

## Youth Voice Bucks – Notes from Youth Voice meeting

Meeting date: *Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024*

Meeting time: **5-7:30pm**

Meeting location: Hybrid –

In-person access: [Buckinghamshire Council building](#)  
"County Hall", Walton Street Offices, Walton Street,  
Aylesbury, HP20 1UA

Online access: MS Teams

### Attendees

Members: In-person: DT, PH, II, JR. Online: SB, CE

Participation team: Lucy, Krissie, Angel

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

The meeting started at 5pm and members joined both in person and online.

### Updates / Positive Pineapple

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

**Action:** Lucy to add 'and have fun' statement to the bottom of group agreement.

### Summit Planning – Part 1

We brainstormed ideas for each conversation space, coming up with topic ideas, collaborations with external facilitators and initial plans for each space.

In-person members walked around the room writing ideas up on each A3 poster conversation space.

Online members used an online notes board to type ideas onto.

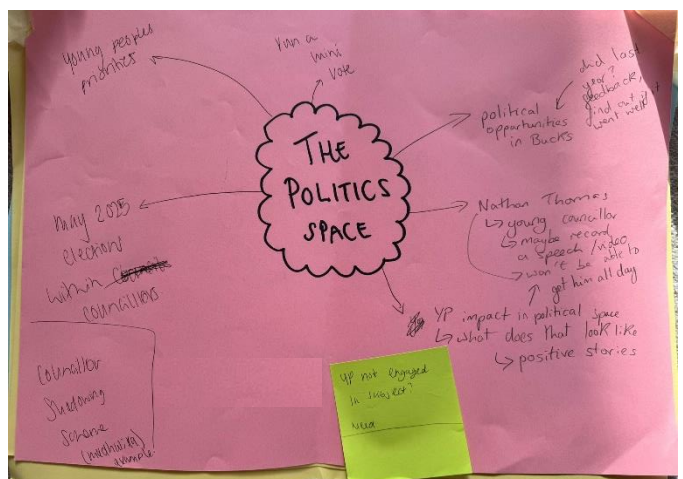
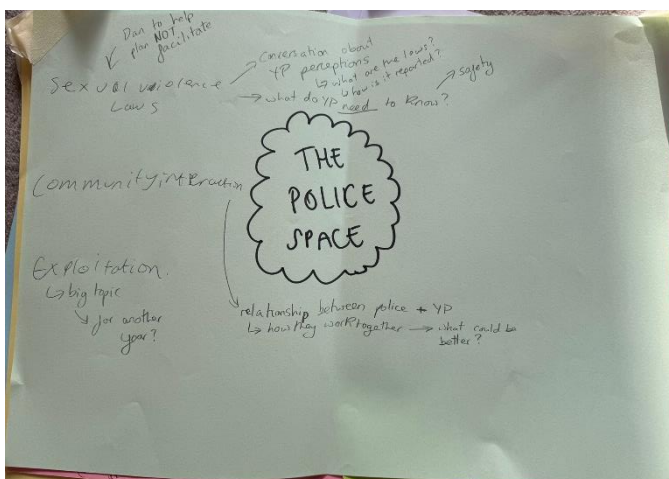
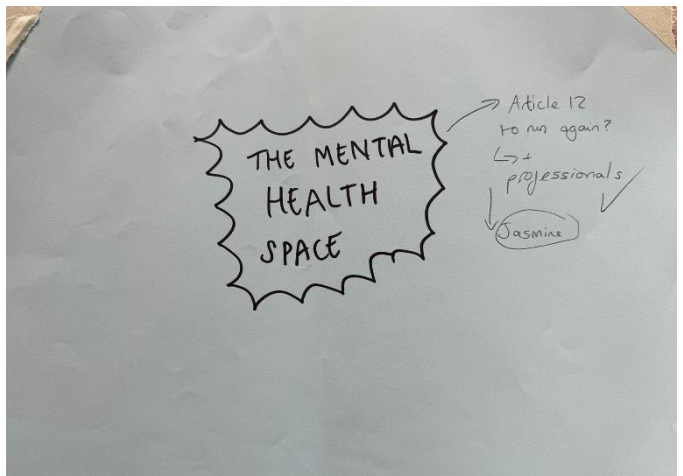
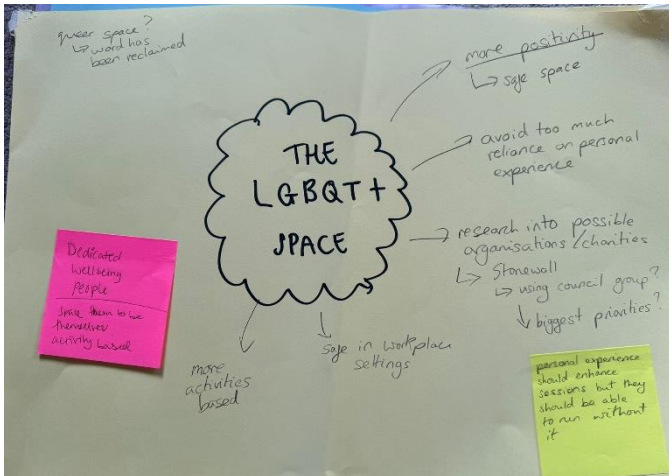
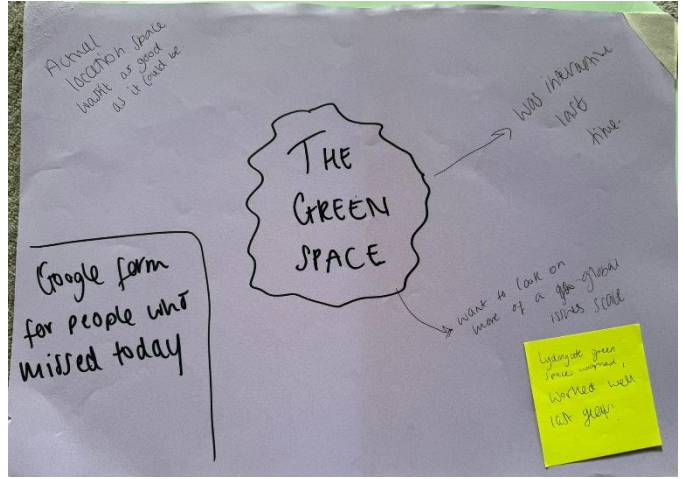
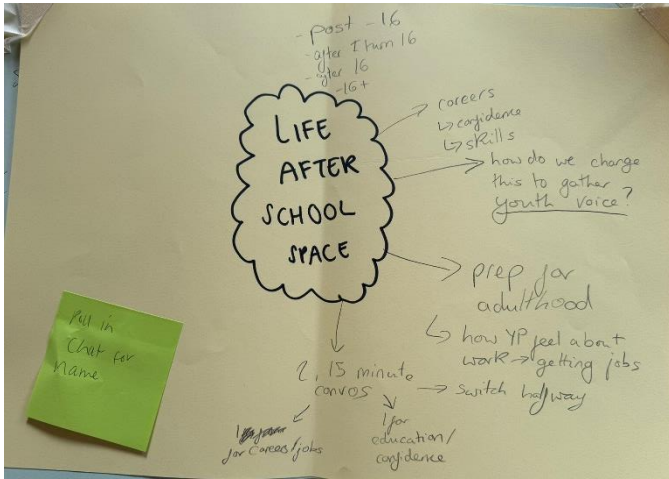


