

Swale Youth Forum



Wednesday 2 May 2018
Council Chamber, Swale House
09:30-12:30

Schools:	Delegates from: Westlands Academy, Isle of Sheppey Oasis Academy, Fulston Manor School, Borden Grammar School, Sittingbourne Community College, Abbey School
In Attendance:	Cllr Ken Ingleton, Sophia Ramm (SBC), Helen Stock (SBC), Daniel Quinn (SBC), Russell Fairman (SBC), Dan Pile (SKLR), Sioux Peto (Murston HeArt Project)
Apologies:	Leader Cllr Andrew Bowles

NO	ITEM	ACTION
1.	Welcome, Introductions and apologies	
	The Chair of the Forum, Jack Connor (Westlands Academy), welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were checked for their accuracy and were agreed as correct.	
3.	Ice Breaker	
	Short introductory ice breaker session and all of the members of the Swale Youth Forum participated.	
4.	Filming	
	The Forum helped create a promotional film which advertised the Swale Youth Forum and will be able to be shown in schools etc. The attendees of the Swale Youth Forum took an active role in the filming and advocated why they supported the Forum on camera. The forum also used this time to reflect back on the youth forum and make suggestions for future meetings.	
5.	Break	
6.	Sittingbourne Kemsley Light Railway	
	Dan Pile gave an outline on his own anecdotal history of his work with the Sittingbourne Kemsley Light Railway which he has been a volunteer engineer for since he was a teenager. Dan then went on to say what personal development has been possible thanks to the experience of working on the SKLR, which includes assistance with getting jobs, a place to make friends, developing management skills and an insight into the local industrial history of Sittingbourne; such as the papermaking industry and steam locomotives.	

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	<p>Dan then went on to outline the possible areas which could be undertaken by volunteers such as train operating, maintenance, gardening and customer service based roles.</p> <p>Lastly Dan explained to the Forum the benefits of volunteering at the SKLR and why members of the Swale Youth Forum should consider the opportunity. The reasons for this were keeping a local attraction running and open to the public, build vocational skills, making new friends and gaining vital experience which would be useful when applying for jobs.</p>	
7.	Murston HeArt Project	
	The youth forum got creative with the local community Murston HeArt Poppy Project.	
8.	Hot Topics	
	Due to the local by-election and the lack of member representation the hot topics were collected and will be discussed next time.	
9	Any other business	
	<p>Jack Finch-Harding mentioned the upcoming 'Play in a Week' project being run by Ideas Test.</p> <p>Dates of next meetings...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th June 2018 	
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close 	
11.	End of Meeting	