

SHOUT OUT – Cardiff Youth Council

NATO–Youth Summit

On Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September 30 young people from Cardiff schools, colleges and CYC joined other young people from across the UK to take part in the NATO Modelling event held in the University of

stability are discussed and negotiated.

Each school/youth council brought delegations of five students, and each delegation was allocated a NATO member to represent. For each

University of South Wales. Academics from Aberystwyth University and the Universities of Bath and Birmingham helped to prepare the event and were on hand with advice and guidance.

The delegates had lunch with members of the Atlantic Council and inputs from a range of dignitaries including, **Dame Rosemary Butler** Presiding Officer, National Assembly for Wales, **Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP**, Deputy Prime Minister & **Matthew W. Barzun**, Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Kingdom.



South Wales Newport City Campus.

Model NATO 2014 intended to reproduce some of the decision making processes and debates of the actual summit. The idea was to give young people an insight into how international issues such as Islamic State movements and global

delegation, four students sat on committees, while the fifth student acted as a go-between - passing information between committees, observing debates and seeking advice from academic advisers.

The event was organised by the British International Studies Organisation (BISA) in collaboration the



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Cardiff 2050

Cardiff's intention to lead the way in the development of smart, sustainable cities was shown last week at a conference hosted at the SWALEC Stadium by Cardiff Council and the Commonwealth Environmental Investment Platform (CEIP).

In attendance were business and sustainability leaders from across the UK and internationally, along with Cardiff Council and CYC representatives. The conference demonstrated the environmental and economic benefits to cities by sharing their expertise in technology, innovation and

knowledge.

It is expected by 2050 the global proportion of people living in cities will rise to about 70%. This creates a challenge as many cities do not have a strategy to cope with such high growth. Cities therefore need to look at new, sustainable, approaches to planning, energy production, new technologies & traffic management.

It showed that sustainable development can only be achieved if economic growth is geared around social inclusion and contained within environmental parameters. It was also warned that success would

depend on cities working together sharing knowledge, expertise and practice.



UK Youth Parliament

The 12th August marked the launch of Make Your Mark, the UK Youth Parliament's annual ballot of the public, giving young people their say on what is debated by their Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) in the House of Commons on 14th November. CYC members Eva Ure and Fiona McGavin will be attending debate as the representatives for the City of Cardiff.

The ballot will decide which five topics from a shortlist of ten will be debated in the chamber by elected MYPs. The debate will be chaired by The Rt. Hon. **John Bercow MP**, Speaker of the House of Commons, recorded in Hansard and broadcast live on BBC Parliament. From these, the Youth Parliament will choose its priority campaigns for the year ahead.

Last year, the Make Your Mark ballot surveyed the opinions of a record 478,632 young people aged 11-18, making it the largest youth consultation of its kind in the UK. This year, MYPs have set themselves a target of getting **1,000,000** young people to take part.



Youth Parliament MAKING OUR MARK #MakeYourMark

WHAT SHOULD YOUR UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT CAMPAIGN ON?

On the 14th November – your Members of Youth Parliament will come together to debate and decide at UKYP House of Commons sitting the most important issues to campaign on for the year ahead.

THEY WILL DECIDE FROM THE TOP* ISSUES VOTED BY YOU!

Find more about UK Youth Parliament at: www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk
facebook: UKYouthParliament

The UK Youth Parliament House of Commons sitting is part of Parliament Week. It is a great opportunity to find out more about your parliamentary democracy and how you can take part. Parliament Week 2014 will run from 14-20 November.

For more information go to www.parliamentweek.org #parliamentweek

*The result will provide the debated issues, but those chosen to be campaign subjects debate must discuss 2 UK wide issues and 2 regional English ones. Issues to involve a record of student campaigns due to the structure of the UK Parliament.

IT ALL STARTS AT YES

National Citizen Service (NCS) is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity available to 16-17 year olds in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

NCSYES.CO.UK



IPCC - Development of a Youth Strategy

CYC members have been working with the Independent Police Complaints Commissioner (IPCC) to develop a youth engagement strategy. The IPCC would like to find out how much young people know about its work, and what information young people have about the police complaints system, and any issues with using it.