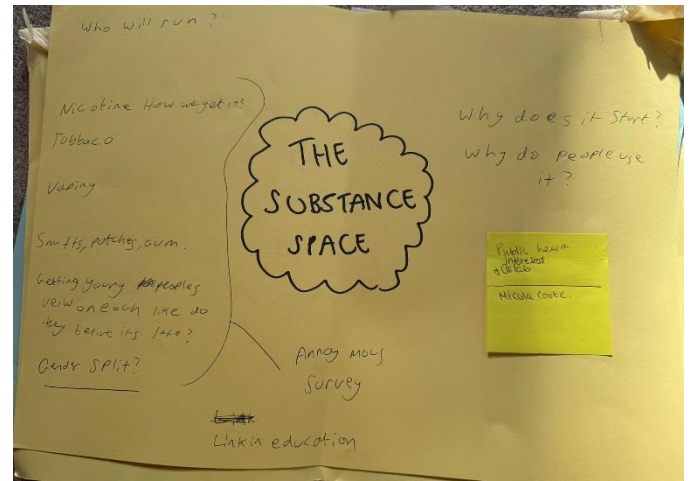
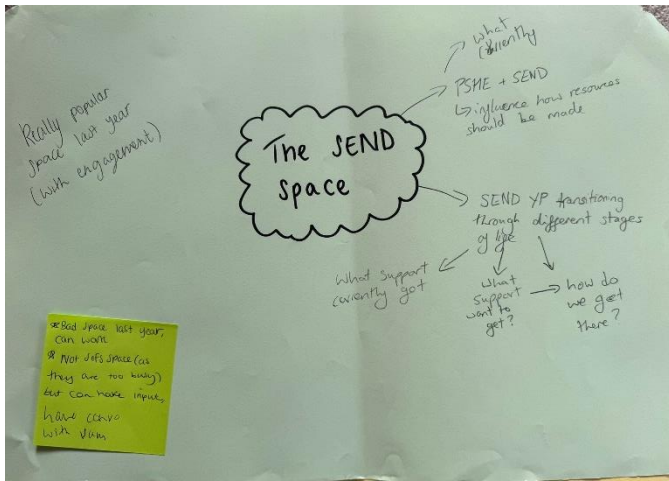
### Movement break

We had a 10-minute break and chat with some refreshments.

## Summit Planning - Part 2

We continued from part 1 of the Summit planning. Here are photos of each of the 8 conversation spaces.





