



## Youth Voice Bucks – Agenda for Youth Voice Bucks Executive Committee meeting

Meeting date: 13 November 2025

Meeting time: 5.00 pm – 7.30pm

Meeting location: Hybrid – In-person access:

Newtown Family Centre, Chesham Online access via  
MS Zoom

Staffing: Lucy, Sam, Krissie, Gareth

Guests: Cllr Susan Morgan, Rob McCorkell (Trainee Project  
Support Worker, SEND)

Attendees:

In person: (Chair) WT, (Vice Chair) RH, PH, IO, LW, AA

Online Zoom: SS, EC, AE, CK

### Hello and welcome, overview of agenda for today

The meeting started at 5.00 pm, with members joining both in person and online.

### Updates/Positive Pineapple

Everyone introduced themselves and shared something positive that has happened to them since the last session.

Rob McCorkell joined the session to shadow the wider Youth Participation Team at Buckinghamshire Council. He is currently on a 6 month contract with the Horizons programme. Rob shared that he recently started this position and will be leading the SEND Young Inspectors initiative. You can read more about the Shout Out for SEND youth forum here - [Shout Out for SEND - Youth Voice Bucks](#)

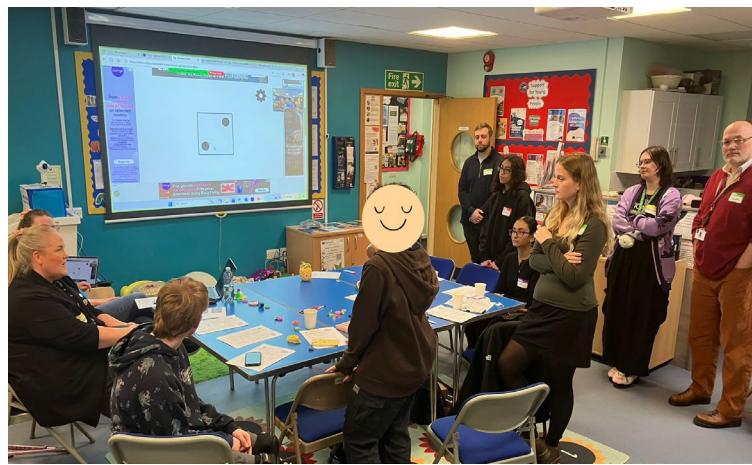
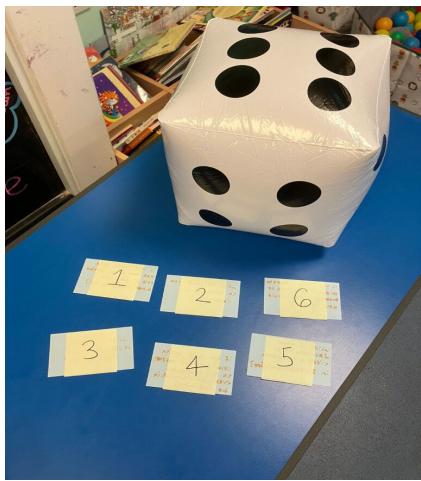
### Dice questions for Cllr Susan

We played a dice game where members took it in turn to role a physical giant dice or digital dice for online members. Each number correlated to a question which was put to Cllr Susan.

Examples of questions were: "What inspired you to become a Councillor?" and

"What local event do you look forward to each year?"

Cllr Susan answered that she loves the Parklife Festival in Aylesbury which runs each year! Read more about Parklife festival here - [Parklife Weekend 2025 | Aylesbury Town Council](#)



### Summit planning

Lucy provided updates to the YVEC group on the Youth Summit planning that had been discussed since the last meeting. This included sharing that the expression of interest form is now live on the website [Expression of Interest](#)

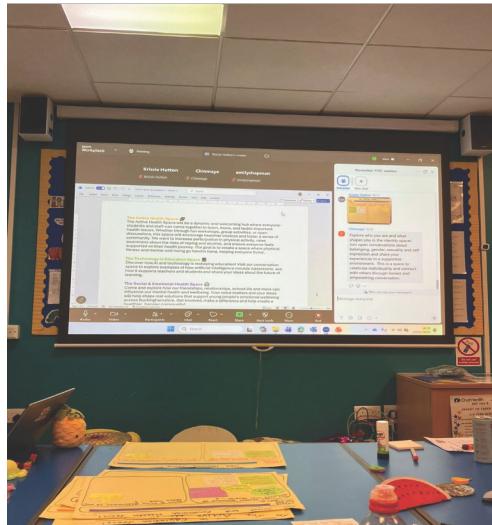
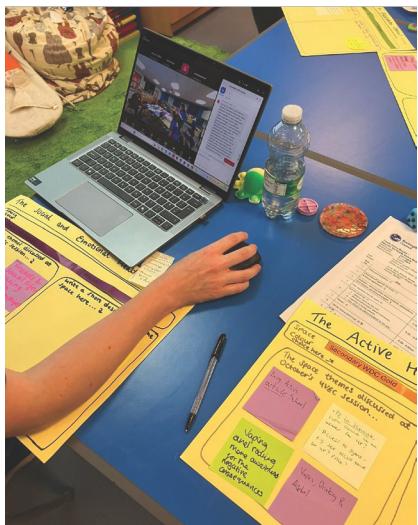
For the activity, members split into two groups. The first group went into a different room to write a draft of opening/closing remarks. For inspiration, they looked at last year's remarks to assist with this.



