

0-25 Transformation: Highlight Report

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Sub-Group/Programme:

Voice of the Child

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Work programme context:

Given the challenges of engaging young people during lockdown over teams, the Voice of the Child group has reviewed the way it has operated.

The Fight for Change Council advocated they already had access to senior leaders, and struggled with online meetings. Martyn Shaw, the Youth Service Youth Participation lead and the Youth Council and SEND Youth forum decided it would be beneficial to bring together the various youth participation groups in the city as a family and hold a regular meeting to share issues and campaigns, and allow a central meeting for consultation with a range of groups, including the Young people's tech committee. Groups invited include Fight for Change Council, LGBT groups, Young Carers, and Home educated. The development of the Listening Hub has supported this ongoing work.

The Voice of the Child group tried to meet in sequence prior to the Safeguarding Children's Partnership and the 0-25 group to review the agenda items and to ensure young people have an opportunity to contribute to the agenda – this has not worked as young people, described above did not engage well in this process. Online fatigue was an issue.

The Youth Council continue to deliver youth events – with Youth Day working well with a series of smaller events this August, engaging a number of new organisations.

Progress summary (last 8 weeks): *(high level and by exception)*

Where it has worked -Young People's commissioning work has progressed well – 5 young people involved with supported housing for young people commissioning

As mentioned the blocks to progress have been online meetings and time and admin

An issue has been how to capture the challenge from young people

e.g. Black Lives Matter

e.g. response to OFSTED report on sexual abuse in education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges>

How to triangulate with practitioner forums, parent forums, listening hub

e.g. How do Make Your Mark priorities become key priorities for 0-25 or SSCP

this year, homelessness, mental health, domestic violence, child poverty

and how respond to young people formally when they make the challenges

Outlook summary: (next 8 weeks)

Review progress of the group and new ways of working -

The Salford Youth Voice family meetings will be the first Tuesday, every other month (7th Dec).

Completion and review of the first group of Young People's commissioning work and training a bank of commissioners.

Young people's tech committee – Currently paused whilst the results of funding is confirmed.

Youth Council supporting work on sexual harassment in schools, including peer research and delivery of professionals conference.

Upcoming Milestones/Next steps/Key Decisions	Date
Review way Youth Voice family group is working Develop a work plan on how to respond to the challenge from young people To training and recruitment of 25 young commissioners/inspectors Delivery of young people’s tech committee – IN PROGRESS Championing the role of MOMO Mind of My Own app in social area – IN PROGRESS Mark Your Mark Campaigns on Mental health, Plastic and Transforming education (National Campaigns) Child poverty and Domestic Abuse (local priorities) – Video workshops to be delivered.	December 2021 November 2021 March 2022

Financial spend/requests:

None

Risks

Engagement whilst online

Summary of Risk	Summary of Mitigation	RAG Rating
Online meetings with young people	1. Consider COVID secure actual meetings	

Issues for escalation (through 0-25 Advisory Board and/or Commissioning Committee)