

Youth Engagement Group.

Meeting in Rosebery Hall, Thursday 5th October 2017

Present. Isla Anderson, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, David Flint.

This was a meeting to provide Isla the opportunity to report to us and to establish a way forward for the group.

It was important that we focus in the input from young people. We need to provide the opportunity for Kirkliston to engage in the process.

The links to QHS were established.

A time scale was discussed and it is Scott Donkins view that it could take 9 months to work through the various stages before the main event is held where young people, Youth Engagement Group, service providers and other key stakeholders meet to discuss, review and rate current offerings and highlight gaps. Much will depend the availability of pupils as May is the busy exam period so it may well not be held till June 2018.

It will take time to establish the steering group of young people and establish their roles including the design of the above mentioned event.

We also need to provide an up to date list of local facilities (The QDCC spreadsheet needs to be updated).

We need to record the perception that young people may have of existing facilities because this might not equate to what adult service providers believe to be the case

The review should include nearby facilities, e.g. the 10 pin Bowling and Cinema facilities at Halbeath –might be transport is an issue here for some young people and if so perhaps we can lobby for a bus service route to be adapted.

ECC might listen to the pleas of youngsters if well presented.

We need to establish how information/feedback from an event will be handled.

The young people steering group needs to be set up and consider pre-event feedback. Information from larger groups must be collated. Following debate we agreed we should focus on getting feedback from the types of young people that tend not to make full use of the existing facilities and are the ones who tend to scull about the Ferry and Kirkliston and indeed these are the young people we should aim to form the steering group.

Youth talk was discussed and Isla outlined the stages that were established for the Liberton/Gilmerton initiative including : lunch time review exercises, Street working, service based market place, mapping exercise, mobile library/video and the main event that was held in the school 9.30 till 12.30.

Isla will start the process and report back to the next meeting which is planned for the end of October to be followed up by a meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 10.00 am. Her key priority will be to establish contact with the local youth groups and High School to start to form the youth steering group and also liaise with Scott to obtain a more detailed breakdown (toolkit) of the actions needed and approximate timelines to run the events within the various stages as outlined above. This should include the roles that the Community Learning & Development team will play in these stages. She will also look at the need to raise funds for example the mobile library/video option. Graeme will look to contact other key stakeholders for the next meeting including a rep from Kirkliston

Donna Kase joined the meeting and provided feedback from the youth clubs. Beauty 'stuff', basketball, volleyball and climbing were suggested. (All outwith the school)

David Flint/Neil MacKinlay