

SHOUTOUT

November - December 2019

Cardiff 2030

Launch of Cardiff Education Strategy 2030



Cardiff 2030 was launched on November 19th 2019, it is a 10 year strategy that aims to widen the horizons within education in Cardiff. Connor Clarke member of CYC played a strategic role in the development of Cardiff 2030 as he sat on the Education Development Board which oversaw the development of the strategy from the very start. Lois Render another member of CYC compared the launch event which included speeches from CYC members Connor Clarke, Fahadi Mukulu & Thorfinn Moffat alongside Cllr Huw Thomas Leader of Cardiff Council, Cllr Sarah Merry Deputy Leader of Cardiff Council and Cabinet Member of Education & Nick Batchelar the Director of

Education for Cardiff Council.

Citywide partnership and Children's rights are key to Cardiff 2030, recognising that Education is Everybody's Business and that Cardiff is aspiring to be a UNICEF Child Friendly City. It sets out an ambitious vision, underpinned by two themes, five goals and priority commitments. One of the key themes that runs throughout is participation of children and young people, a pledge that Cardiff 2030 has upheld by involving young people from the very early stages to the running of the launch. Fahadi Mukulu the Chair of CYC also signed the document alongside the Leader of Cardiff Council Huw Thomas.

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee

What is Scrutiny?

“Scrutiny ensures a greater number of Councillors are involved in influencing council policy and service improvements, and provide checks and balances on the decisions taken by the Cabinet.” (Cardiff Council Website 2019)

“Each Scrutiny Committee contains nine Councillors, drawn from political parties within the council membership to mirror the council's overall political composition. The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee also includes two co-opted parent governors and two co-opted representatives of the Church in Wales and Roman Catholic Dioceses.” (Cardiff Council Website 2019).

Since September 2018 a young person's representative, from Cardiff Youth Council (CYC), has been allowed to sit on the Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee and in December of 2019 the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee has welcomed another member of CYC, Naz Ismail, to join them.

What does Naz think?

Naz has said, “I'm Naz Ismail and I have recently had the privilege to sit on the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee as a CYC Youth Representative”.

“The meetings take place on a monthly basis in County Hall, where the committee consists of a mixture of local Councillors around Cardiff”.

“Scrutiny is basically inviting people who work in the directorate part of culture and economy within Cardiff and asking these people to deliver short presentations about their work surrounding anything culture and economy related and we as a committee scrutinize their work”.

“As a youth rep, I aim to scrutinize them through a youth perspective ensuring that anything brought up regarding culture and economy has children's rights included and that the rights and presence of children and young people are incorporated and embedded”.

“I look forward to the rest of my time as a committee member to see what else it has in store!”.

Storey Arms

During November, AIT ran a training residential for our Young Interviewers programme. 28 young people attended the weekend training to become part of our new Young Interviewers cohort. Young people and staff were supported by previously trained and experienced young interviewers and they helped deliver parts of the training. New recruits followed a course programme that followed three key areas;

- The selection process
- 'Setting the scene'
- Interview techniques

The young interviewers taking part in this programme learnt about job adverts, interviewing, and how to give feedback to interviewees. They also completed activities in relation to communication and learnt about confidentiality and discrimination.

It wouldn't be a residential without a bit of fun. The new recruits were put through the paces by the staff at Storey Arms whilst Gorge walking at Dinas Rock. Even though it was bit cold all the young people had a great experience.

Catrin Davies, said:

"It was an insightful way of looking into the world of interviews and was an amazing way of getting to know new people and come together as a team. The gorge walking was really good but a bit cold"



Child Friendly Cities Updates

Rights Respecting Schools

There are currently over 91 schools in Cardiff who have registered for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools programme which contributes to our goal of being a Child Friendly City.

In November, 29 schools in Cardiff attended the 'Achieving Silver: Rights Awareness Training'.

All these schools have pledged to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected,

their talents are nurtured, and they are able to thrive.

The Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

We have more training planned for the New Year for schools, ensuring more schools are progressing through the programme.

Curriculum 4 Life

The Curriculum for Life (C4L) agenda is a work stream under the 'Child Friendly City' umbrella. C4L have produced a resource called 'Supporting Youth Knife Crime Prevention in Cardiff'. All schools, youth groups, hubs, and prevention teams have received this resource. It is available electronically or as a printed version. Please contact childfriendlycardiff@cardiff.gov.uk to request a copy.

C4L are also producing a resource alongside Healthy Schools, called 'A Directory to Support Healthy Relationships Education in Cardiff.' It will be ready to send out in January.

A 'Health and Wellbeing network' is in the process of being set up by C4L, where we will see secondary PSE coordinators come together to share good practice, discuss any issues/trends and share resources.

Young Inspectors

The Active Involvement Team have recently recruited several new young inspectors to carry out a range of inspections within Cardiff Youth Service and external partners. They completed 4 training sessions and developed a new set of skills as well as improved upon existing skills.

They started their training with an overview of children's rights, what they are and how they are used. They were also introduced to out of the box thinking by looking at different components of a bicycle, identifying if they were a want or a need, and whether that component was essential to still classify it as a bike. This got them thinking about the bare essentials which then led them to the concept of the national participation standards.

