

## YOUTH COMBINED AUTHORITY MINUTES: September 2018

### Andy Burnham paid us a visit...

He was impressed by what we have achieved and hoped we would carry on making a difference

- ⇒ highlighted the work on C4L and the impact of Liam, Bethany and Bradley when they spoke at Reform Board
- ⇒ Greater Manchester is developing a new Careers Portal for young people that will help ensure all young people have a clear line of sight for their future

**Members:** asked about progress on the Travel Pass for 16 -18 year olds and next steps

**Andy:** said that he had made a big promise for free pass and was working towards it and was currently in negotiations with bus companies. He said he will bring the proposal to the YCA before it's made public

**Members:** Will the youth travel pass make adult tickets more expensive?

**Andy** it shouldn't lead to fewer services or increased fares

**Members:** Any plans for GMYCA to be in the constitution of the GMCA so it can be rooted in the decision making process?

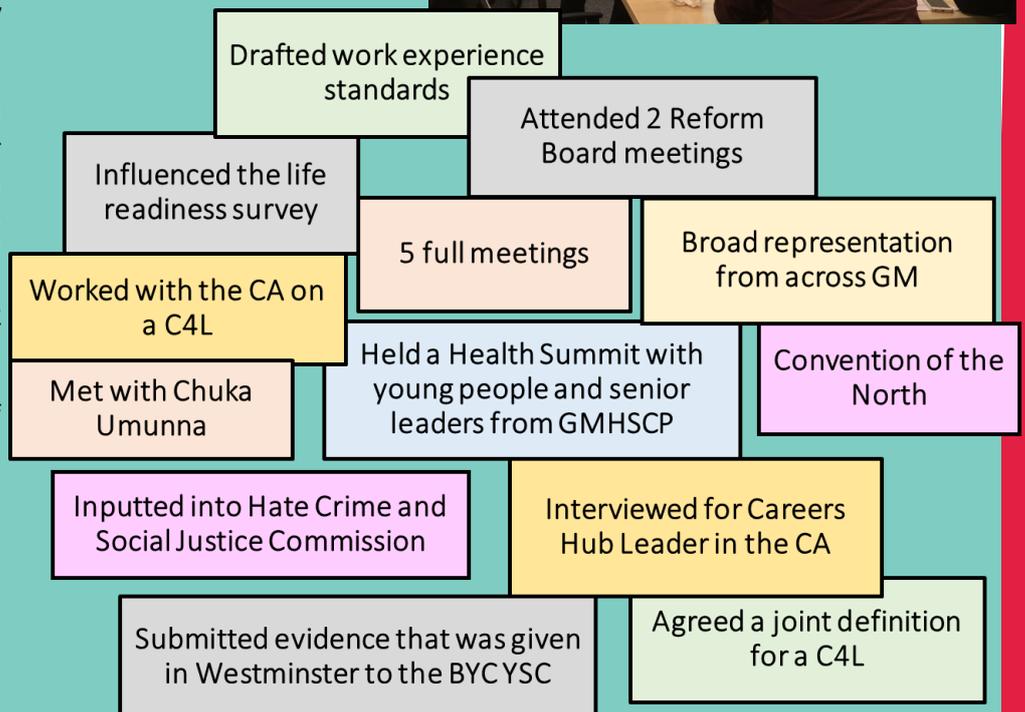
**Andy:** he would like that and challenged the members to make an impact and told them it was in their hands. He said he would like them to come to a full GMCA meeting. Returning to the Life Readiness survey and the need to ask the question about hope every year, he has a mission to give every young person hope.



### We celebrated our 1/2 birthday!

Jacob and Jonathan fed back from the Summer Development Day on Thursday 23rd August, where members reflected back over our achievements of the last 6 months.

Here's a snap shot of those achievements



**Mike Wright from the Combined Authority came to speak with us about homelessness**

We kick started the session with a quiz on homelessness. Mike then went on to tell us what's happening in the CA around homelessness and how they're working hard to prevent it, and work with those who are sleeping rough.

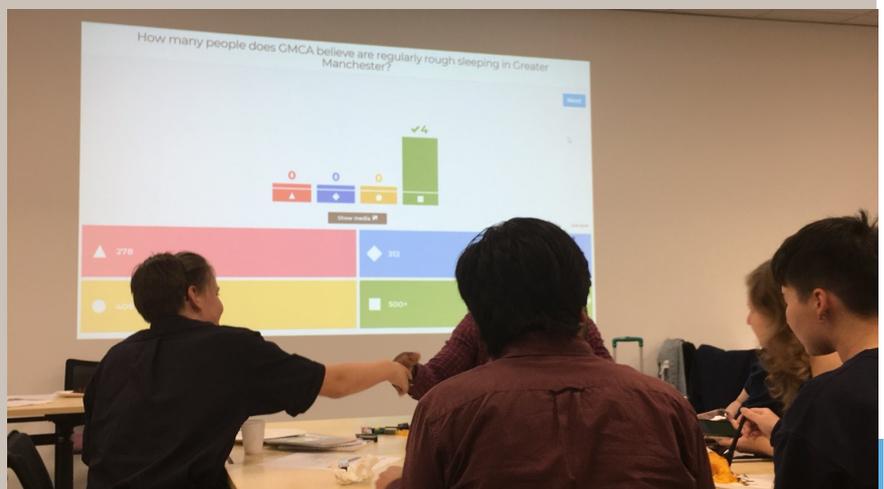
We answered two questions to give our views:

**What do you believe can and should be done to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping and who should do it?**

- ⇒ Food waste/ensuring homeless people are offered edible 'waste'
- ⇒ Police: role of police, supportive not intimidating, ensuring safety of homeless
- ⇒ Use of abandoned buildings/disused spaces to house and shelter the homeless
- ⇒ Jobs and support into employment/training/enrichment activities

**What should young people learn about homelessness at school/college and what is the best way of doing this?**

- ⇒ C4L; educating young people about the causes of homelessness, reducing stigma, raising awareness of why people become homeless and how you can help
- ⇒ Signposting: knowing where to get; food, help, shelter, support



**Update from our consultation with Tootoot back in July:**

**Challenges to addressing the key topics:**

The group spoke at length about what they felt were the key challenges to addressing these topics. Tootoot have distilled these into three key areas of focus:

1. Low Awareness
2. Age-specific information
3. Support

**How Tootoot will address these challenges:**

1. Create the Tootoot youth advisory group
2. Focused Resources
3. Supporting the Work of Councils
4. Sign-posting to Support
5. Strengthen our relationship with the GMYCA

**Claire Millett from the Combined Authority and Chloe from Xplode Magazine gave us an update on the Communications Strategy:**

- ⇒ We discussed the GMYCA logo and unanimously voted on one particular logo...



**Attended by**

- 42nd Street
- Bolton Lads and Girls
- GM Fire & Rescue Service
- Gorse Hill Studios
- One Manchester
- Reclaim
- Bolton Youth Council
- Manchester Youth Council
- Oldham Youth Council
- Stockport Youth Council
- Rochdale Youth Council
- Tameside Youth Council
- Wigan Youth Council
- The Proud Trust

**Next Meeting dates:**

- Thursday 11th October
- Amplify GM Young People's Conference; Wednesday 24th October
- Thursday 15th November
- Thursday 13th December