

# BRISTOL ONE CITY

## Children and Young Peoples Board

<b>Date/time</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 2:00 – 5:00pm
<b>Location</b>	City of Bristol College, St. George's Road, Bristol, BS1 5UA
<b>Co-chairs</b>	Deputy Mayor Asher Craig – Cabinet Member for Children's services, Education and Equalities  Youth Mayor Mya Parker
<b>Attendees</b>	Emily Bailey (South Bristol Youth), Victoria Bleazard (BNSSG), Mark Coates (Creative Youth Network), Alistair Dale (Youth Moves), Anne Malindine (Raised In Bristol), Rachel Robinson (Bristol Play and Youth Alliance), Amy Woodrow (City of Bristol College), Fiona Tudge (BCC), Hannah Woodhouse (BCC), Adelaide Morgan (OTR), Margaret Simmons Bird (Education Consultant), Lucinda Parr (UoB)
<b>Apologies</b>	Amanda Coffee (UWE), Mya Parker (Youth Mayor), Melanie Vaxevanakis (The Maxi Project), Reena Bhogal Welsh (BCC), Martin Bisp (Empire Fighting Chance), Ruth Pickersgill (BDEC)
<b>Observers</b>	
<b>Additional Invitees</b>	Susan Coombes (BCC), Caoimhe Gowran (BCC), Geraldine Smyth (BCC), Jo Williams (BCC), Olwen Kelly (BCC), Bonnie Curran (BCC), Nina Skubala (CO), Imogen Oxley (CO)
<b>ITEMS</b>	
<b>1) Welcome from Host (Amy Woodrow)</b>	
Bristol One City Children and Young People's Board was welcomed to City of Bristol College.	
<b>2) Welcome from Chair (Cllr Asher Craig)</b>	
Cllr Craig welcomed board members to the meeting.	

Cllr Craig acknowledged the recent incident in Knowle which led to the loss of two young lives, and highlighted how the One City Approach is being utilised to convene community response.

Cllr Craig took board members through the agenda and plan for the meeting.

Cllr Craig introduced Hannah Woodhouse, Executive Director for Children and Education, to the board.

Cllr Craig reminded the board that she will be stepping down in May and not re-running in the upcoming elections.

### 3) The Belonging Strategy (Fiona Tudge/ Jo Williams)

Fiona Tudge took the board through the context of Belonging Strategy, and its aim for building equality and inclusion for all children, so that they can grow up in a city where they belong and can thrive.

FT highlighted the importance of working as a city to ensure children have a sense of belonging; no single organisation can achieve this. This was a significant piece of coproduction and engaged directly with children and young people.

The Belonging Strategy has 4 pillars; Belonging in the Beginning, Belonging in Family, Belonging in Education, Belonging in our Community.

The Belonging Strategy is sat within other strategic plans and aligned to One City Plan, The Childrens Charter, and Bristol's Equality Charter.

FT explained the principles and values which underpin the Belonging Strategy:

- Trauma Informed
- Think Family,
- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Strengths Based
- Building Social Capital
- Working with families
- Partnership working
- No wrong door

**ACTION:** FT to share the wider document which provides an update on Belonging Strategy progress

Jo Williams took CYP board through the progress on 'Belonging from the Beginning'.

Remaining priorities include:

- Direction of travel around integration particularly linked with family hubs work
- Strengthened participation & coproduction with parents/ carers

- Focus on diversity and inclusion within early years
- Workforce & SEND
- Ensuring high quality early education and childcare
- Continued efforts to address inequalities and support for vulnerable families

Su Coombes took CYP board through the progress on 'Belonging in Education' (*slide focused on SEND however pillar encompasses much more*). Remaining priorities include:

- SEND sufficiency plan
- Increase workforce diversity (and skills and CPD offer for current workforce around SEND)
- Improvements to the SEND local offer website.

FT took CYP board through the progress on 'Belonging in Families'. Remaining priorities include: - moved away from threshold guidance towards multi-agency guidance

- Development of wider family hub network and implementation of the digital architecture
- New corporate parenting strategy (need to own corporate parenting as a city, not just a BCC strategy)
- Increased placement provision in Bristol to enable children to live locally
- Delivery of the Vanguard Framework for Integrated Care.

FT took CYP board through the progress on 'Belonging in Community'. Remaining Priorities include:

- A flagship youth centre in the south of the city
- DfE approved a new Special Free School
- PGSS will make parks accessible, inclusive, safe, fun and rich in nature
- Developing a Trauma Informed Practice model.

