

Thursday 15th November 2018



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YOUTH COMBINED AUTHORITY MINUTES: November 2018

Chair Elections

Members took part in the election of a permanent Chair. All members were offered the opportunity to stand and seven members put themselves forward for election:

- ⇒ Anthony Pasquile – Wigan Youth Cabinet
- ⇒ Hania Suliman – Trafford Youth Cabinet
- ⇒ Jacob Hirst – Tameside Youth Council
- ⇒ James Plant – Manchester Youth Council
- ⇒ Jonathan Owen – Bolton Youth Council
- ⇒ Liam Scholes – Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
- ⇒ Tommy Kirkwood – Salford Youth Council



Each candidate wrote a manifesto, delivered a one-minute speech, then received questions from the floor. They were given one vote each, and Cllr Rishi Shori announced the result: **Hania Suliman**.

Hania will be the permanent chair from November 2018 to September 2019; in September 2019 there will be an election for the next 12 months.



Make Your Mark Ballot 2018

Youth Focus NW congratulated members and youth workers involved, as there was a record turn out nationally and in Greater Manchester. In Greater Manchester 106,224 young people cast a ballot, a 41.9% turn out. The top issues in Greater Manchester were:

- ⇒ Ending Knife Crime
- ⇒ Mental Health
- ⇒ Equal Pay for Equal Work
- ⇒ Homelessness
- ⇒ Transport

UK Youth Parliament have recently debated these results of Make Your Mark in the House of Commons and agreed to campaign across the UK to End Knife Crime.

In England the second campaign will be Votes at 16.



200th anniversary of the Peterloo massacre

Michael Powell from the People's History Museum facilitated a workshop about developing educational resources to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre in 2019. Members were asked to consider some questions to develop the education resources, and they made the following recommendations:

What are the most important things about the Peterloo massacre that young people should know about?

- ⇒ The story and its significance to the democratic system in the country
- ⇒ How it contributed to everyone getting the vote
- ⇒ The fact that people died, who died, where it took place

What is the best way to inform and educate young people about the Peterloo massacre?

- ⇒ Use Kahoot for quizzes
- ⇒ Integrate into the history and/or PHSE curriculum
- ⇒ Create an unforgettable drama piece
- ⇒ Provide educational tours of the area and consider making it part of a package of support for schools that could also include the video and other information
- ⇒ Create posters, tote bags and other commemorative material
- ⇒ To create a resource to be used in assemblies that asks schools to hold a debate on a possible touchy or contentious subject and let pupils express their opinions. Then through random selection invite 20% of the group to the front and then let them know only those 20% have a say.
- ⇒ Ask people how they feel and then link to the limited number of people who had the vote in 1819 and why people gathered in St Peter's Square.



Future agenda items

There were two external requests for members to consider.

Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU)

Members had previously agreed the CTU should attend a full YCA meeting; they were scheduled to come in October but had to cancel. The CTU want to let members know about their work, and find out views on counter terrorism to improve communication and relationships with young people.

- ⇒ Members agreed to ask CTU to come to a future YCA meeting.

Attended by:

42nd Street
Bolton Lads and Girls
GMFRS
Reclaim
Water Adventure Centre
Bolton Youth Council
Manchester Youth Council
Oldham Youth Council
Rochdale Youth Council
Salford Youth Council
Tameside Youth Council
Trafford Youth Cabinet
Wigan Youth Council
Xplode Magazine

Votes at 16

The 'Lowering the Voting Age in the UK' project team want to find out:

- ⇒ What effect lowering the voting age may have on youth democratic participation
- ⇒ Whether young people feel they are being adequately prepared through democratic education to vote
- ⇒ Whether young people associate voting rights with other ages of responsibility which shape transitions to adulthood

They are also hosting a conference in Manchester in June/July 2019 about voting age reform – and want the YCA to help host it.

- ⇒ Members agreed this should be picked up with their local organisations

Next meeting dates:

GYCA meetings:
Thursday 13th December
Thursday 10th January

Working Groups:
Thursday 29th November
Thursday 24th January