders meet annually to highlight and campaign on the big issues facing the world. The early morning start provided a great opportunity for the 2 CYC hosts Najma and Marc to familiarise themselves with hard-to-pronounce names and go through the running order of the day.

An additional 6 CYC members joined young people from across South Wales to develop many insightful questions for the dignitaries. The ceremony also included a number of humorous anecdotes from the Presidents and Prime Ministers of days gone by. Despite the Leaders being remarkably accessible and light-hearted throughout the morning, the subject matter was very serious.

The afternoon sitting included the *Future Forum* which included workshops on the three issues discussed in the main conference these were: Access to clean water, Conflict in the Middle-East, and Global health.

Each group was assigned an international expert in the respective field to facilitate stimulating conversation and a respectful exchange of ideas. Three young people were then given the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to present their conclusions to the full Council.

CYC member Marc Tilley said 'The event was a great success and a great opportunity for young people to understand the scale of global issues'

Many thanks to The InterAction Council & Nikki from Full Circle Education for enabling young people to have their voices heard!



Power To The People

In the lead up to the General Election on 7th May and politicians ever in the spotlight, we thought what better time for Cardiff Youth Council (CYC) to bring politics to the young people of Cardiff! Here at CYC, we decided to hold a hustings event through a special edition shout-out to question the candidates on issues raised by you.

Last year, 2261 young people across Cardiff took part in the Make Your Mark ballot; the largest youth consultation in the UK. Cardiff Youth Council then set their current priorities according to the findings. Using these issues, highlighted by young people,

we devised a series of questions for each of Cardiff's 29 Parliamentary Candidates representing 9 different parties and recorded their responses in this Special 2015 General Election Edition Shout-out. We understand that this was a very busy time for the candidates and we would like to thank them for taking the time to respond to the issues raised by the young people of Cardiff.

CYC is not a political organisation so we made sure to contact all the candidates standing in the four Cardiff constituencies fairly and without bias. We have no party affiliations and have been very

clear in putting forward our agenda; to promote the rights and voices of young people in Cardiff.

If you would like to view the responses from all the candidates including the ones that won click here :

<http://www.thesprout.co.uk/en/news/cardiff-youth-tion-special/19265.html>



Twin Town - 60th Anniversary

Cardiff Youth Council will officially host a delegation from Stuttgart Youth Council as part of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the twinning of the two cities.

CYC Chairperson Rob Green said 'We are really pleased to be hosting our friends from Stuttgart as part of the celebrations, we have a great programme planned for them'.

The four visit day will start on July 9th and will include an official welcome by the cities council as well as cultural workshops and a visit to the National Assembly For Wales.

We will let you know more details in the next edition of the Shout Out!



Connect 8-25 pass their inspection by Young People



It has been a great couple of month for the Young Inspectors. They have been hard at work completing further training and carrying out an inspection of the Connect 8-25 package.

We would like to thank Connect 8-25 manager Martin Seagrove and his team for all their hard work in completing the self assessment process and their hospitality when hosting us on inspection visits. We would like to once again congratulate Connect 8-25 on passing their inspection!

The hard work hasn't stopped there for the inspectors as they are now onto their next inspection of the Health Life-styles package.

Giving young people the chance to get trained to evaluate services is key and we have been busy!

We are very excited to have been working with both the Disability Focus and the Disability TAF Team to look at recruiting a number of young people from within their package to be trained as Young As well as developing training with a fantastic group from Butetown Youth Pavilion.

Look out in our next addition to find out more about how we have got on.

Mental Health Awareness Week Event @ Grassroots

Cardiff Youth Council has joined forces with Cardiff and Vale Action for Mental Health and young people from Join The Dots to run an event to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week 11th – 17th May.

Mental health services for young people is one of this years priorities for the youth council and members have been really busy holding meetings with a range of professionals and key decision makers to gain an understanding of what services and support are available to young people and how things can be improved.

The event was a great success with the young people from Join The Dots doing a great job in organising all the services along to Grassroots for the event.

CYC members worked with a range of visitors to the event to make a short animation highlighting the importance of the issue of mental health.

