



CARDIFF YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER SELECTED FOR WORLD YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAMME

Cardiff Youth Council -
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A member of Cardiff Youth Council has taken part in a high profile cultural exchange at the invitation of the Japanese Government.

Sabiha Azad, 19 from Grangetown, who was chosen following a rigorous selection procedure open to young people all over the UK, flew to Japan in January in order to take part in the 3 week Global Leader Development Program.

The development program is a unique international cultural exchange which is facilitated partly on board a ship and is known as "The Ship for World Youth leaders". The aims of the program are to deepen mutual understanding through discussion and cultural exchange with other international delegates, to develop the ability to work with different cultures and to improve individual leadership and

management skills. Those participating in the exchange attended seminars hosted by experts and were also required to plan and deliver their own activities.

Councillor Daniel De'Ath, Cabinet Member for Safety, Engagement and Democracy said,

"I would like to congratulate Sabiha on her selection for this prestigious event. Members of Cardiff Youth Council have consistently demonstrated their willingness and ability to contribute to the democratic process at local level and will now do so at international level."

Sabiha, who is currently in her first year at University of Swansea studying Psychology and Criminology, has been a member of Cardiff Youth Council for 5 years and this year was elected as one of two city representatives to the British Youth Council.

"I was extremely excited by this opportunity to visit Japan and to take part in this cultural exchange. In particular I enjoyed visiting the areas effected by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami and discussing the prospects for community rebuilding", she said.



Sabiha enjoying Japanese street life

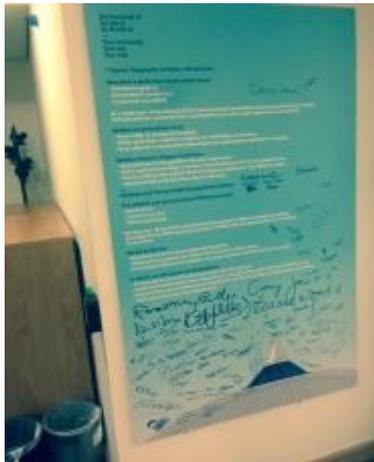
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Assemble the Youth #ATY



A group of members from CYC and Vale Youth Forum have been working together with the Welsh Assembly and Kelly Harris Engagement Officer to plan and develop a young person's event in July. The day will mark a year on from the Launch of the Youth Engagement Charter by the Presiding Officer, Dame Rosemary Butler AM.

The Youth Engagement Charter outlines the commitment made by the Presiding Officer, Dame Rosemary Butler AM, and each of the 4 political party leaders – 1st Minister for Wales, Carwyn Jones AM (Labour), Andrew RT Davies AM (Conservatives), Kirsty Williams AM (Liberal Democrat) and Leanne Wood AM (Plaid Cymru) – to

make sure they listen, respect and act on what young people from across Wales tell them..

The day sounds really exciting and we will keep you updated



Cardiff West School Consultation

Pupils from Michaelston Community College and Glyn Derw High School took part in a 3 day consultation regarding the proposal to bring both the schools on to the Michaelston College site in January 2016.

Pupils from both schools were shown a short film containing the main facts and then given the chance to take part in a workshop run by the councils youth workers.

The last day of the consultation gave pupils from years 7-10 the chance to voice their opinion by completing a ballot paper and voting at polling stations set up at each school.

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Students completing their ballot papers



Young Interviewers.

CYC members have been very busy again this term carrying out interviews. Up this time were Najma and Daniel, both having previous experience of carrying out and sitting on interview panels. Both positions come under the Families First Emotional and Mental Health Package Cadarn.

Najma helped in the selection and interviewing for a manager within the Cardiff Against Bullying Team and Daniel was once again working with

Barnardo's to help in the recruitment of a manager for the Cadarn service.

Dan said "it is great to once again be working with Sara and the Barnardo's team. They have always made me feel welcome and part of the team. It was also interesting as the Cadarn service has recently been inspected in relation to the National Participation Standards that I was an inspector and here I was helping to develop the services even further".



Young Inspectors



Dan Boughton presents inspection report

It has been a busy couple of month for the Young Inspectors.

First of all we were invited along to present our report from our inspection of the Cadarn Package.

We went to their away day which was a great way of getting to find out about some of the projects, listen to young people about their experiences and for the professional to find out what other teams are up to.

We have also recruited a new group of inspectors who have been hard at work, being trained in the inspectors program including learning about confidentiality, safeguarding and the National Participation Standards. Now that the training is complete the inspectors have been carrying out an inspection on the Youth Engagement package and we will be presenting the findings to the lead officer in the coming weeks before moving onto the next inspection in late May.



Youth Engagement Lead Officer Martin Segrove answers Young Inspectors questions.



Participation Of The Isles Conference

A team of 6 CYC members visited Belfast last month to represent Wales at The Participation Of The Isles Conference. The event brought together young people from Scotland, Northern Ireland, England, Ireland and of course Wales.

Over the three days delegates shared experiences, took part in debates and ran cultural workshops for each other. As part of the British Council funded cultural programme young people were given a tour of the city's Shank Hill and Falls Road area with in depth presentations from ex prisoners from both sides of the troubles.

CYC Vice Chair said ' Northern Ireland Youth Forum have been great hosts and Belfast is a really good place to visit'.



Thanks to the Northern Ireland Youth Forum for hosting us.

Please follow this link to watch our video..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHQC0iEYjP8>

Support Needed For Young People

On January 26th I represented CYC at a day long event hosted by Cardiff University called '**Children and Young People's Suicide and Self-Harm Workshop: Developing School-based Intervention and Support**'.

Although the focus was predominantly on educational settings, we were also interested in youth settings more broadly as young people had voted for mental health to be one of our priorities in 2015.

The day was comprised of presentations by academics, schools who were already doing good work around suicide and self-harm, and a couple of policymakers.

The information provided gave CYC a good idea of what other areas of Wales were providing for young people and also some real insight into a number of university studies.

Thanks to our friends at Cascade for organising the event.

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Cardiff Youth Council are a representative council for 11-25 year olds that advocate for positive change across the City of Cardiff.



CYC General Meetings

Dates:

April 22nd, May 20th, June 17th 2015.

Venues:

The Old Library, The Hayes Cardiff

Time:

Arrival at 4.30pm tea and coffee served

Meetings start by 5pm.

Finish 7pm

CYC Attend National Young Wales Launch



Children in Wales
Plant yng Nghymru

The Welsh Government have recently commissioned Children In Wales to develop **Young Wales** which is a programme of work that enables young people across the country to have their voices heard on issues that are important to them.

As part of this work 2 CYC representatives joined other youth council members from across Wales at a national event in Newtown, Powys. The event enabled young people to refine a range of issues from each county into six key national issues for young people.

- Health relationships and domestic violence
- Online safety
- Hate crime and bullying
- Mental health
- Raising awareness of the UNCRC
- Substance misuse

These issues will now be fed into the appropriate Welsh Government Ministers for consideration.

CYC rep Najma Hashi said 'It was really interesting to meet other young people from across Wales many of them working on similar issues us CYC'

At the same event the Young Wales website was launched it includes different ways to get involved in Young Wales including Twitter and receiving newsletters. Within the website every youth forum has a page including contact details on how to join plus current projects and links to media and film made by young people.



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