Young People have their say!

Young people have been sharing their views and ideas for their communities with Councillors from the Outer North West Community Committee. At an event held in Horsforth School, over 100 young people representing 28 schools from our area joined in a day of workshop sessions.

The young people let Councillors know what they liked about where they lived and what they would improve. They also learned about how they can make a difference in their local area.

As part of the day Liberty Branston and Charlotte Williams from Benton Park School presented their manifestos to the group as candidates for election on the UK Parliament. Since our event both Liberty and Charlotte have been elected as Members of the Youth Parliament representing the young people of Leeds —Congratulations!

Yeadon Youth Group gave a lively presentation about their experiences raising money for charity.

The young people also had the chance to quiz their local Councillors, we had some great questions ranging asking what they liked to do outside of Council to what being a councillor actually involves.

A workshop session in the afternoon gave young people the chance to let Councillors know what activities young people would like to be provided with after school and during the holidays.

We would like to thank all the young people who attended for their brilliant contributions to the day.

Sports comes out on top

Young people have told us that the activity they would most like Councillors to provide using their funding is multi-sports activities, with cooking and the chance to take part in different activities through youth clubs coming close second and third.

Young people also overwhelmingly told us they like being outside for activities, and that they like exciting and fun activities to take place mainly in the school holidays.

Councillors will be using this information when looking at funding new activities to take place this year in to ensure that activities are driven by what young people actually want.
Supporting Community Projects

Councillors have spent over £140,000 on a range of community and young people projects since April last year. Between December and February the following grants were approved:

Aireborough ‘Battle of the Bands/Let’s Celebrate’ — £2,000
Funding to support a celebration event at Guiseley Theatre for schools in the Aireborough Cluster

Horsforth PCSOs — £9,359
Working with Horsforth Town Council and West Yorkshire Police to fund PCSOs in Horsforth.

Site Based Gardener — £12,244
Providing gardeners to work at sites in Yeadon, Guiseley and Rawdon.

Mothers of Otley — £2,305
Supporting the Mothers of Otley group to provide support and activities for vulnerable mothers

Aireborough Supported Activities — £6,766
Funding for activities and support for young people who have additional needs.

Christmas in Pool in Wharfedale — £1,000
Supporting the hire of new Festive Lights in the Pool in Wharfedale area

Tarnfield Bowling Club — £900
Supporting the cost of the update to the toilets at the club.

Holt Park Farrar Lane Open Space — £1,000
Funding to provide a drop kerb to improve accessibility for all users at Farrar Lane.

The Big Hoo Haa — £990
This will support the Making Music Memories project for older people who are vulnerable.

Are you involved in a community project? You can apply for a small grant of up to £1000, email west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk for more information.

Our Community Projects in Pictures

Clockwise from above—
A fun day out for Aireborough Supported Activities
Wild Flower Meadow - Wayland Drive, Adel
Micklefield Skate Jam—Sk8 Safe
Otley Lantern Parade
Inters—Horsforth Youth Club

Battle of the Bands 2015 was funded by ONW Community Committee
Focus on….

Social Isolation
Councillors in the Outer North West are continuing to support a range of projects aimed at reducing social isolation for older and vulnerable people.

OPAL (Older People’s Action in the Locality) receive funding towards an Older Person’s activity group. The group regularly has 15—20 older people attending to take part in table tennis, board games, knit and knatter, and more. Many of the attendees have memory issues so the activities are chosen so that attendees do not have to remember details and they can be involved.

Councillors have also funded Care and Repair to subsidise the fit of new secure locks at homes in all four Outer North West wards with the aim of reducing the fear of burglary amongst vulnerable residents.

The Big Hoo-Ha have been funded to deliver a project aimed at older people with memory issues to take part in music and chat sessions aimed at reducing feelings of isolation.

“I have met new people and made new friends. I used to just sit and watch TV and fall asleep but now I’m much more active and I feel so much better for it”

Vera (participant at OPAL)

Outer North West Round Up

Marking 100 years since the Great War
Lawnswood Cemetery have a wonderful new seat dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives in the first World War. The seat was paid for by Outer North West Community Committee working with Friends of Lawnswood Cemetery. First World War Commemoration events are ongoing throughout Leeds until 2018 to mark the centenary and we will post any local events we are aware of on to our social media pages.

Extra Police in Horsforth
Outer North West Community Committee are working in collaboration with Horsforth Town Council and West Yorkshire Police to pay for two extra Police PCSOs in the Horsforth area, the two officers patrol the area, hold surgeries and provide a police presence at events in Horsforth.

Mothers of Otley group successfully awarded funding
A new group for mothers at Otley Children’s Centre have been awarded funding by the Outer North West Community Committee. The group will provide support to women in the Otley area.

Oddballs takes young people on magical theatre journey
Outer North West Community Committee are continuing to fund the Oddballs Theatre (JP Productions) group in the Guiseley Theatre. These crazy sessions for young people aged 8—11 years old give children the change to act, write scripts, create costumes and produce plays all at Guiseley Theatre.
Your Community Committee

Leeds has 10 community committees, which meet at least 4 times a year. They are open to the public and provide a forum for residents to raise key issues of concern with local Councillors and help influence decisions about their area. In the past year, the Outer North West Committee has looked at a range of issues including road safety and neighbourhood planning.

Community Committee and Forum Meetings

Community Committees are held at least four times a year; ward forums are held throughout the year providing an opportunity for very local issues to be discussed, we welcome suggestions for future agenda items. We hold Forums in Yeadon, Guiseley and Holt Park we will publicise the dates a few weeks before the meeting on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Why not email west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk or call 0113 3367856 to be added to our mailing lists to find out when the future meetings will be held.

Community Committee

The dates for the 2016/17 Community Committee will be decided at a special meeting in June. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter pages to find out the dates.

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