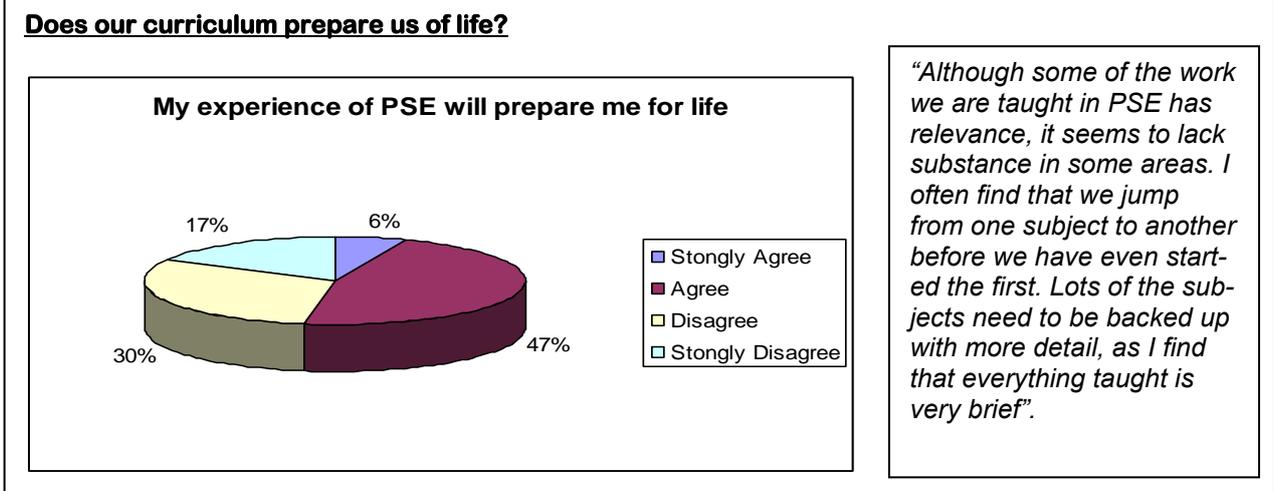
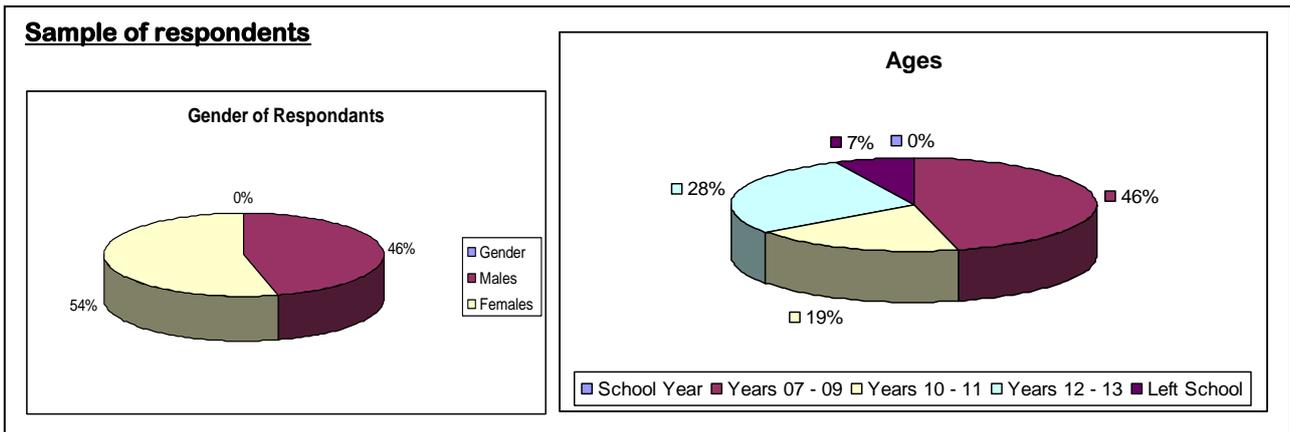
The animation can be seen on the CYC You Tube channel by following:

<https://youtu.be/xi04cbTDTNM>



Curriculum 4 Life – Online Survey

CYC have been working on the Curriculum 4 Life priority for the last five of months. We felt that we needed to find out the views of young people about how well PSE prepared them for life?. We decided that the best way to do this would be online survey . We had an amazing response with over 1030 people responding. We will now be working with key decision makers to improve PSE across the city. Please see some of the findings below:



The top 7 subjects that young people felt should be taught but currently are not covered PSE are:

- Employment & Taxes
- Independent living
- Document (Passport / Driving Licences)
- Housing
- Parenting
- Money matters
- First Aid

How can PSE better prepare us for life ?

“I think PSE would be more engaging if we had 'experts' teach the subject or even people with personal experiences with abuse/ drugs or Citizen's Advice for financial/forms advice for example, instead of a PE teacher who didn't really care and we didn't trust to give us sound advice on the subject.”



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Cardiff Youth Council are a
representative council for 11-25
year olds that advocate for positive
change across the City of Cardiff.



CYC General Meetings

Dates: Sept 23rd 2015 / Oct 21st 2015

Nov 18th 2015 / Dec 16th 2015 /

Jan 13th 2016 / Feb 10th 2016 /

Mar 16th 2016

Venues: City Hall (Next to museum)

Time:

Arrival at 4.30pm tea and coffee served

Meetings start by 5pm.

Finish 7pm

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4000 Views on our YouTube channel.



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