

YOUTH COMBINED AUTHORITY MINUTES: October 2018

Cultural Strategy

Marie-Claire Daly from the Combined Authority came in to talk about the Greater Manchester Cultural Strategy and how young people could contribute to its development.

Feedback from GMYCA members:

What is culture?

- ⇒ is what makes you and what shapes your personality
- ⇒ language, dress, songs, and food
- ⇒ is part of everyone's lives
- ⇒ Culture in school could be better
- ⇒ Culture as part of heritage: protecting war memorials for remembrance
- ⇒ Protecting Pagan culture as part of our history and heritage

- ⇒ Need to improve heritage and oral history - how do we protect our traditions
- ⇒ Public Garden - recycled materials, graffiti wall, and public art - but where the public contributes to the art
- ⇒ Culture around a subject - e.g. culture of cycling or culture of the environment

Culture of Greater Manchester:

- ⇒ Gravy
- ⇒ Diversity of young people
- ⇒ Multiculturalism
- ⇒ Protected LGBTQ+ Status
- ⇒ Acceptance
- ⇒ Uniqueness of the landscape
- ⇒ Fish and Chips - first ever fish and chip shop in Tameside!
- ⇒ Do we celebrate what is distinctive enough about GM?
- ⇒ Sports and Culture - in Europe, they have exercise equipment in parks, and sports is made part of people's everyday lives - we don't have this
- ⇒ Sport is one of our biggest exports - do we celebrate it enough?



Feedback from the Workers meeting:

Although the evenings were getting darker, meetings work better from 6-8pm due to education, work and other commitments - **The GMYCA voted to continue all meetings 6-8pm**

Agreed with the proposal that working groups combine to meet on the same evening, two weeks after each full GMYCA meeting, on the fourth Thursday of every month - **The GMYCA voted to endorse this proposal**

How can we increase communication from members to a wider group of young people?

- ⇒ Provide a snapchat filter so members can add to their story during meetings - members said they would not use, but still may be useful externally.
- ⇒ Share video minutes and other videos on a YouTube channel - members said they wouldn't look at these, but still may be useful externally.
- ⇒ Increased use of Instagram - members said this is a good idea.
- ⇒ Provide key messages for member organisations to share through their networks - members said they were happy to do this.

How can we increase the sense of belonging to the YCA and between members?

Include a 'Whilst we've been together' at the end of meeting, which is members' opportunity to say what they've done together during the meeting - Members would like to try at the next meeting.
Regular development days - **Agreed.**

Chairing meetings

Stuart introduced the issue of chairing and the issues that had been experienced in finding enough willing chairs to lead the YCA meetings.

Members then explored three options for the role of chair/s.

⇒ The group unanimously voted to have a fixed Chair and rotating Vice Chair.

⇒ Elections will take place on 15th November.

The poll will take place using the Single Transferable Vote system, which was explained by Stuart.

Election packs will be distributed to members on

Thursday 25th October.

Young people will then have one week in which to nominate themselves.

Conference Planning

Ren introduced an item on the YCA's annual conference - due to take place on 24th October at Bolton University - and the roles young people would be asked to play in its development.

On tables, groups discussed and noted down their ideas and roles they wished to sign up for, e.g. presenting, reception desk, workshop support.



External Requests & Members Suggestion

Members' suggestions

Jack Furness from Stockport Youth Partnership gave a short presentation about LGBTQ+ issues.

Jack raised the issue of Transgender terminology and pronouns, and the importance of ensuring these were accurate and appropriate, particularly in materials produced for the Curriculum for Life. Jack also suggested:

- ⇒ ensuring terminology is LGBTQ+ friendly and inclusive
- ⇒ ensuring any educational materials produced include the correct language and terminology
- ⇒ provide students with sex & relationship education around non-cis and non-heterosexual relationships

Members discussed this suggestion and voted for it to be discussed in a Curriculum for Life Working Group meeting.

External requests

Jacqueline Robinson Engagement Lead – Theme 3 Standardising Acute and Specialised Care, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership

A GM hospital service review is taking place to make GM hospital services the best they can be and to make them sustainable and affordable in the future. One of the areas being reviewed is Children's hospital based services. The GMHSCP would like young people's views when issues such as transport, access, staff, equality and current services at hospital sites etc. are beginning considered. Views will inform and shape future children's services and the approach for public consultation.

Members voted for this to be discussed in a Health WG meeting.

Attended by

42nd Street
Bolton Lads and Girls
One Manchester
Reclaim
Bolton Youth Council
Mahdlo
Oldham Youth Council
Stockport Youth Partnership
Rochdale Youth Council
Tameside Youth Council
Trafford Youth Cabinet
Wigan Youth Council
The Proud Trust
Xplode Magazine

Next Meeting dates:

- Amplify GM Young People's Conference; Wednesday 24th October
- Thursday 15th November
- Thursday 13th December