The second group drafted the explanation paragraphs for each conversation space. They used the brainstorming ideas from the previous session to write their paragraph. Members then chose a colour to match each Conversation Space and PH suggested that they could use a symbol for each space too. The group then decided on which symbols to use. They then joined back together and shared each other's ideas.

Finally, there was a whole group discussion to decide how to collect student feedback on the day of the Summit. There were lots of great ideas suggested and members took a vote to decide which was the best idea. The winner was .....

When everyone gathers in the auditorium at the end of the day, we will allocate 10 minutes to obtain feedback from students. Forms will be given to students to complete before we start the closing remarks. Students will be supported by YVEC members, Buckinghamshire Council staff and teachers when completing their forms.



#### Actions:

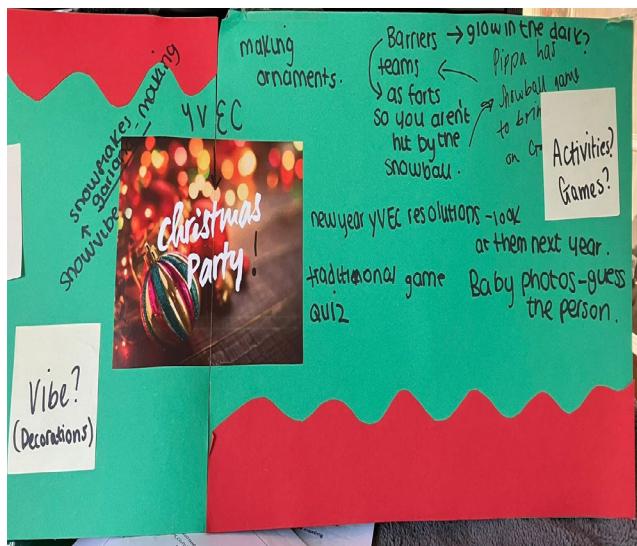
- Lucy to send drafts to the young people who are producing opening/closing remarks for them to write in their own time.
- LW requested 1-2-1 with Lucy to go over his section of the remarks.

## Food break

We had a 15-minute food break where we ate pizza and picnic style food.

## Winter Social planning

We had a group discussion to plan the winter social. We looked at images from last year and members then agreed what they would like for this year's party!



The group decided on:

- A variety of fun activities which could be put onto different tables and then the young people could choose which activity they wanted to do. Activities could include:
  - Making snowflake garlands
  - Making ornaments
  - Write down your New Year's YVEC resolutions (to open at the end of 2025!)
  - Traditional/board games
  - The movie Gremlins playing while we eat
  - Snowball fight using tables as forts/glow in the dark if possible! Create a target to put on Gareth's back to throw at him
  - Guess the baby photo game
  - A quiz (if we have time)
- Food and drinks – coffee, hot chocolate with marshmallows and pizza. (Plan A would be to have Dominos. Plan B, would be to have Greggs, if there is enough budget)
- Music – online members decided that each young person will choose one Christmas song (not generic) and then Lucy will provide a playlist
- Decorations – yes, fun decorations!

Actions:

- Lucy to ask PH if YVEC can borrow her Snowball fight game for the winter social
- Lucy to ask members to send her the following on WhatsApp:
  - A baby photo

- Leaving card message for GD
- A song choice for the playlist

#### AOB

- It was announced to the young people that Rachael Shimmin is leaving Buckinghamshire Council. (As Rachael had attended previous Summits, it was agreed that the group should be informed of this. Further updates on a replacement will follow when we know)
- Gareth Drawmer announced he is leaving Bucks Council and the Winter Social will be his last YVEC session. YVEC members will be sad to see Gareth leave and thank him for his contributions over the years. Lucy will organise a leaving card for Gareth.
- Public Health are running a Condom Card Scheme focus group. If you are interested, please message Lucy for more details.
- Lucy shared YVEC session dates for Jan – July 2026. Any questions, please message Lucy.

#### Close

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Thank you to everybody who was part of this meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lucy via the details below: 07767 433826 / [YouthVoiceBucks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:YouthVoiceBucks@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)