

SHOUTOUT

January - February 2020

MYP Elections

New Member of the UK Youth Parliament Elected



On Wednesday, 15th of January 2020, 7 members of Cardiff Youth Council (CYC) stood for the position of Member of the UK Youth Parliament. All 7 candidates delivered a speech on why they should be elected. They also took questions from other youth council members on what their priorities would be (for their campaign), ways that they will take others views into consideration and how they will engage with seldom heard groups (including those who are not CYC members).

This year the following people stood for the position:

- Angel Ezeadum
- Cai Parry
- Zack Hellard
- Steffan Thomas
- Meg Hicks-Jones

- Shivam Singhal
- Eshaan Rajesh

CYC and the active involvement team (AIT) congratulate all the candidates for putting themselves forward in such an inspiring and brave way, delivering some profound speeches and for answering all questions that CYC members had for them.

Angel Ezeadum has been duly elected as the new Member of the UK Youth Parliament for Cardiff for the next 2 years standing alongside Victor Ciunca, she will also sit on the CYC executive board.

AIT and CYC would like to take this opportunity to thank Connor Clarke for all his hard work over the last 2 years and would like to wish him all the best for taking on his role as a member of the British Youth Council Procedural Group.

Capital Ambition 2.0

Capital Ambition is Cardiff Council administration's new five-year plan for the city, outlining the council's vision for Cardiff to become a leading city on the world stage. Each Cabinet member has outlined their key aims and ambitions for their term of office. CYC members were invited by the Leader of Cardiff Council Councillor Huw Thomas to attend the Capital Ambition Launch 2.0 at Cardiff and Vale College on the 6th of February 2020. The plan focuses on four main areas, working for Cardiff, working for Wales, working for the future and working for public services.

Steffan Thomas, a member of Cardiff Youth Council, said, "It was great to be able to attend the event and hear of Cardiff Council's plans for the future.

It was interesting and thought provoking, especially given the need to balance growth with environmental concerns that are increasingly important."

Steffan managed to ask Cllr Huw Thomas, "The plan calls for a greener capital city. How achievable is this given the current emphasis on new development and economic growth?" and in his own words; "I was particularly keen to hear the Leader's views as to how the city can grow and develop whilst respecting environmental concerns. The Leader's response acknowledged the importance of striking this balance and ensuring that future development is as sustainable as possible." CYC look forward to working with Cllr Huw Thomas and Cabinet Members in realising Capital Ambition 2.0 and making Cardiff a Child Friendly City.

Curriculum for Life Interviews

As part of our young interviewers programme three of our CYC members sat on a young person's interview panel for the new position of 'Curriculum for Life worker' that would be managed by the Child Friendly City programme. Mia John sat on the panel as chair, along with Alana-Leigh Ellis and Zahara Mutibwa. Within the decision making process the young people's panel and the adult panel were unsure which candidate out of the

two would be suitable for the role, as both candidates were strong but had differing strengths.

Discussions eventually led to both panels agreeing that both candidates would complement each other professionally. As a result of this decision, both of them were employed as Curriculum for Life workers! CYC and AIT welcome Tom and Amy to Cardiff Council and look forward to working with them in the near future.

CYC Subgroup Updates

Welcoming Refugees

The group have been working on a number of ideas and building links with other professional and organisations over the last couple of month. A couple of the ideas that have been worked on have included holding an event in City Hall, working in partnership with ACE Communities First, bringing together various organisations and professionals that work with refugee and asylum seekers in Cardiff to an educational and promotional event. Unfortunately due to time commitments and funding this was unable to gain traction and is an idea that we will be looking at in the future.

Instead to group have come up with the idea of an information leaflet that can be share digitally across the city and with organisations and professionals.

The leaflet will have two parts.

- The first side will have a map of Cardiff and will highlight the places that young people and families can go for support, such as oasis, refugee council for wales, citizen advice, hubs etc.
- The second will again have a map that will include fun and educational things, such as parks youth centres, ice skating etc.

We will also be working with Oasis on a new project specifically working with young people who are refugee or asylum seekers at an event, date to be confirmed. If you can think of any services that could be included within our leaflet, please feel free to get in touch with us at cardiffyouthcouncil@cardiff.gov.uk.