We know that police forces have their own networks with young people, but the IPCC is an independent body, with a specific statutory role, and so needs to set up its own arrangements.

CYC members have met with Wales Commissioner Jan Williams and her team in August to share their views and support the development of this important youth strategy.

CYC member Aithan Jones said 'I am really glad to be taking part in this important programme especially as I am writing a piece on the IPCC for college at the moment'.



Onwards and Upwards for CYC!



September 24th, at The Park Inn Hotel, saw a great turnout for the CYC general meeting.

After CYC attended various Fresher's Fayre events and a letter, backed by Cardiff Council's Chief Executive Paul Orders, was sent to various organisations who work with young people, there was a huge uptake of young people interested in joining CYC.

The letter was presented to all High Schools, Youth Centres and to many 3rd sector and volunteer sector

organisations.

In total 11 schools, 8 3rd/Voluntary sector organisations and 2 youth centres had young people at the meeting, all representing the young people from across the City of Cardiff.

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Youth Service Commissioning Study Visits

Throughout the summer 11 CYC members, along with council officers have been involved in study visits at

- The Cwmbran Centre for Young People
- Bristol Youth Service
- Tower Hamlets Council
- Lewisham Youth Service.

The aim of the study visits was to

look at different methods in which organisations have been involved in the commissioning of services for young people. Then to take that information back to the Youth Service Commissioning Project Group to help inform the way forward.

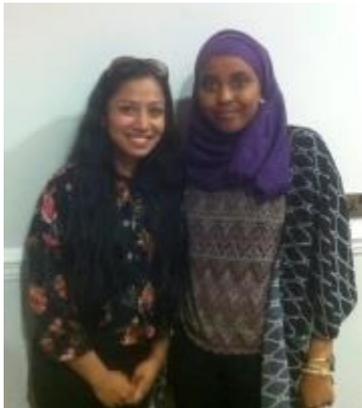
Some of the projects visited were certainly an eye opener and gave the CYC members much to think about. The study visits showed that there

are many ways in which the commissioning process can be a positive experience and how it can be of benefit when it works. Alternatively, and possibly just as importantly, how some of the ways in which the commissioning processes can be handled, can show some of the pitfalls that can be expected, if it is not handled with due care and process.



BYC AGM—Sheffield

Early last month, *CYC* members Najma Hashi and Sabiha Azad, had the opportunity to represent Cardiff Youth Council at the British Youth Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Sheffield.



When they arrived at the venue, they were briefed (as first time representatives) on how the debating and voting processes worked, and what their roles would be.

The demographic size of Cardiff meant that *CYC* were eligible for two votes. Upon arriving, red wristbands were given to each of the *BYC* representatives which validated the vote and assured that their vote would be counted.

After listening to the speeches, each representative voted for the positions of the new *BYC* Chair, three Vice Chairs (for Finance, Participation and Communication),

and also elected eight new Trustees on to the *BYC* board.

The final input at the AGM, was to debate and decide which motions would be passed and would therefore be implemented into the *BYC* manifesto for the upcoming year.

Najma and Sabiha said, "our on-going role in this position, as *BYC* representatives, is to get as many voices of young people in Cardiff heard through the Make Your Mark ballot, which will be debated in the House of Commons by the UK Youth Parliament in November". For further information see the article about the UK Youth Parliament.

CYC Meet Cardiff Council's Chief Executive

CYC Chair Rob Green and Vice Chair Finley Morris held talks with Cardiff Council Chief Executive Paul Orders during the Summer.

Finley said 'It was a very relaxed meeting and it proved to be very productive'.

CYC shared their ambition to make Cardiff a Rights Respecting City in

2015 and the need to have a Participation Strategy for Cardiff.

One clear action from Paul Orders after the meeting was that he wrote to all Head Teachers and Youth Organisations inviting them to elect representatives to sit on to the youth council.

CYC Chair Rob Green said 'Paul was extremely helpful and a nice guy to boot, we look forward to working with him in the future'.

CYC Recruiting at Fresher's Fayres

CYC attended the Fresher's Fayres at St David's Catholic College, Cardiff & Vale College, Cardiff Metropolitan University and Cardiff University.

