



**NFYFC Youth Forum**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Quality Hotel, Coventry, Warwickshire**

**Present:**

Sioned Davies (Radnor), Ben Cavill (Cornwall) (part meeting), Freddie Wotton (Bedfordshire), Holly Findley (Berkshire), Andrew Findley (Berkshire), Amy Swinbank (Cumbria), Jake (Lincolnshire)

**1 Apologies for absence and Introductions**

1.1 Helen Brown (Cumbria), Elin Harvard (Wales), Helen Bellow (Devon), Lucy Woods (Derbyshire), Matthew Ranson (Surrey), George Collison (Norfolk), Evie Hoggard (Notts), Joanne Gregory (Derbyshire), Sarah Parrish (Bedford), Danielle McNulty (Gloucestershire), Georgina Morris (Shropshire) and Hannah Gordon (Staffs)

1.2 Members introduced themselves and their involvement with the forum.

- Send Minutes to members that could not attend
- Obtain county map for next meeting to show forum members where each other are located on the map

**2 Review of last meeting action points**

2.1 All action points are complete or ongoing

**3 Area reps**

3.1 Referred to next meeting regarding who the reps are, how to encourage areas to take up their representative spot and how long area representatives can serve on the forum for.

**Action**

Add Area reps to youth forum agenda for October 2014

**4 AGCO update/show report**

4.1 Feedback on the AGCO was given by the forum members that attended. The event was very positive and helped to show our thanks for the financial support given to the forum by AGCO.

**Action**

## 5 Annual General Meeting – May 2014

5.1 Sioned and Ben attended the Annual General Meeting and presented a report to the meeting about the youth forums activities. The presentation went well.

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### Action

## 6 Time Capsule Project

6.1 The time capsule was buried in Devon on the 26th April, Sioned, Ben, Danielle, Helen Brown and Helen Bellow attended from the youth forum and members of council attended to support the event. The event was very successful and YFC members young and old attended. Culm Valley provided the refreshments and supported the event along with Devon YFC.

6.2 Instructions need to be created for the YFC members of 2057 that open the capsule, regarding the re-burial, to include who to invite, to put old contents in new capsule once they have been viewed, what new items to add (press from burial event, story of YFC and how it began), how to plan the event (size and type) and a possible countdown to the capsule event in 2057.

6.3 The forum would like to approach Brian (Culm Valley – attended the burial) to contribute to the re-opening instructions to conserve a piece of history.

6.4 The wishing tree that was used at the event collected wishes for the future of YFC and these will also be put in the safe with the coordinates, instructions ect.

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### Action

Forum members to create instructions to go in NFYFC safe for the opening of the capsule in 2057

Brian to be contacted regarding a piece for the re-burial instructions

Wishes from the tree to be included in the capsule info pack.

## 7 NCVYS/Woodcraft Folk – Participation conference report

7.1 Ben, Sioned and Nicola (PD Steering group) attended the conference and facilitated a group discussion around barriers to participation in rural areas.

7.2 Members had the chance to network with other groups and found the day very interesting. Sioned and Ben explained the types of youth organisations that attended and any particular issues that they encounter.

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### Action

Would members like to attend the next event (November)

## 8 Finance report for the Youth Forum

8.1 Forum members were given a copy of the budget to discuss. Members understood the outgoings to date and the remaining budget.

8.2 Sioned spoke to members about Easy fundraising and did a recap on how to register. The forum fundraising amount is currently £37.17 and the group have set a target of £80 to be reached by the October meeting.

## Action

8.3 Remember to register to support the cause, use easy fundraising as your search engine and to go through the page on route to purchasing anything on the internet. [www.easyfundraising.com](http://www.easyfundraising.com) - the company then donates some money per purchase, e.g. for every £1 spent the company donates ½ pence to the chosen charity.

## 9 British Youth Council

- 9.1 **Field to Fork** - The field to fork game is going to be piloted at the CLA game fair. The group were shown final colours and formats for the game and asked to vote on their favourite. This final decision will now go to the designer to be made into a prototype. The name of the game has also been changed to 'watch that cowpat'.
- 9.2 The game needs a set of instructions to be created and the forum felt it would be good to have some additional fact cards based on where your food comes from to support the game. Possibly called Supermoo's facts? And potentially we could create some forfeits for landing on the cowpats.
- 9.3 An evaluation form will be created in order to collect feedback on the game at the game fair in order to see if the group need to make changes to the game.
- 9.4 Following the game fair we need to take the game out to be tested at a variety of events in order for us to collect feedback on the game in different situations. Forum members suggested Royal Berkshire (Sept), Cumbria (Sept), Cornwall country fair (Sept) and potentially Moreton in Marsh and Tenby (Sept), it would also be good for forum members to test out on a club night to get members feedback.
- 9.5 **BYC AGM and Motions for manifesto** – The BYC AGM takes place in September in Sheffield and we have been asked to submit up to three motions to be put forward for inclusion in the manifesto. These motions should be concerning the issues our members face or things our organisation can do to improve the lives of other young people.
- 9.6 Following a discussion the group would like to put forward the following motions -1. Raising awareness of mental health issues in rural areas, 2. The impact of the potential driving curfew and restrictions for young people in rural areas and 3. A recommendation that all children should participate in a farm visit before they leave primary school to give them a greater understanding of where their food comes from, this should be supported with a teachers information pack.