The next step of their training consisted of looking at what qualities, skills and knowledge a young inspector should have, a game designed to teach them about the importance of clear communication, an overview of ethics and confidentiality, and a murder mystery puzzle about triangulation and piecing together evidence called the 'black horses tale.'

Their 3rd training session looked at assertiveness in order to ensure they would have the confidence to speak their mind in a non-confrontational way, prejudice, stereotypes and discrimination and the national participation standards within the context of an inspection.

Their final session is due to take place in January where they will be looking at a self-assessment and putting their skills to the test.



Check back soon for an update as to how they get on!

House of Commons

It was the morning of November 7, 2019 when a bus full of Welsh Members of Youth Parliament set off from Cardiff, heading east towards London. This time not for a conference but a sitting, a sitting in a place none other than the Houses of Parliament. It was the UKYP's annual House of Commons sitting time, and we were ready for action!

A few weeks prior, I had been elected to serve as Debate Lead for Wales. This gave me the immense privilege to give a speech from the Dispatch Box – where the Prime Minister gives his addresses, no less. I was, thankfully, given the topic of “Protecting the Environment” and on the day, through some nervous waiting on the iconic green benches, I stood up and declared “We will not be the generation to see our planet in ruins and we won't let our predecessors be that either”.

However, my own contributions to the UKYP history books was not the only benefit of the weekend. A number of smashing back-bench speeches were given by Welsh MYPs, including our very own Victor Ciunca. Victor gave a very rousing speech, as well as so many MYPs who gave their opinions on the results of the Make Your Mark Ballot.

A clear response came out of Make Your Mark; Protecting our Environment is a priority for children and young people across not only Cardiff, but Wales and the wider United Kingdom. In that spirit, the UKYP approved a motion to make it young people's priority for the year 2020 – as well as news that it will be published as a petition to the UK Parliament itself!

This is not only historic as it is young people using their formal voices to try to lobby change, but it was the first time a Welsh motion became the United Kingdom's national campaign. In the summer of 2018, I went to the University of Nottingham to propose the motion of “Protecting the Environment” and it was this motion that was selected to be on the 2019 Make Your Mark ballot. The rest, as they say, is history.

A once in a lifetime journey and one for the history books! The UKYP House of Commons sitting was a thorough success, despite the long bus journey!



UNCRC 30th Anniversary



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Children's Rights

On the 20th of November 2019, Children in Wales hosted an event in the Mercure Holland hotel to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The event consisted of an opening plenary during which several national kite-mark awards were given by the first minister for Wales, Mark Drakeford (including to the Active Involvement Team), and several workshops throughout the day. There were also panel discussions as well as a marketplace.

Rose Melhuish attended the event as a representative for the Children and Young People's Advisory Board of the Child Friendly Cities Strategy and Alana Ellis attended as a

national kite-mark inspector's team representative and they both also represented Cardiff Youth Council.

If you would like to get involved with the celebrations, Film a short video message wishing Children's Rights a "Happy 30th Birthday" and post on your social media channels using #ChildrensRightsWales

You can also Share Children's Rights Wales messages on your own social media channels and encourage others to do the same. Alternatively you can Download Children in Wales' toolkit to help support children and young people in schools to understand their rights, know how they can participate and how they can be heard. This can be found on their website:

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/>

Young Interviewers



The **Cardiff**
Commitment

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Cardiff Commitment brings the public and private sectors together to work in partnership connecting young people to the vast range of opportunities available in the world of work. Ultimately, the goal of the Cardiff Commitment is to ensure that all young people in the city eventually secure a job that enables them to reach their full potential whilst contributing to the economic growth of the city. Interviews were recently held

for the manager of the Cardiff Commitment program and CYC members Zahara Mutibwa, Rhys Pinder & Zakia Mohamad sat on a young person's interview panel which was run alongside the adult's panel. 4 candidates were shortlisted and interviewed and the successful candidate was Carly Davies who took up her new role in the New Year. CYC wishes her all the best in her new role and look forward to working with her.

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CARDIFF YOUTH COUNCIL

Dates of upcoming meetings:

March 18th

April 22nd

Venue:

City hall, Chambers

Times:

Arrival at 4:30pm

Meetings start by 5pm and

Finish at 7pm

Dates of future CYC meetings can be found on our blog or Facebook



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Active Involvement Team Engagement & Impact November - December 2019

27 Engagement Activities
244 Total Contacts

63 Young People Engaged
997 Volunteer Hours

14 Young inspectors trained
1 Young inspector participated in 1 inspection
33 Young interviewers trained
11 Young interviewers participated in 27 Interviews
4 Young people **presented** at Cardiff 2030 Education Strategy
Launch

Cardiff Youth Council now has representation on various Strategic
Boards and influencing groups, including:

- Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee
- Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee
- Education Development Board
- Children & Young People's Advisory Board (CYPAB) for
Child Friendly Cardiff
- Scrutiny Mental Health Task Group
- Cardiff Commitment Steering Group
- Cardiff 2030 Education Strategy