



## Inner North West Community Committee

Covering Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Weetwood wards  
March 2017

### Focus on: Children's Voice Event at the University of Leeds

On 2 March 2017 22 children, from 6 different schools within the Inner North West wards, came to a children and young people's engagement event at the University of Leeds.

The event was organised by the Communities Team West North West, with support from Children's Services, the University of Leeds and Inner North West Councillors. The purpose of the event was to engage with young people and learn what activities they would like to see being delivered in their local area. These findings will in turn help shape the priorities for youth activities fund spend in the 2017/18 financial year.

On the day, young people were able to experience some example activities that are currently funded with youth activities monies including Minecraft and Lego animation workshops. The young people were asked to tell



us what they liked and disliked about where they live, there was a presentation and Who Wants to be a Millionaire quiz on local democracy, lunch in the University's Student's Union followed by a tour.

The afternoon workshop was designated as time to carry out an exercise whereby the young people were given monopoly money amounting to £19,000 per group. They were asked to allocate the monies to various activities that they would like to see put on in their area. The results of this will help shape the priorities for the 2017/18 fi-

nancial year.

Overall the feedback from the event was very positive. The event was supported with around £200 in funds from the Inner North West Community Committee's communications wellbeing budget.

# Supporting Community Projects

**Are you involved in a local community project? You could be eligible to apply for a small grant of up to £500. Email [west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk) or call 0113 3367856 for more**

## Best City to Grow Old in Workshop

On 20 February a topic workshop was held at the new OPAL Welcome In Community Centre. The purpose of the workshop was to explore how to make Leeds the best city to grow old in for residents in the Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Weetwood wards.

A presentation was received on the issue, followed by roundtable discussions with attendees. People were asked to consider:

**What good examples of being age friendly do you know about in your community?**

**What is not being done that could be done?**

**What can you offer to make your community more age friendly?**

People attended from a variety of different organisations including CALLs, OPAL, Better Leeds Communities and Christians Against Poverty.

The event provided an opportunity for people to meet and share ideas. One key idea included exploring the possibility of developing a 'Take a Seat' campaign in the area. This is where local businesses offer a seat for people to use, without any pressure to purchase anything. It is a project that could be promoted by the local community and encouraged amongst local businesses.



**Making Leeds the  
best city to grow old in**

# Inner North West Sub Groups

The Inner North West Community Committee has three sub groups that meet on a regular basis. Here's a round up of key work since the last Community Committee meeting in March:

## Environment Sub Group

The Environment Sub Group met on 10 January 2017. It is made up of Councillors, members of the public and officers from other Council departments.

The meeting received an update from the new WNW Locality Team manager and there was a general discussion regarding issues such as problems with leaf collection this year, graffiti issues, and the bonfire strategy for Woodhouse Moor as part of the Council's bonfire night celebration programme.

There was an update from Parks & Countryside ; Leeds Quality Park assessments are coming up in July and volunteers were sought to help with assessments.

Provisional plans for the Royal Park School site were also brought to the meeting for discussion.

## Planning Sub Group

The Inner North West planning sub group met on 11 January, 8 February, and 8 March 2017.

Key issues discussed included the Government's Housing White Paper and its implications for the Inner North West area. Concerns were raised, especially with regard to securing sufficient affordable housing units and financial contributions from development in the area.

In Headingley and Hyde Park neighbourhood plans continue to be developed, but are at different places in that process. It is hoped that both can be brought to a position where they can go for referenda at the May 2018 Local Elections.

Discussions have started regarding the possibility of merging the Hyde Park and Little Woodhouse forums together.

## Children & Young People's Sub Group

Advertising had been carried out to encourage organisations to put in a bid for the Committee's Youth Activities Fund monies, to put on activities at February half term and during the Easter break.

The sub group met on 4 January to look at the applications that had been received.

There were 10 applications for consideration and Councillors recommended six projects for approval totalling just over £24,197. Following further approvals, these projects are now all going ahead. They include a Friday night club and holiday activities at Meanwood Community Centre, a youth café at the Cardigan Centre and funding to support a Young People's Takeover Festival at City Varieties Music Hall, to name but a few.

# Your Community Committee

The ten Community Committees in Leeds link local residents to Councillors and other decision makers to focus on topics that matter to our communities. In the past year, the Inner North West Committee has looked at 'making Leeds the best city to grow old in', held an engagement event with young people at the University of Leeds, and held workshops on city transport improvements, and the city's bid to become Capital of Culture in 2023.

## Community Committee and Forum Meetings

Community Committees are held four times a year and usually focus on a particular theme or topic, although individuals can raise any issues at the meeting, during Open Forum.

### Community Committee provisional dates:

**15 June 2017, 7pm—9pm, venue TBC**

**21 September 2017, 7pm—9pm, venue TBC**

**7 December 2017, 7pm—9pm, venue TBC**

**22 March 2018, 7pm—9pm, venue TBC**

Please do check with us for venue details.

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## Community Committee Members

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