Drawing the pillars together and considering how we can use One City partnership arrangements, there are several areas of focus:

- Ensuring the voices of children and families are heard in the decisions which affect them – e.g., environment, housing, transport (quarterly meeting with partners, board members and young people)
- Children and young people having access to education that is inclusive and values diversity
- Focus on inclusion and vulnerable young people

2024 refresh will build on the language of belonging and will link strategic work with other strategic plans.

The following discussion points were noted:

Cllr Asher Craig encouraged the board to not lose the essence of the original Belonging Strategy; and emphasises the importance of a continued collaboration with the City Office and One City Structures beyond May.

Hannah Woodhouse agreed there is a huge opportunity to build on the previous work of the Belonging Strategy; the language in particular has a real resonance and suggested using this period of change as an opportunity to think about where the priorities are going to be.

The board agreed the Belonging Strategy hasn't yet reached its full potential and enabling children and young people to flourish needs to be at the forefront of everything we do.

**OFFER FROM CITY OFFICE:** The City Office can coordinate regular meetings for the youth council to meet directly with City Partners, creating the opportunity for young people to share their priorities and asks of partners.

Engagement work beginning over the next few months.

**ASK OF CYP BOARD:** CYP board are asked to engage with the Belonging Strategy refresh as the process begins over the coming months.

**ASK OF CYP BOARD:** HW asks that the evidence base for SEND/ KS2, and suggested priorities comes to May's CYP board, so we can understand what the data is telling us and build the outcomes of the city from that.

If we promote our schools to be 'trauma informed' where is the evidence that this is making a difference? Need to understand the extent of this – are the behaviour/ suspension policies working? What are we doing about inter-generational trauma?

**ASK OF CYP BOARD:** Members of the board who want to be part of the Belonging Strategy sub-groups, please contact Bonnie Curran.

#### 4) Anti-Racism in Settings strategy (Su Coombes)

Su Coombes took CYP board through the Anti-Racism in Settings strategy, highlighting first and foremost that at the heart of this strategy is young people.

This will be adopted as a citywide strategy. It is a strategy for Bristol, not just Bristol City Council.

The purpose of the strategy is to purposefully consider anti-racism. The strategy was previously called the inclusion strategy, but the decision was made to call the strategy what it is; it is an anti-racism strategy.

This strategy will work alongside a set of performance indicators and has to make a difference for our city.

**ASK OF CYP Board:** Members of the board are asked to email Su Coombes feedback on the strategy.

SC highlighted the enablers in order to fully develop and embed this strategy. Funding is key and needs to come from the city; this is not just a council initiative. Widening out the membership of the race equality in education group will also further enable this strategy.

**ASK OF CYP BOARD:** The board is asked to support the anti-racism strategy as a key decision to Cabinet

**ASK OF CYP BOARD:** Board members are asked to volunteer to be part of T&F groups

**ASK OF CYP BOARD:** The board is asked to consider representation in workforce; are there any national groups/ networks which can be tapped into?

The following discussion points were noted:

HW agreed this is an important strategy to deliver. It's been developed from a young person's perspective and links so closely with the Belonging Strategy. Ownership can sit with the board.

What support do schools need to realise what behaviour is needed to achieve the outcomes required? Needs unpicking and identifying so that we can better support our schools.

**ASK OF CYP BOARD:** Board members are asked to keep engaging with schools and continue asking the important questions.

**OFFER OF CYP BOARD:** Adelaide Morgan (OTR) offers to be involved in exclusions t&f and belonging strategy sub-groups.

## 5) 2024 One City Goals

**Goal 55: Bristol schools are supported to deliver Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education, including life skills, nutrition, sustainability, disability, mental and sexual health, menstruation, gender identity, gender reassignment, and sexual orientation (Caoimhe Gowran/ Geraldine Smyth)**

Caoimhe Gowran and Geraldine Smyth updated CYP board on progress against goal 55, highlighting that the goal reflects a whole school approach to health and wellbeing.

CG shared the current offer to schools, the selection of specialist awards available for schools (Bristol Ideal award looks at early preventative work around DASV, healthy relationships in schools, bringing it in to a digestible format, with a step by step approach) and the Pupil Voice

survey – comes up in the curriculum to give pupils the voice. Individual schools receive their responses to identify the needs for their specific schools.

**ACTION:** Healthy Schools team to share Bristol wide pupil voice data report with CYP Board when it's released in March.

**ASK:** CYP Board members are asked to volunteer if interested in joining a working group on trans inclusion/ guidance for school, relating to the 'Gender questioning children – non-statutory guidance' which is currently out for consultation.