Protect the Environment

Recently, the environmental sub-group has been making lots of progress on our project. We are creating a resource for the people of Cardiff to use so they can live more sustainable, environmentally friendly lives.

After visiting businesses around the city, we have started whittling down a list of places to include on our resource which we are happy are sustainable enough to promote to the

eco-friendly members of Cardiff, or those who want to change their lifestyles.

In our last meeting, we set out a roadmap of what we want to achieve and when, to make sure we are doing what we set out to do.

We have decided to include a map on the resource showing the places that we believe to be sustainable in a productive way, so that people know where to find them.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

CYC identified a number of ways in which they would like to promote MindHub as part of their plan for the year by doing the following:

- Creating two videos
 - The first - a 2 min live action film in which young people talk about some of the issues they face that cause poor MH&W and which promotes MindHub
 - The second – a 20-30sec animated film that can be used to promote MindHub on various platforms such as social media sites
- Update the MindHub website with changes identified by users
- Posters and banners that can be displayed in schools and other locations across the city

Young Inspectors

Tempo, the network running the distribution and spending of time credits across the UK recently put their Cardiff team through the National Participation Standards. This is what they had to say about the experience:

"Recently we went through the Child Participation standards, firstly self-assessing and then later being inspected and reviewed by the Young Inspectors.

We really enjoyed the process and found it manageable to complete. It was a very useful internal assessment of where we are and how we value participation; as an organisation that values the voice and experiences of everyone within our network (including young people!) it

was interesting to see how valuable it is, and where we could still do a bit better.

We plan to introduce more varied communication methods including Instagram so we reach younger audiences as just one example of changes we made.

The inspection with the young people was a great experience, with the observations and discussions of the young people challenging how we manage participation and picking up on opportunities for us to include the views of young people that we had not recognised."

Tempo have since been recommended for the kitemark award.

Period Dignity

With the support of the healthy schools team in Cardiff Council, young people in CYC's environment subgroup were invited to contribute to the discussion making process around the procurement of sustainable sanitary products for schools across the local authority. There were 4 lots in total available for tender and 9 companies applied.

Meg said:

"On Friday the 28th of February 2020, I was given the opportunity to attend a meeting with Karen Trigg and colleagues to review introducing

sustainable sanitary products to Cardiff schools. It was a great way for me, and the other young people who attended, to explore environmentally friendly brands and to have a discussion about which were most suitable. It was really beneficial to have a proper look at these products. I felt like I had a valid voice around the table and I felt that my opinion was very welcomed."

All of the young people involved found the experience to be empowering as they shared their view on the environmental impact of each product.



