

Youth Voice Bucks – Notes from Youth Voice meeting

Meeting date: Thursday 10th October 2024

Meeting time: 5-7:30pm

Meeting location: Hybrid –

*In-person access: [Buckinghamshire Council building](#)
Chesham Newtown Family Centre, Berkhamstead
Road, Chesham HP5 3AT*

Online access: MS Teams

Attendees

*Members: In-person - EC (Vice-Chair), PH, DT, WT, II, RH
Online - JH, SB, JR, ZK*

Participation team: Lucy, Krissie, Sam, Sarah

Guests: Gareth D, Moz K and Mathew S

Hello and welcome, overview of agenda for today

*The meeting started at 5pm and members joined both in person and online.
We did a round of introductions including pronouns as not everyone had met.*

Updates / Positive Pineapple

Everybody shared something positive that has happened since we last met.

Summit planning

As a group we planned which 8 conversation spaces we want to have at the Youth Summit 2025. The discussion included talking about the previous 10 conversation spaces along with the feedback we received from the Summit 2024 to determine which to choose for the next one.

The 8 conversation spaces will be:

- 1. The SEND Space*
- 2. The LGBTQ+ Space*
- 3. The Police Space (sexual violence, radicalisation, exploitation)*
- 4. The Green Space*
- 5. The Politics Space*
- 6. The Mental Health Space*
- 7. Substance Space (Vaping, alcohol, drugs)*
- 8. Post 16 confidence Space (self-esteem, money management, post 16 choices)*



We decided careers guidance is important so each Conversation space will have a focus on careers/opportunities in their sector.

Food and break

We had pizza and party style food in the 15-minute break.



Budget consultation

Our Council colleagues Moz K and Matt S introduced themselves and explained to the group how the Buckinghamshire Councils Budget Consultation works. Members were then asked to place Lego bricks on priorities they wanted Council to spend the budget on and place counters on priorities they didn't want the Council to spend the budget on.

Top YVEC top priorities were:

- Community Safety – 5
- We feel that young people are often the victims of anti-social behaviour and violence in the community. We want to feel safe.
- Education to prevent yp becoming involved in community violence and crime.
- Housing – 5
- We will need housing in the future. The impact of housing issues can affect all many areas of lives.

There is not enough housing. Homelessness is a crisis. Repair of homes.

- Care and support for older people – 4
- Young people with disability will need support from adult services. We need to care for the older and vulnerable people in our families and communities.
- Educational services – 4
- We need to keep investing to support the delivery of education in a safe environment. SEND support and resources as there are more cyp with SEND needs.
- Environmental health – 3
- Keeping standards. Safety. No over pollution – impact on health.
- Public transport – 3
- We need public transport to get to school, college and work. Costs need to be affordable.
- Services and support for children – 3
- Protecting children

The Budget Consultation was open until 13th October 2024. [Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)

Summary, AOB and close

The meeting finished 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:
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