

Newsletter

VIP Team

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John Tierney and Cheryl Pocknell – *Northallerton*

The VIP team also employs a group of Young Advisors

North Yorkshire Young Advisors are young people aged between 16 and 24, who help community leaders and decision makers to engage young people in community life, local decision making and improving services. Commissions undertaken within the NYCC Children and Families service are currently non chargeable. For additional commissions there is a charge per Young Advisor. For more information please email the **VIP Team**.

Young People's Council (YPC)

Care experienced young people from across the County come together **1st Wednesday of the month** in York to look at what improvements/developments need to be made to the services they and other looked after young people and care leavers receive. The YPC plan and run Consultation Days (C-Days) bringing together looked after young people to have a voice on particular issues and have a fun day. **The next C-Day is on 9th September 2017 at Bewerley Park Outdoor Education Centre.**

A younger group of looked after young people - **Team Street Stars'** meet in 'The street' in Scarborough, every Monday 17:30-19:00pm.

Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender

The first **County Wide LGBT** meeting was held in York in April. Over 20 young people attended and took part in a number of workshops.

The young people identified a number of challenges e.g. schools and educators to be able to talk more about LGBT as part of sex education and to welcome, accept and promote diversity.

The next meeting is on the 28th July 2017 in Thirsk, 10:30 – 15:45, it is free for anyone to attend and lunch will be provided, for further details or to book a place contact the VIP team on 01609 532170 or e mail

VIP@northyorks.gov.uk

New Groups

- The Selby YPC group meets during term time on the last Monday of the month - 26th June/24th July – 18:30-20:00pm @ Selby North Children's Centre, Flaxley Road, Selby, YO8 4DL
- Team Street Stars is having an open event on the 3rd July at 'The Street' 17:00-19:00pm to recruit new members and ask young people about setting up another YPC Youth Voice group
- The Northallerton YPC starts on the 20th June. More dates will be sent
- Harrogate YPC are looking for a suitable venue with the first group starting July 2017
- The County wide LGBT group will meet on the 28th July
- The County wide Young Carers group will meet on the 28th July

Flying High

Flying High is a group of young people who have disabilities and additional needs. Every 6 weeks they come from across the County to look at developments that need to be made to improve the services they and others receive. This group is called the County wide group.

The VIP team have set up a local area Flying High group in Scarborough. The members of the group said - *'We decided to call ourselves 'Shout it out Scarborough. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month to socialise and meet new people, it gives a voice to young people with disabilities and additional needs'*. The group is meeting 27th June, 25th July. 5.30-7pm @ The Street, Scarborough



Children Resource Centres (CRCs)

Each of the three CRC's are setting up monthly youth voice groups. These young people will influence what's happening in their centre and wider

On the **30th May the CRC's** (with the help of some of their young people) put on a Showcase Film event at the Pavilions in Harrogate. The young people who helped with the films and parents/carers came along to see the final versions. The event was a great success.

Youth Voice Executive

The Youth Voice Executive brings together representatives from **all** the Youth Voice groups across the county to discuss their most important issues with key decision makers in North Yorkshire.

North Yorkshire Specialist Groups

Looked after Children, Flying High, Young Carers, Military Kids Club, School Councils, Youth Councils, LGBT, Police and Health Commission.

The first Youth Voice Executive meeting took place in February 2017 and the young people identified the following campaigns:

- **Developing Resilience and Emotional Wellbeing**
- **Transport**
- **Curriculum for Life**

Task groups have been formed and they will meet to put together plans to highlight concerns and identify possible solutions which they will then put to senior managers and councillors in the county council. Groups will meet on the following days:

- **Developing Resilience and Emotional Wellbeing – 24th June**
- **Transport – 15th July**
- **Curriculum for Life – 15th July**

British Youth Parliament

In March 2017 Members of the Youth Parliament (MYP) were elected –

- **MYP Central** - Evie M. Stevenson and **Deputy** Shannah Strudwick
- **MYP East** - Kitty Jackson and **Deputy** Alexander Wright and Dylan Kennedy
- **MYP West** - Eden Maia Shackleton and **Deputy** Ella Bridgett-Tomkinson

They have already been hard at work raising the profile of MYPs across the county as well as preparing for the **Make Your Mark** Campaign which will be launched in August 2017.

We are offering schools and youth groups the opportunity to invite the VIP team to talk to them about the **Make Your Mark** campaign and to allow any young person aged between 11 and 18 to take part in the vote.

For further details or to arrange for the team to visit your setting, contact Angela.Blyszko@northyorks.gov.uk.

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