Erasmus Update

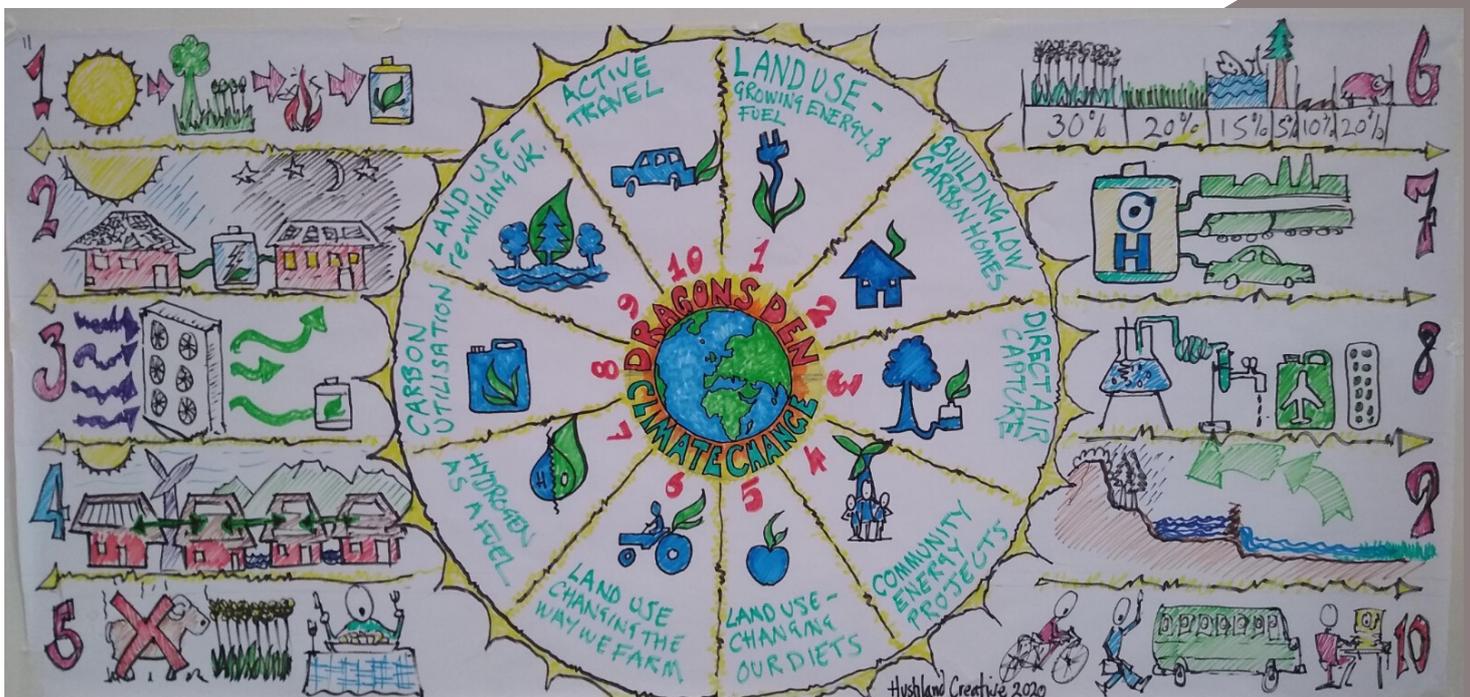
Written by Thorfinn Moffat

I have witnessed in the space of a decade the explosion of interest in environmental issues. In no group of people is this interest stronger than in young people. Behind the backdrop of school walkouts becoming a regular feature in countries worldwide and young climate activist Greta Thunberg named 'Times Person of the Year', it seems that the environment is the defining political issue of this generation.

Unsurprisingly, Cardiff Youth Council has recently chosen the environment as one of its priority areas and with funding from Erasmus+ we have hosted our first out of two environmental residentials. We are convening youth councils across Wales in one place to consult young people on problems which are important to them and their local areas.

Our vision is to launch a programme to build strong relationships with other youth councils so that we can form a network of young people nation-wide devoted to tackling environmental issues. As a part of this programme we will be asking youth council's to launch their own projects with an environmental focus within their local communities. We will also be developing branding so that we can demonstrate that young people across Wales are working under a common purpose.

This is a unique opportunity for Cardiff Youth Council to collaborate with other youth councils to tackle an issue which is at the centre of our agenda. To make our vision a reality, we will need support over the next couple of months so if you would like to support us in some way or want to get involved, please contact a member of the active involvement team (see pg 7).



ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT TEAM

Contact us

Email: AIT@cardiff.gov.uk
Phone: Carey Davies - 07974 417734
Address: Grassroots
58 Charles Street
Cardiff
CF10 2GG



CARDIFF YOUTH COUNCIL

Dates of upcoming meetings:

April 22nd

Venue:

Zoom - email AIT for details

Times:

Meetings start by 5pm and
Finish at 7pm



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

Join The Conversation.....

Blog: cardiffyouthcouncil.com/
Tweet: twitter.com/cardiffyouthcouncil
FB: facebook.com/cardiffyouthcouncil/
Tube: youtube.com/user/CardiffYouthCouncil
Email: cardiffyouthcouncil@cardiff.gov.uk

Active Involvement Team Engagement & Impact January - February 2020

32 Engagement Activities
341 Total Contacts

63 Young People Engaged
801 Volunteer Hours

CYC ran an **Erasmus+ residential** with **118** participants
 10 Young inspectors trained
 7 Young inspector participated in **2** inspections
 3 Young interviewers trained
 3 Young interviewers participated in **2** Interviews
CYC Presented at the **Cardiff 2030** staff launch
CYC supported the **Child Friendly City UNICEF** monitoring visit
CYC attended the launch of **Capital Ambition 2.0**

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