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YCAB Campaigning For Autism Awareness



Autism is a condition characterised by difficulty in communicating and forming relationships. It can cause anger and a struggle to process things quickly, with 1 in 100 in the UK on the spectrum. March hosted national school Autism awareness week and for this event, Megan, from YCAB, raised over £300 from doing a bake sale at Slated Row School.

◀ *MKFM interviewed Megan live on the radio about Autism.*

Youth MPs Meeting MPs



On the 18th March 2016, Milton Keynes' Youth MPs had the opportunity to speak Mark Lancaster (MK

North MP) and Iain Stewart (MK South MP). They discussed current youth cabinet and youth parliament issues such as "curriculum for life", and "Votes at 16".

The MPs supported YCABs campaign to highlight Autism awareness and agreed it was an important issue.

Prince Visits Ousedale

One of our Youth Cabinet members spoke with Prince Edward on 23rd March 2016. Bethany discussed her sporting interests in relation to the DofE. YCAB believes that sport is a good way to keep people healthy and active. Youth in MK voted child obesity as the third biggest youth issue in the February 2015 youth election.



Funding Our Campaigns

On a busy Good Friday some YCAB members raised £431 bag packing at Waitrose. While doing so we were able to publicise to the general public about YCAB and its campaigns.



Not So Legal Highs

Members of the Youth Cabinet attended a meeting hosted by the MPs about legal highs, banning the importing, selling or buying of legal highs. DI Ian Jarvis (MK Police) and Jo O'Connor (from Compass), discussed the issue of legal highs and how they will be enforcing and promoting the new legislation put in place. Bethany Weinbren asked a question about how to engage with legal highs directly in the curriculum, where the MP for MK North agreed it was important to do so.



This strengthens YCAB's campaign on "drugs and alcohol awareness" and they will be continuing this with Compass.

MySayMK

On the 22nd January 2016, 100 students from nine schools in MK attended the MySayMK Conference at Civic Offices. The day focused on giving students in secondary schools a voice in their area.



The day allowed for students to take part in a range of workshops including: improving drug and alcohol education in schools, starting life well, regeneration, what's in your future 2050 and "money, money, money".

Improving "drugs and alcohol education" looked at ways to educate children to protect them in the future. "Starting life well" was about sharing information about having a good health and wellbeing. "Regeneration" discussed what a good community is and what should be included in the regeneration of the central areas. "What's in your future 2050" talked about coming up with ideas about MK to keep it a fresh, safe and attractive place for years to come. "Money, money, money" fed back to the council our opinions on the budgets regarding schools and communities and buses.

An information fair with organisations such as Parks Trust, Q:Alliance, Compass and the Thames Valley Police, offered an exciting networking opportunity for everyone and was fun and informative.

Everyone enjoyed the day. All of the schools thoroughly enjoyed it and wanted to return next year, with even more ideas.

New YCAB Members

Sofia and Ethan, YCAB members, spoke about Youth Cabinet, its importance and the nomination results were announced in February 2016. Support our local radio station: mkfm.com



Don't Hate: Educate

This is a national UK Youth Parliament campaign. In MK YCAB organising an interactive event on 5th July 2016. Schools are invited to bring students to inform and challenge opinions on religious and racial discrimination.

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