**ASK:** CYP Board is asked to continue promoting healthy schools programme, advocating for prevention in schools

**ASK:** CYP Board members are asked to email [healthy.schools@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:healthy.schools@bristol.gov.uk) if they would like to join the stakeholder network

**ASK:** CYP Board members are asked to continue encouraging schools to sign up to Bristol Pupil voice survey

The following questions were asked of the board:

- How can we encourage more schools to use the healthy schools offer?
- How can we increase the uptake of the mental health award and the bristol ideal award (whole school approach to health and wellbeing)

Of the 150 schools on our radar, 22 schools either have the award or working towards it.

**ACTION:** Healthy Schools team to provide a map so CYP board can see which schools have got the award and information to enable us to identify which schools need the awards most?

**ASK:** CYP Board asks if a letter can be sent to governors promoting the available programmes.

**ASK:** CYP Board asks if we can utilise the cohort of trainee teachers, inviting them to become champions early on in their careers.

**Goal 56: Citywide action to ensure the trauma informed practice model is embedded across all of Bristol's statutory organisations and trauma informed practice is commonplace (Jo Williams)**

Jo Williams took CYP board through adverse childhood experiences and trauma, explaining the evolution of language from ACE's to TIP – important to include the life course.

Personal experience combined with community experiences such as violence, poverty and discrimination – the collection of experiences during development can have a long and lasting adverse impact, limiting wellbeing.

JW explained the phases to Trauma Informed Practice – trauma-aware, trauma-sensitive, trauma-informed, trauma-responsive

JW took CYP board through the progress to date:

- BNSSG Trauma Informed Practice Framework 2024 and BNSSG Knowledge and Skills Framework 2022
- TIP Awareness and Recovery Training
- Over 690 members have joined the TIP Network since January 2023
- Information and resources page on the KBSP website

Trauma-informed BNSSG: A Pledge for partners – organisations/ organised groups can make the pledge to become trauma informed. Strategic partnerships can identify several actions and bring them back.

**ACTION:** CYP Board to make the pledge and identify several actions.

**ASK:** Organisations which make up CYP Board are asked to sign up to the pledge.

**OFFER:** All board members invited to 3-hour training session 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**OFFER:** Full day trauma awareness and recovery training available on 21<sup>st</sup> May and 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**ACTION:** City Office to circulate full details of the pledge

**Goal 57: Tackle child-on-child abuse, violence and discrimination by working with the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership to reduce youth violence (Olwen Kelly/ Geraldine Smyth)**

KBSP is responsible for strategic oversight of safeguarding systems for children, adults and local communities.

OK explained the most important area, when considering child-on-child abuse, is relationships (friendships inc), and mental health.

Pupil voice survey – for the first time, the survey will be including questions asking pupils about carrying weapons.

Statistics of secondary pupils rating their safety. If schools take part in the pupil voice survey, the data can be used to inform policy and practice, but also PHSE lessons they teach, directly responding to feedback.

KBSP has identified the need to prioritise youth violence. Within the strategic plan for 23-26, a piece of work is being led strategically by violence reduction partnership which sits beneath KPSB (safer options).

OK took CYP through the prevention and intervention elements of KBSP highlighting those which have been escalating following the recent incidences of serious youth violence.

**OFFER:** Is there anything the City Office can share regarding what is already happening in the city? What do the partners who have the resources, need to be doing?

**ASK:** CYP Board are asked for continued support and commitment to tackle serious youth violence.

**ASK:** CYP Board is asked to work with KBSP around awareness raising campaigns

**ASK:** CYP Board is asked to give KPSB access to their networks in order to continue identifying young people at risk

**OFFER:** CYP Board offers to link in with the Children and Young People Safeguarding board, collaborating on work programmes and making sure strategies are aligned and to commit to working together over the year ahead.

#### 6) Off The Record update (Adelaide Morgan)

**ACTION:** Add update to May's meeting

#### 7) Board Member updates

No updates were shared.

#### 8) Any Other Business

- a) Board Support Officer Vacancy - **ACTION:** BW to circulate job description with the board
- b) Appointment of Co-Chairs - Rachel Robinson and Emily Bailey to be appointed interim co-chairs pending full EOI process.
- c) Next CYP Board Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> May to be hosted by Creative Youth Network. **ACTION:** BW to bring forwards August's board meeting to July.
- d) Future agenda items and topics – **ASK:** Suggestions for future topics to be sent to [city.office@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:city.office@bristol.gov.uk)
- e) Future venues – **ASK:** If your organisation is able to host a future CYP board meeting, please contact [city.office@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:city.office@bristol.gov.uk)
- f) City Gathering – 8<sup>th</sup> March at Bristol Beacon
- g) Thank you to Amy Woodrow and CoB College for hosting the board meeting.