

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION

Glasgow, 14th June 2016.

- Present:** Martin McElroy (Chair), Stephen Curran, Greg Hepburn, Angus Millar and Martha Wardrop, Glasgow City Council; Anthea Koon and Amber Morris, LGBT; Calum Macleod, Kieran O'Neill and Suki Wan, Scottish Youth Parliament/Glasgow Youth Council.
- Apology:** Elizabeth Cameron, Denny Ford and Ray MacLean, Who Cares Scotland; Martin Gallacher and Alana McKenna, Scottish Youth Parliament/Glasgow Youth Council;
- Attending:** Carol Jack, Clerk; Stephen Frew, Jacqui Jacobsen and Louise Mackenzie, Corporate Policy; Alex Byers and Gary Maguire, Glasgow Life; and Andrea Reid, Education Services.
- Also Present:** Donna Cunningham, Education Services; and Sharon Muirhead and Lorna Wilson, Wheatley Group.

Welcome and introductions.

1 Councillor McElroy welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Youth Engagement Commission (YEC) and introductions were made round the table.

Feedback from last session.

2 G Maguire, Glasgow Life, presented the feedback collated and summarised from the facilitated session at the previous meeting, and after discussion the members agreed updates as follows.

Examine the barriers that young people face in engaging with the Council, other public agencies and in participating in the life of the city.

Financial	Personal	Political	Cultural	Structural
Cost	Mental health	Lack of council footprint	Social media	Transparent
Poverty	Community safety	Stop and search policy	Jargon	Discrimination
Money	Perception	Gate keepers		Apathy
Location	Self confidence	Bureaucracy		Widen Access
	Knowledge	Relevance of council structures		Too Formal
	Life Priorities			Not open
	Trust			
	Not valued			Won't make a difference
				Things are outdated
				Awareness of services

Identify the priority issues for young people that they would wish to engage on.

Financial	Personal	Political	Cultural	Structural
Money	Bullying	Care issues	Social Media	Age pay gap
Poverty	Not achieving full potential	Views overtaken by others	Social Spaces for young people	Barriers to learning
Employability	Basic needs	Lack of teachers	Equality	School toilets
Affordability	Mental Health	Support for those engaged in crime	Alcohol Culture	Environment
Transport	Care issues		Peer Pressure	Housing
			Lack of knowledge and understanding of young people's issues (professionals)	School leavers transitions
			Parental/older people pressures	Support
			Improving involvement from parents	Access to Education
			Environment	Community Facilities
				Transport

Consider approaches to help improve youth engagement, with a particular focus on hearing evidence from young people and their representatives.

Financial	Personal	Political	Cultural	Structural
Incentives	True consultation	Concrete Commitments	Innovative approaches	Include Everyone
	Ownership	Thematic Youth Councils – increased communications	Regular gatherings	Creating youth sub groups
			Creating informal environments	Guaranteed outcomes
			Change Theme and Us	Building relationships
			Social Media	Accreditation – recognition for contribution
				Peer to Peer
				Informal Engagement

3 Presentations noted.

The Commission members noted presentations and that these could be viewed on the Youth Engagement Commission website

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=19468>.

- (a) Beyond4Walls - Sharon Muirhead and Lorna Wilson, the Wheatley Group <https://prezi.com/krm4c49ceq73/we-are-beyond4walls>
- (b) MCR Pathways – Donna Cunningham, Education Services, Glasgow City Council.

MCR Pathways - https://youtu.be/kR6r_o9wlow

Twitter - @mcrpathways

www.youngglasgowtalent.org or www.mcrpathways.org

Call for Evidence.

- 4 The Commission members discussed the next steps, and agreed that
 - (1) the first stage of a general call for evidence would be undertaken for a period of 4-6 weeks (July-August) asking for views and available evidence that would help the YEC to better understand the issues around the 3 areas, and the second stage would be discussion-based facilitated sessions, concentrating on specific areas;
 - (2) further information, and how to respond would be available in the YEC section of the Council's website;
 - (3) Commission members would encourage groups to respond;
 - (4) a programme of promotion through the Council Family Group's social media channels would be undertaken; and
 - (5) following the call for evidence a report summarising the findings would be drafted and the Commission would meet in September to discuss next steps.