Much interest was shown in what *CYC* was and what they represent, and many attendees expressed an interest in becoming members of *CYC* and advocating on behalf of children and young people to make

the City of Cardiff a better place to live, work and play.

While at the events the *BYC* ballot was promoted (see the article about the UK Youth Parliament for further information) and over 300 ballots were completed.



CYC Takeover Youth Service Bus

Over the summer, this year, CYC commandeered the Youth Service Bus for two days.

Rocking up to Queens Street, just outside the Capitol Centre, and visiting the St Mellons Festival. Our mission to promote Cardiff Youth Council.

We wanted to tell young people who we are, what it is we do, as well as have some fun on the amazing youth service bus.

Armed with UK Youth Parliament Ballot papers (see UK Youth Parliament article for further information) and CYC business cards

we spent the day talking to young people in the city centre and the festival, promoting CYC and in total speaking to well over 500 young people. Keep an eye out for the Youth Service bus in a neighbourhood near you.



Young Interviewer's Training

The Young Ambassadors as well as CYC members have been trained up to sit on interview panels.

This important role ensures that young people's views feed into the recruitment process of services that work directly with young people.

The course programme followed three key areas, the selection process, setting the scene and interview techniques. The young people taking part in the training programme will be involved in

advertising, interviewing and feeding back on potential candidates for a range of services.

Their training involved various activities such as discussion, role play and written work.

In total over 15 young people have completed the course to date and have interviewed well over 70 candidates for both statutory and third sector organisations.

Some of the most recent posts have included:

- A role in the Families First

Cadarn package

- Multiple Lead Workers for Cardiff Youth Service
- The Youth Engagement Officer for the National Assembly for Wales Commission

Families First Young Ambassadors Start Inspections

Over the past few months, the Young Ambassadors have been working towards their first inspection of a Families First package.

Well after a lot of preparation we can now report that the collection of Families First services referred to as Cadarn will be inspected by young people in October.

Cadarn supports the needs of

families in Cardiff around emotional and mental health.

All the services have completed a self assessment process in readiness for the young people to visit.

The past few weeks have seen the Young Ambassadors visiting services within the Cadarn package as well as meeting Barnardo's Assistant Director for Children's Services

Jackie Vining.

The next step in the process will see the Young Ambassadors compiling a report to feed back to Cadarn.

Those packages that successfully pass an inspection by young people are awarded the national participation kite mark..

We will then move on to the inspect the next five packages!!



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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:

October 15th, November 12th, December 10th.

Venues:

The 15th Oct will be in The Old Library, The Hayes Cardiff
The 12th Nov & 10th Dec will be at the Park Inn Hotel (opposite main entrance to Motorpoint arena). The St Fagans Room (to the right of reception).

Time:

Arrival at 4.30pm tea and coffee served
Meetings start by 5pm.

YOUTH COUNCIL SUMMIT

Representatives from CYC are holding a summit at The Old Library with the Leader of the Council, [Cllr Phil Bale](#) and members of Cardiff Council's Cabinet on October 15 as part of Local Democracy Week. The event forms part of the Cardiff Debate project launched by Cardiff Council in June this year to increase public participation in decisions on public service design and delivery. Councillor Phil Bale, Cardiff Council Leader said,

"The council has launched the Cardiff Debate in order to involve everyone in conversations about the future of public services in Cardiff. The Youth Summit is an ideal opportunity for young people to learn about the local democratic

process and how the City is governed and to engage with those involved in it."

This year, members of CYC will participate in a joint meeting with Cabinet members through a series of activities. Following a welcome to the Youth Council delegates the Leader and Cabinet members will discuss their vision for the future of Cardiff and how the Council can involve young people in developing this and improving their communities .

Councillor Daniel De'Ath, Cabinet Member for Safety, Engagement & Democracy, will provide an outline of the democratic process and how the City is governed, before the evening continues with a number of

interactive discussion sessions.

Marie Rosenthal, County Clerk and Monitoring Officer, said,

"We are planning to make the Youth Council Summit event an important and informative evening. In addition to the visual recording of the summit conversations, displays will be present providing more information about the recent change in the way that we all vote. Individual Electoral Registration, introduced in June this year, requires individuals be responsible for registering themselves."

Anyone who was not registered previously can register under the new system at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>



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