## Action

Cath to send game decisions to designer

If any forum members would like to attend the game fair please let Cath know asap and she can allocate you a ticket.

Cath to produce an evaluation form for the CLA pilot.

Sioned to create instructions for the game

Freddie to produce a list of facts around 'where your food comes from' to support the game.

If forum members have any events they can test the game at between July and the end of September let us know.

Cath to draft the BYC motions to send to BYC

If any forum members would like to attend the BYC ACM in September to present the motions please can they let Cath/Jodie know

## 10. CLA Game fair – 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> July 2014

11. Members discussed which days they are able to attend the show and any ideas for inclusion on the stand. Cath explained the fun, learning and achievement layout of the tent and members suggested ideas for inclusion included photographs and promotional items. We will not have access to electricity at the event.

### Action

As Above – if members would like to attend please contact Cath.

Cath to order promotional items to hand out at the Game fair

## 12. Revisit the Youth Forum Manifesto and set future work

12.1 The group discussed the wordle's from the YFC member's survey and also the previous forum groups plans for change. This was followed by a flipchart exercise about what they would improve about YFC. After much discussion around the next theme of work/project the group would like to re-run the exercise in October when the new forum members are present to generate new ideas and give them ownership of future projects.

### Action

Jodie to type up flipchart notes and add to October agenda

## 13. Youth Forum Residential

Following previous discussions about the travel programme for under 18 members Sioned presented the idea of a YFC under 18 ski trip and the group were very pleased to go ahead with the proposed suggestion and costs. The trip would be provided by PGL and would take place in February 2015.

Jodie presented the forum with the residential options collated by Cath for the February 2015 trip. The group discussed all options and costs and decided they would like to investigate the possibility of taking the residential to the Isle of Man with Oakerwood as a reserve option.

### Action

Cath to feedback to YFC Travel about the Ski trip

Jodie to progress the IOM residential planning for the February 2015 trip

## 14 Steering Groups and Council Meeting (28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June)

Comps – The group would like to ask competitions to look at the possibility of pulling the comps weekend back together so that more events are focused on that week rather than all over the country and to hold a national comps/rally weekend with a social event in the evening for U and over 18 members.

The forum felt that a ban from competitions for one year would be appropriate if a county team consistently withdraws without appropriate notice.

Forum members will be at competitions day on the 5<sup>th</sup> July promoting the youth forum and meeting the JMOTY finalists that will become the new forum members.

CRM – The forum members felt that rather than advertising AGM those efforts should do into providing more activities like the ski trip ect. The forum felt that everyone knows about AGM. The forum feels like a new sticker slogan is needed to replace the ‘do it in wellies’ but couldn’t think of one. The forum provided a list of suggestions for club shop ideas at the last meeting.

AGRI – Forum members would like to be informed of any trips and training events they are able to attend and would be really happy to speak to Lindsey about the field to fork project and how they can work together.

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**Action**

Cath/Jodie to feedback to steering groups

## 15 Future Meeting dates

The group discussed the positives and negatives of meeting at council weekend for under and over 18 members, the outcome was that they would meet at council in June, October at Stoneleigh or somewhere central and February meeting would take place as part of the residential. The group decided that the 5/6<sup>th</sup> October would not be suitable but the following two weekends where an option.

The group did brief reports on youth forum activities in their local area

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**Action**

Jodie to forward next meeting date to the group

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## Action Points from June 2014 meeting

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- Obtain county map for next meeting to show forum members where each other are located on the map – **Jodie**
- Add Area reps to youth forum agenda for October 2014 - **Jodie**
- Forum members to create instructions to go in NFYFC safe for the opening of the capsule in 2057 – **Sioned? Forum members?**
- Brian to be contacted regarding a piece for the re-burial instructions – **Jodie/Cath/Sioned**
- Wishes from the tree to be included in the capsule info pack – **Jodie/Cath**
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