



## Youth Voice Bucks – Notes from Youth Voice meeting

Meeting date: **Thursday 9 May 2024**  
Meeting time: **5 – 7.30pm**  
Meeting location: Hybrid –  
In-person access: **Castlefield Family Centre,**  
The Centre, Rutland Avenue, Castlefield,  
High Wycombe, HP12 3LL  
Online access: MS Teams

### Attendees

Members: JH (Chair), IO (Vice-Chair), DT (Treasurer),  
LG (Equalities and Inclusion Lead),  
PH, WT, II, CE, SB, MI, EC

Participation team: Krissie, Sam, Gareth

Guests: Katherine and Evelyn from the School Awards team.

### Hello and welcome, positive pineapple

Due to traffic some in-person members arrived a bit late, so we started at 5.45pm. IO, WT, DT, PH, LG, and II joined in person. Our guest Katherine joined in person. JH, SB, EC, MI and CE joined online. Our guest Evelyn joined online. JH was running late so Krissie and IO started the meeting with introductions, positive pineapple updates, and a reminder of the group agreement. We didn't have an agenda for this meeting as it was a special session judging nominations for the Bucks School Awards.

### Introduction to the session

YVEC member WT is leading on the School Awards project for us. WT and Gareth introduced what the school awards are, how YVEC is contributing, the nomination and judging processes, and the judging criteria. YVEC are selecting the top 3 and ultimate winners for the "Teacher of the Year" awards for primary schools and secondary schools. Katherine shared an overview of what this YVEC meeting would involve: splitting into groups and reviewing nominations submitted by children and young people.

### Shortlisting

We split into two groups:

- YVEC members who joined online were responsible for shortlisting the 5 nominations from secondary school students, with Evelyn facilitating.
- YVEC members who joined in person were responsible for shortlisting the 15 nominations from primary school students, with Katherine facilitating. The in-person group splits into pairs to review the nominations.

After 50 minutes, the online attendees had not only shortlisted their nominations, they had also selected the winner for this category.

The in-person attendees had each judged the primary school nominations out of 10 and submitted their scores to Katherine.

All meeting attendees re-grouped and debriefed on how they found the exercise of judging nominations.

#### Pizza break

We had a 20-minute break while Katherine calculated the total scores for the primary school nominations to identify the 3 top nominations.

#### Selecting the primary school winner

We discussed the 3 shortlisted primary school nominations and voted for the ultimate winner. Krissie asked Katherine if recording the rationale for why the winner was chosen would be helpful and she confirmed. Krissie asked everybody if they would be happy for this conversation to be audio recorded, and everybody agreed.

**Action:** Krissie to send Katherine the audio recording of this conversation so that she can make notes / take quotes from it.

#### Next steps

Krissie, Katherine and WT shared the next steps for this project with the group:

- WT will attend the award ceremony on 26 June 2024 on behalf of all of Youth Voice. WT will help to present the award to each of our winners!
- Each award nominee will receive a certificate. WT will sign the certificates for the nominees of the Teacher of the Year category.
- Katherine and Evelyn will continue the School Awards planning and process.
- WT will give an update on the project at the next YVEC meeting.

#### Any Other Business (AOB)

Krissie gave an update on the new staff member who will be joining the Youth Voice Bucks team: the job role is now advertised for people within and outside of Buckinghamshire Council.

Krissie encouraged members to think about anyone they know who might be a good fit and to sent them the information if so, and for YVEC members who are over 18 to note that they are eligible to apply for it themselves. Krissie is very happy to discuss the role with anyone who is interested and would like more information.

**Action:** YVEC members to let Krissie know if they know anybody who might be a good fit for the team.

#### 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 Krissie via the details below:  
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