



The SHOUT OUT by Cardiff Youth Council

CUTS AFFECT YOU[TH]

CYC Cuts Campaign Update

Following on from Cardiff Youth Council's (CYC) cuts campaign, looking at the cuts being considered by Cardiff County Council (CCC), there has been significant progress!

We had various meetings with Officers and Politicians including: Julia Magill, Cabinet Member for Education & Lifelong Learning; Nick Batchelar, Chris Hesse - CCC Directors, Eluned Parrot, - Assembly Member and Stephen Doughty MP.

Both CYC and the adults said that the meetings had been positive and that it was felt that both sides made strong and productive points.

CYC's cuts campaign group also delivered a petition, through Councillor Jonathan Evans, to the full Council Meeting on 27th February, where the proposals for the cuts were finally approved.

The petition received over one thousand signatures and help cement the views of many in Cardiff towards services for children and young people.



Frankie from the Saturdays

While the petition was delivered to the chamber, members of CYC were in attendance in the public gallery.

We held an event in Queen Street, in Cardiff's city centre, to help raise awareness of the cuts that were being threatened. The event saw many children, young people and professionals, from the youth service, play and Unite the union.

Many people supported us and even a celebrity or two got in on the action. Individuals and communities rallied around to show how devastating the cuts would be on many young people's lives. See the Cuts Affect Youth Facebook page for a look at what campaigners were doing all over the city.

Due to all of the efforts of all campaigners the effects of the cuts to some of the services to children and young people were reduced significantly. The youth service was cut by £250,000, as opposed to the initial £1,000,000 that was proposed, and Play cut by £200,000, as opposed to £900,000!

Europe Moves

20 January 2014 – Cardiff

Young - Entrepreneurial - European:
The EU means more than politics!



The European Movement held a series of events around the UK in the context of the Young and Europe. 17 CYC members attended the Cardiff event on 20th January.

The main objective of the project is to demonstrate that the European Union does a lot for European citizens, by offering a great variety of possibilities to gain international experience across Europe or to access academic, professional and financial support locally.

Tom Bevan, a member of CYC, was invited to feature on the debating panel, alongside:

Derek Vaughan, Member of the European Parliament.

David Hughes, Head of Office for the European Commission in Wales.

Ms Alexandra Somerville, Youth volunteer, UNA Exchange.

Prof. Mohamed Loutfi – Pro Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University.

David Melding AM, South Wales Central (Conservative).

Russel Deacon, European Movement Wales.

Erasmus Comes to Town

Youth Chapter



Members of CYC, along with officers from AIT attended a training seminar held at the Future Inn, in Cardiff Bay.

The seminar dealt with the youth chapter of 'Erasmus +', which has taken over from the previous 'Youth in Action' European Funding.

For further details around Erasmus + visit the website:

<http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/>

alternatively you can visit the British council website on

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus-institutions-erasmusplus.htm>





Launch of Young Ambassadors

The Active Involvement Team has been recruiting a number of young people for a new project called Families First Young Ambassadors. The idea for the project is that the Young Ambassadors team will be a reference group for Families First in Cardiff.

What is a reference group I hear you ask? Well as things progress within Families First work stream, the Reference Group will be one way that FF in Cardiff can hear, firsthand, what it's like being a young person. The group will provide insight and a youth perspective on issues, consultations and any work associated with FF. The group will also look at potential solutions to any issues.

The Ambassadors will also be trained up in a number of areas including:

- Young Inspectors where they will carry out inspections around the National Participation Standards in each FF package.
- Young Interviewers will be able to help develop / short list and sit on interview panels, alongside professionals

Meetings will take place on Thursday evenings 4.30pm. The venue will be in Grassroots, 58 Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2GG.

Young Interviewers



Once again CYC member Steph Pinnell stepped up to the plate to carry out some interesting interviews with the Public Health Team. Steph is starting to become a bit of a veteran at interviewing.

This time the post was for a specialist Health Promotion role within Cardiff and Vale Public Health Team that contributes to the planning, implementation and evaluation of public health and health promotion programmes around substance misuse.

The post was to work alongside the 'Switched On' multi-agency team to support the implementation and delivery of health promotion programmes in a range of different settings and with identified target groups, including vulnerable young people.

