



Minutes of SEND Youth Forum – Norfolk SEND Partnership (NSP)

Date: 25th November 2020 - 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m

Attendees:

Belinda - Business Support, NSP

Bridget – Children & YP Supporter, NSP

Dawn – Virtual School for SEND

Charlotte

Eve

Lewis (supported by mum, Tracey)

Rachel (Norfolk Museums Service)

Bethan – (Kick the Dust Youth Engagement Programme)

Agenda

1. Introductions: Informal introductions were made whilst everyone arrived. Formal introductions followed where everyone introduced themselves.

2. Ice Breaker: Dawn invited everyone to volunteer things that they like, and others invited to raise their hand if they share a specific like and take over by naming other things they like (and so it continues).

3. Minutes of the previous meeting. Everyone confirmed that they had received and read the minutes of the previous meeting and had nothing to add or change.

4. Youth Forum & Logo – Charlotte agreed for us to share her ideas and the group agreed image, and strap-line to be used for the group.

“ Let us be heard”

“Lets make a change”

ACTION: Charlotte was congratulated by everyone for her contribution and this logo/strap-line to be used in all future promotion of the group.

5. Project Proposal

Bethan introduced herself as a young person with Autism, who would like to work with the Youth Forum, to develop a creative project in conjunction with Disability History month, November 2021. She explained that she would like to co-create a pop-up exhibition through workshops lead by young disabled people.

Bethan provided some background to her story; and explained that aged 16 she created a comic on Social Media which was displayed at school, and that she now completes a yearly comic project. She has also been involved with a LGBT project.

Bethan identified the benefits and opportunities of being involved with the project, for example, to meet new people, have fun, have something to say in a personal statement/CV and have a voice!

Eve explained that her disability had affected her choice in the subject to study at University (Sociology) as believes we must embrace our differences. Eve also explained that she would like to write a fictional story on visual impairment as she views society very differently.

Lewis made the point that any exhibition would need to be “disability aware”.

Rachel from the Museums Service explained that she is mentoring Bethan; Bethan has successfully pitched for funding to enable her to lead a Youth Engagement programme, to highlight the difference in attitudes to disability from history to the present day (with an emphasis on Disability Rights). Rachel explained that there would be three strands to the project: Looking at the past (through artefacts), now, and the future (by responding to stories).

Rachel identified the Equality Act as a significant part of this more recent history, and which reflects the progress made in Disability rights in the last 100 years.

There was further discussion amongst the group about the importance of disabled people being both seen and heard, and how disability is represented in the media. General agreement that there is more work to be done.

Dawn raised subject of “Toys Like Us” which are childrens dolls with disabilities, and Lewis raised issue of how disabled people are portrayed on TV e.g soap operas.

The Youth Forum participants all agreed that they would like to be involved in Bethan’s project.

ACTION: logistical details need to be discussed and agreed.

6. Invitation to VS SEND Conference /Communication of Practice & Animation opportunity.

Dawn has formally invited participants to consider an invitation to attend a Virtual Conference in March 2021, where they could speak directly to school leaders on their experiences in education, as well as opportunities to get involved with a new initiative that the Virtual school for SEND are developing, and also to work on an animation video to promote the group.

ACTION: To be discussed at the next meeting

7. Any Other Business

Zoom: Bridget explained that we are not permitted to continue with Zoom Meetings (as leaving Europe), and therefore Microsoft Teams will be the programme used for virtual meetings in the future.

ACTION: Eve raised concerns that this may not be accessible on her IPAD, therefore Bridget to seek to resolve this.

Bridget thanked everyone for attending and their valuable contributions to the meeting. Bridget encouraged everyone to send in ideas for the next meeting in January 2021.

Some ideas for discussion at the next meeting:

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Graffiti Wall (website)
- Incentives for participation

ACTION: If you know someone who would like to join the group please ask them to email Bridget or Belinda, so they can be sent an invite.

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Date and time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 20th January 2021 @ 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Please email your apologies if you are not able to attend.

