



January Community Committee Consultation Event

Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth
and Otley & Yeadon

Engaging with the children and young
people of the outer north west.





Context

The Outer North-West

In the outer north-west area of Leeds there are;

- 18,329 children and young people aged from birth to 18 years.
- 28 Primary schools
- 6 Secondary schools
- 4 children's centres
- 4 Clusters which are;
 - Horsforth Children's Services (Horsforth Ward)
 - Aireborough Extended Services (Guiselley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon Wards)
 - Extended Services North West (Adel & Wharfedale Ward)
 - Otley, Pool and Bramhope Cluster (Otley & Yeadon and Adel & Wharfedale Wards)

Young People and Governance



The 2013 Children's Mayor of Leeds was Charlotte Williams from Rufford Park Primary School, Yeadon (pictured above).

Charlotte submitted a manifesto all about promoting pedal power to children and young people. It aimed to promote cycling by installing cycle paths to schools, leisure centres and the centre of Leeds, with a plan to create a "borrow-a-bike" scheme for youngsters and families that did not have access to a bicycle. What a year for her cycling manifesto to win with the Tour De France coming to the city!

Charlotte hoped her manifesto would promote safe journeys around the city for children and young people and presented it to a meeting of full council in January 2014.

Following her deputation to full council Charlotte had an amazing year in office with highlights including:

- Promoting the Children's Tour De France event at Temple Newsam Park where she was a guest of honour and presented prizes to the winning schools
- Waving the starting flag at the Grand Depart itself in Victoria Gardens
- Endorsing a Leeds City Council campaign to enable children and families to ride their bikes in city parks
- Taking part in the judging panels for the 2014 and 2015 Child Friendly Leeds Awards

Charlotte is now an active member of the Leeds Youth Council representing Benton Park High School

LEEDS CHILDREN'S MAYOR

The Leeds Children's Lord Mayor Programme is a local democratic awareness campaign that has taken place in Leeds since 2003.

The purpose of the programme is to actively engage young people in democratic systems as this is the key to establishing long term democratic involvement for our city. It is an opportunity for schools to encourage and support pupils to be aspirational and recognise that their actions can influence change.

2014 marked the tenth year of having an elected Children's Mayor in Leeds - and what a way to celebrate! Over 600 manifestos were written by children in the city and over 6000 votes were cast by the children and young people of Leeds.

www.tinyurl.com/lcm2014

Child Friendly Leeds



Leeds first launched its vision to become a child friendly city in July 2012 in front of Her Majesty The Queen as part of her Jubilee Tour visit to the city.

The original concept of a ‘child friendly City’ was pioneered by UNICEF and inspired by this, our local vision to be the best city for children and young people was born. Over the last two years, over 350 people have signed up to be Child Friendly Leeds ambassadors, making pledges on how they contribute to the vision. We have also recruited close to 400 children and young people as Young Advisors.

Before launching child friendly Leeds, council officers consulted with thousands of children and young people to ask what a child friendly city meant to them. The most popular responses were used to create the “12 wishes for a child friendly Leeds” that has helped shape local priorities.

For more information about Child Friendly Leeds please visit:

www.leeds.gov.uk/childfriendlyleeds

Or to read the 12 wishes of children and young people visit:

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/c/Pages/childFriendlyCity/12-wishes-for-child-friendly-Leeds.aspx>



VOICE & INFLUENCE TEAM

The VIC Team are based within Children’s Services and run a variety of citywide youth engagement projects such as:

- UK Youth Parliament
- Leeds Youth Council
- Takeover Month
- Children’s Mayor
- Have a Voice Council (Social Care)
- Leaving Care Council

The team also lead on four strategic decision making groups related to the voice and influence of Children and Young People

www.breezeleed.org/haveyoursay

Leeds Youth Council



Locality view.

There are currently Leeds Youth Councillors representing;

- Otley Prince Henry Grammar School,
- Benton Park High School
- Horsforth High School.

For more information about Leeds Youth Council please visit:

https://www.breezeleeds.org/pg/319/Leeds_Youth_Council

LEEDS YOUTH COUNCIL

The Leeds Youth Council (LYC) is a group of 11-19 year olds who live in Leeds and who are passionate about making a difference.

The LYC first started in 2003 and has recently celebrated its 10th birthday! The youth council represents the views of young people in Leeds at a citywide level.

The LYC is supported by Leeds City Council and Youth Councillors have the opportunity to meet with senior decision makers within the council and to attend important meetings such as the Children's Trust Board and the State of the City Address.

Projects funded by the Youth Activity Fund in the Outer North-West

Just some of the type of projects the £56,000 of Youth Activity Fund was spent on in 2014/15

- Friday Night and Thursday Juniors youth clubs at Holt Park
- Poetry workshop at Ralph Thoresby
- Learn to Skateboard and a skateboard jam
- 4 Mini Breezes in the area
- Drama projects in Otley and Guiseley
- Cluster fun Days in the Otley, Pool and Bramhope area
- Multi sports projects at Holt Park
- Let's Get Baking
- Let's get Creative
- Variety show at Yeadon Town Hall
- Otley Lantern Parade
- Mighty Chefs learn to cook project

ONW Youth Engagement Panel

The Outer North-West Youth Engagement Panel is supported by an officer from the Youth Offer team and meets monthly to consider new Youth Activity funded projects and review existing ones. Any young person from the area aged between 8 – 17 can join the panel and be part of the decision making process to decide how money is spent.

YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND

Funding is available to support activities being provided in the area.

These can be a whole range of different types of things from drama to arts and crafts, sports and fun days to cookery.

Breeze Culture Network will advertise the events and keep young people informed as to what is happening in their area.



Activities can be accessed through Breeze cards which are available to all young people in Leeds.

Clusters

The outer north-west area is made up of 4 Clusters;

- Horsforth Childrens Services – Tessa Freer (Horsforth Ward)
- Aireborough Extended Services – Simon Toyne (Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon Wards)
- Extended Services North West – Gill Wyatt (Adel & Wharfedale Ward)
- Otley, Pool and Bramhope Cluster – Phil Temple (Otley & Yeadon and Adel & Wharfedale Wards)

Cluster Services work to bring together the schools and relevant agencies to work effectively in partnership to improve the outcomes for all 0 –19 year olds and their families. By working together and drawing on the knowledge, strengths and capabilities of all our partners, they are better informed to identify the needs of children, young people and families including those who require some additional support.

The aim of the clusters services is to ensure all children and young people reach their full personal potential. It is hoped to achieve this by providing support around families when needed and providing excellent learning and teaching experiences through our schools.

Cluster Core offer

Cluster Services include professionals who are employed directly by the cluster to offer a wide range of targeted and universal support services to all our 0 –19 year olds and their parents within the area.

Some of what they can provide:

- Holiday and after school activities
- Family day trips
- Family Fun sessions
- Parent's Forum
- School Cluster Council support
- Parenting Courses
- Volunteers and student placements
- Information and training sessions for professionals and parents