This was especially interesting for Steph as this is a field of work that she would like to be more involved in once she has finished University. Steph currently volunteers at Inroads, a registered charity which provides a free and confidential service, offering information, advice and support to drug and alcohol users, ex-users, their family and friends.

Well done, once again Steph, for your dedication, and hopefully you have picked up some pointers for when you will be applying for similar posts in the future.

If you are interested in being involved in the Ambassadors or Young Interviews program please speak with your youth worker or feel free to contact me if you have any questions

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Butetown Pavillion

3 Day Participation & Leadership Training

During February half term, 13 young people took part in a 3 day leadership and participation training course, held at the Butetown Youth Pavillion.



The participants were shown how to recognise group roles and dynamics, communication, beliefs and attitudes, team work, conflict resolution and Childrens Rights (UNCRC)

The group will now have to organise and run a social action project that will make a difference to the local community.

After the social action project has taken place each group member will achieve 5 nationally recognised AQA accredited units.



Stop The Press

Breaking News

Cardiff Youth Council Election Results

At our recent residential we held elections for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair of Cardiff Youth Council. Young People were able to put themselves forward for election.

Four candidates took the opportunity to stand for election each giving a small speech as to why they think they should be elected. After a very close secret ballot it was declared that:

- Rob Green elected to the role of Chair
- Finley Morris elected to the role of Vice Chair.

Rob and Finley will be taking over the roles from Bethan Domaille & James Humphry who have been Co-Chairs for the last 2 years.

Rob Green incoming new chair said:

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Bethan and James for all their hard work and dedication in developing and moving CYC forward".

We would also like to congratulate Rob & Finley on being elected and we wish them good luck in their roles.

National Museum

Taking On Board Participation



The AIT & James Humphry recently delivered training with officers of the National Museum of Wales from across the country..

The training covered the following areas:

- Introduction to the United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child (UNCRC) & Participation,
- National Participation standards & Self-Assessment

Loveday Williams, the "Our Museum" Project Co-ordinator – said:

"We all found the training with Cardiff Youth Service extremely useful. It has helped us with our preparations for working with young people and developing youth forums across Amgueddfa Cymru. We especially enjoyed all the activities, which helped us to apply what we had learnt and really appreciate the effort the trainers went to in developing this bespoke course for our staff".

D of E Young Leaders Success!

11 young people successfully completed a 12 week Leadership course at Howardian Youth Centre this term. The course enabled the young people to identify their strengths, think creatively, work as part of a team and learn about the UNCRC. This term long programme contributed to their Duke of Edinburgh Award skills section.

5 participants from the course have now gone on and become members of Cardiff Youth Council and will be using their newly acquired skills across the city while logging hours for the volunteer element of the award.



Communities of Enquiry.....

Cardiff Youth Council held their very first Communities of Enquiry in March. The philosophical process enables young people to think together with a view to increasing their understanding and appreciation of the world around them and of each other. The theme for this enquiry was 'Education' and a very colourful and dynamic session led towards a focus on Personal and Social Education within schools.

This enquiry will now inform the work of the youth council when developing this year's action plan.

Corporate Development Plan 2014 – 2017

Commissioning of Youth Service



Some of you may not have seen Cardiff Council's Corporate Development Plan for 2014 – 2017.

Within the document it is stated that, in order to meet the identified key priorities in Education & Lifelong Learning, they will:

'Establish a framework for a commissioned youth service by December 2014'

CYC are committed to ensuring that the council have open dialogue with the key stakeholders within the commissioning development plan and that the voices, opinions and needs of young people are duly regarded throughout the whole process.

We are also looking forward to having four CYC members sitting on the Project Development Group.

Another aspect of the process will involve open dialogue with young people from across Cardiff, in order to assess their needs, feedback on the progress of developments and find out what their thoughts are on any proposals.

We will also endeavour to visit other areas within the UK, who have already gone through a commissioning process. This will allow us to learn from the experiences of others whether positive or negative.

If you would like to be part of this very important process or just want to be part of the CYC family then please come along to our general meetings, shown below.

CYC General Meetings

Dates:

April 30th, May 21st & June 25th

Venue:

Park Inn Hotel (opposite main entrance to Motorpoint arena). The St Fagans Room (to the left of the reception).

Time:

Arrival at 4.30pm tea and coffee served

Meeting starts by 5pm.

Finish 7pm

