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Youth Cabinet Report: August, September &
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YCAB meeting:

As of September YCAB meetings are held on the first Monday of the month in the Civic Chambers. The Chambers have recently undergone a refurbishment and YCAB were lucky enough to be the first group to hold a meeting in the new space.



YCAB members at their first meeting in the Civic Chambers

The minutes of all meetings can be found at:

<http://www.mysaymk.com/positiveactivities/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=64752>

www.mkycab.com

YCAB have been submitting articles about campaigns, events and meetings they have been having with decision makers. Articles can be viewed at the above address.

Campaign Groups:

Here are the bullet points from each group:

All in 1 card:

- Have had meetings with Grant Gibson who is creating the design of the all in 1 card
- Have met with Kay Greenhalgh, City Centre Manager about gaining retailers discounts. Kay is very supportive of the scheme and will be supporting the group to create an information pack and contact retailers
- Have continued meetings with Transport and IT about the development of the card and its implementation
- Have had meeting with Heart FM about a marketing strategy to launch the card. The group thought the radio stations plans were interesting but are on hold until the card is ready.
- Have created an information pack for retailers and are starting to hand this out directly to retailers. As a result the group has secured their first discount.

Health:

- The group is continuing to work with Anna Pryor on a 'Healthy Lifestyles Conference' which will be held in Feb 2010.
- The group would like to focus the conference on diet and nutrition, infection control, first aid and other health issues. The conference to be held in the SnowZone in the Xscape will be aimed at year 9 students of secondary schools.
- The group has drawn up an invite for organisations who wish to hold an information stand and have started on a funding bid.

Youth Provision:

- Attended a meeting with multi-agency professionals who are working on the 'Positive Activities Agenda' and spoke about the groups plans. The young people have decided they will attend these meetings quarterly to keep the information flowing
- As a result of the meeting, Sharon Atkinson (Marketing and Communications Officer) met with the group to discuss creating a leaflet to ensure young people knew about the youth offer. She also discussed how to advertise www.mysaymk.com and the full list of activities.
- The group has also decided to look at doing a mystery shopping project to look at the quality of some youth provision. Initially the project would look at some youth centres and act a pilot.

Wider Youth Forum:

The group decided they would like a 'showcase of talent' along with presentations about YCAB and their progress. This meeting was going to be held in October, unfortunately due to the busy schedule of YCAB this event didn't go ahead, however this will be rearranged for next year.

Meeting with David Hill: Chief Executive:

YCAB met with David Hill where David introduced himself and explained about his role. YCAB introduced themselves, their campaigns and what they had been doing while in office. The meeting was a successful introduction and YCAB hope that David will meet them regularly. Full minutes of this meeting will be available on www.mysaymk.com shortly.



David Hill with YCAB

Meeting with Milton Keynes Cabinet:

YCAB met with some Cabinet members including Cllr Sam Crooks, Leader of the Council. The cabinet members introduced themselves and their portfolios. YCAB introduced themselves, their campaigns and what they had done within office. The meeting was a successful introduction and lead to productive conversations and a promise that the Cabinet would meet regularly will YCAB. Full minutes of this meeting will be available on www.mysaymk.com shortly.

Meeting with Milton Keynes Political Parties:

YCAB met with representatives of the political parties. The evening consisted of introductions, a debate about a national (Identity card) and a local (public transport) issue and a question and answer session. The members enjoyed the evening and it is hoped that this event will be repeated again next year. Full minutes of this meeting will be available on www.mysaymk.com shortly.

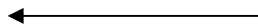
UKYP House of Common Event:

Teja Bapuram (MYP) and Sean Barnes (DMYP) attended an historic event at the House of Commons. The UK Youth Parliament held their annual debate, in this prestigious location, which was showed on the BBC Parliament channel. Sean and Teja enjoyed the day where they debated about transport, tuition fees, votes @16, youth crime and jobs and the economy. Sean Barnes spoke in the debate about votes @16 which prompted local MP Dr Phyllis Starkey to ask the Prime Minister Gordon Brown if the government is going to look into this issue.

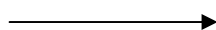
After the event Teja and Sean met with Phyllis to talk more about UKYP, the issues and how the Youth MPs are helping Milton Keynes youth.



Teja Bapuram & Sean Barnes
at the House of Commons
Event



Teja Bapuram & Sean
Barnes with Dr Phyllis
Starkey MP



YCAB & UKYP Constitution:

The group has been working on creating a constitution for both YCAB and UKYP. The constitution is nearly complete and will be on www.mysaymk.com shortly.

Future events:

YCAB Meeting 7th December with Will Spurgeon Assistant Director

YCAB Christmas party TBC

UKYP Regional Residential 19th -21st March 2010