A summary of each discussion and potential ideas for spaces were:

- **The Life After School Space** – Post 16 space, new this year. Careers, skills, confidence, preparing for adulthood. We need to make sure the space includes Youth Participation. How do YP feel about getting jobs. Could be two 15-minute conversations, one for education/confidence and one for jobs/careers. Could collaborate with BNU staff and students to facilitate/speak as well as other young adult facilitators for their insight if they didn't attend Uni. Could include Hear4Youth drug boxes. Young Creative Bucks potential to facilitate a conversation about careers in the creative industry.
- **The Green Space** – Want to work with Lindengate Charity again as it worked well last time. This time would like to explore global issues, climate change
- **The LGBTQ+ Space** – Have a safe dedicated space for YP to be themselves, have allocated wellbeing people in the space. Activities based space and a positive theme, YP don't need to share personal experiences. Lucy to research potential organisations/Charities to collaborate with.
- **The Mental Health Space** – Run by CAHMS Article 12 last time which worked well, plan to do the same this year. Facilitator recording VoxPops was great last year so something similar this year could work. Interactive space.
- **The Police Space** – Space could concentrate on violence laws, community interaction, exploitation, safety, relationship between YP and the Police, perception of each other.
- **The Politics Space** – Potential to collaborate with Councillors/Councillor Shadowing Scheme with upcoming election. Raise political opportunities in Bucks. Potentially run an activity such as a mini vote/debate which worked well last year. Area needs to be more accessible than last year. Section about how laws affect YP. Laws surrounding young people? Information station/talk.
- **The SEND Space** – Really popular space last year with engagement, run activity discussing PHSE and SEND to influence how resources are made. Chance to collaborate with the Shout Out for SEND group/YP members. Could discuss



SEND YP transitioning through different stages of life and challenges/support needed.

- **The Substance Space** – Look into collaboration. Discussing views/use of substances such as smoking, vaping, patches, gum for YP. Why does it start? Could have anonymous activity/survey to promote more open honest conversation. Normalising addiction, helping our young attendees to identify addiction and addictive behaviours. Explore addiction to phones, social media which could link to mental health space.

**Action:** Lucy will note down in detail notes from online and in-person people about each space as we discuss them in future YVEC sessions and further research each space.

Food break

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

Treasurer finance update

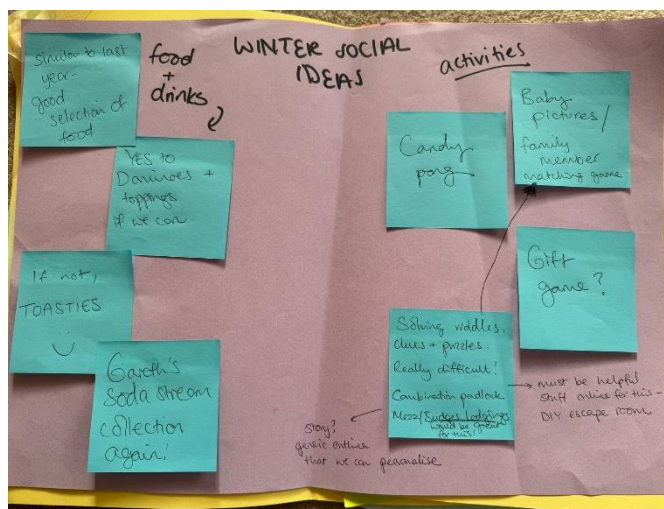
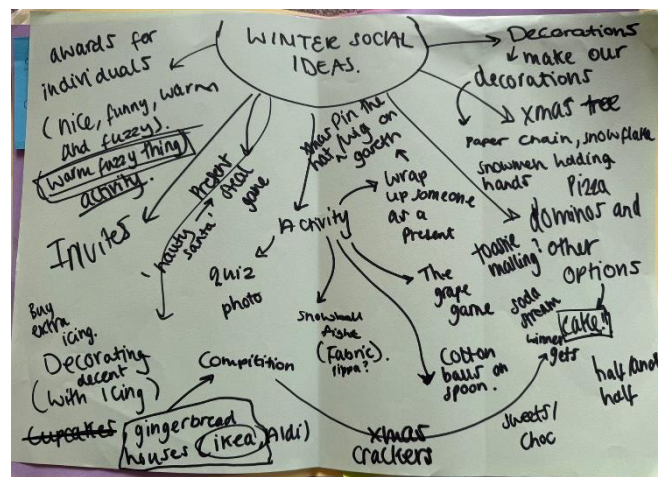
DT gave an update on finances including the budget we can spend on the Winter Social.

Winter Social Planning

We discussed ideas for the Winter Social which will be in December.

Online group and in-person members brainstormed on a large sheet of paper their ideas. We came together in the last 15 minutes to discuss everyone's ideas and create a plan for the Winter Social. It includes:

- Invites made by YP/Lucy
- Pizza with other options for dietary requirements, Gareth's soda stream would be great to use again
- Gingerbread house making/decorating
- Games/activities e.g. wrap someone up as a present
- 'Warm and fuzzy' activity writing down nice anonymous comments about each other
- Making Christmas decorations as well as having Christmas decorations up in Judges lodges
- Baby pictures game



**Action:** Lucy to organise and facilitate from bullet points.

Summary, AOB and close

- PH gave an update about the SEND strategy on behalf of Shout Out for Send
- 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:

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