



Y.E.S – Youth Environment Summit

The summit has been organised by Bolton Youth Voice groups in Partnership with the Local Authority and local Head Teachers, the event was due to be held in the Summer term of 2020 but has been postponed and we are awaiting a new date in the near future.

The purpose of the event is to Create an awareness for the children and young people about climate change by educating them on the effects of how individual's choices can affect our world but particularly in Bolton.

Youth Council, Youth MPs and Voice 4 U (Children in Care Council) have been instrumental in the planning of the summit to ensure the message to young people is clear and engaging and that all their voices are being heard throughout the summit and acted upon.

Young people who will be in attendance will be part of Eco groups/ councils in schools already in order to engage and keep interest to ensure schools do some follow up activities from the summit.

The event will be a key part of Bolton's annual Vision planning processes that will enhance youth voice around the climate agenda in Bolton.

We had over 300 young people signed up to take part in the event and over 20 organisations who would form part of a marketplace to engage with school staff during the summit and young people during the lunch break.

Lots of partners involved in this event who will be facilitating 10 minute carousel interactive table top activities; voluntary groups, Bolton at Home, schools, colleges, Bolton museum and Libraries, Sport and Active Living, Bolton Recycling Team, local businesses, Bolton Amazon, Agilisys, Turn up the valve, Ignition Project, Boo consultancy, Wildlife Trust , Green Umbrella and our POSH ambassadors.

We are looking forward to running our event in the future and enjoying watching over 300 young people take part in interactive table top activities throughout the day.

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POSH bites

Bolton Youth Councils POSH Ambassador Louise and Youth MP Ella attended 'There is no Planet B' event at the Peoples History Museum in Manchester with other groups who have similar concerns about the environment. Louise and Ella prepared a display board with information of the work being done the POSH pioneers. They also provided an interactive activity to educate people attending the event on the effects of the environment and the positive changes individuals can make.



Youth Voice have been involved in POSH engagement with Youth Focus for over a year now, they have been involved in conferences, helped design activities to encourage more young people to be more aware of climate changes and what they can do to help in Greater manchester

Young Voice have taken part in the second phase of POSH , Posh Bites I which they selected to work on Electric Transport as their topic, they have had an experts meeting and have produced a 2 minute video and poster on how to encourage more young people to use electric transport. This will be showcased at the Greater Manchester goes Green event in September.



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GMCA

Youth Voice have two reps who attend Greater Manchester Youth Combined Authority meetings, they are currently involved in planning Greater Manchester Go Green event/conference, Lily Our GMYCA rep from Bolton is leading the environment group for this event and has been heavily involved in the activities.

They have attended meetings where Mayor of Greater Manchester gave updates on the Environment Vision and they took part in a youth led discussion about how we report back to celebrate the climate work that is being done locally. This year's Green summit will be organised for Greater Manchester and the GMCA want young people to plan it. In this meeting the GMYCA members discussed a variety of topics that they wanted the summit to focus on, they were as follows: Recycling, Green Transport, Green Space, Climate Change, Plastic use.



Ignition Project

Bolton Youth Council had a visit from the Ignition Project, which brings together 12 partners from Greater Manchester's local government, universities, non-governmental organisations, and business. The project aims to address the emergency caused by climate change and are investigating how they can fund the delivery of more nature-based projects that will help make us less vulnerable to climate change.

As part of the Youth Council planning to deliver on and contribute towards the Make Your Mark, Protect the environment campaign they felt that taking part in the Ignition project workshop could help to build on their existing knowledge on the effects of climate change and also enable them to educate other young people on how to make positive changes that will contribute to protecting the environment.

More recently One of our Posh Ambassadors Louise has been interviewed around Green spaces and the impact green spaces have in relation to climate resilience, health and wellbeing and community and place, she took part in a conversation that will be presented at the Greater Manchester Goes Green event.

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