



Bristol One City Children & Young People’s Board

Date/time	Wednesday 22 nd January, 13:00 – 16:00pm
Location	Burges Salmon, One Glass Wharf, Bristol, BS2 0ZX
Co-chairs	Councillor Christine Townsend, Children and Young People Policy Committee Chair Rachel Robinson, Bristol Play and Youth Alliance
Attendees	Annabel McGregor (raised in Bristol), Beth Wilson (Wellspring), Catherine Howett (City of Bristol College), Chris Scriven (The Restore Trust), Beula Mccallah (Growing Futures), Dom Wood (1625), Hannah Woodhouse (BCC), Jamie Cameron (Burges Salmon), Mark Coates (Creative Youth Network), Nicole Briggs (We The Curious), Rachel Robinson (Bristol Play and Youth Alliance), Sally Melvin (Ablaze), Susan King (Bristol Free School), Vicks Hayward-Melen (ASP), Ellen Sheehey (Youth Council), Zaheer Shabir (Building the Bridge)
Apologies	Anne Wray (one Care), Emily Bailey (SBY), Fiona Tudge (BCC), John Simpson (Public Service at Heart Ltd), Lucinda Parr (UoB), Margaret Simmons-Bird, Massimo Bonaddio (PHAB), Ruth Pickersgill (BDEC), Vik Verma (BCC)
Observers	Claire Corrigan (BCC), Hannah Brooks (BCC), Judith Langdon (BCC), Liz Small (BCC), Annabel Wilson (University of Oxford)

ITEMS	
1) Welcome from Co-Chair (Cllr Christine Townsend, Chair of Children and Young People Policy Committee)	
<p>CCT welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>CCT noted apologies received from Anne Wray (one Care), Emily Bailey (SBY), John Simpson (Public Service at Heart Ltd), Lucinda Parr (UoB), Margaret Simmons-Bird, Massimo Bonaddio (PHAB), Ruth Pickersgill (BDEC)</p>	
2) Introduction from City Office (Judith Langdon, Head of City Office)	
<p>JL welcomed board members, new and returning.</p> <p>JL provided an overview of One City for those who couldn’t make the introductory webinar on 9th February.</p>	

JL provided the following One City updates following the recent Governance Board meeting:

- City Gathering – next City Gathering is being planned for late April, early May. Early suggestions are for a VCSE takeover with input from the Cultural Sector.
- One City Plan refresh – next iteration of the [One City Plan](#) is due in May.
- City Office restructure – The City Office team will be undergoing a restructure in the next few months due to changes in how the City Office is funded. Going forwards, One City is looking at diversifying its funding base, increasing its funders, and leveraging in funding for one-off pieces of work. As a result, this is Beth’s last meeting supporting CYP Board.
- Civic University Agreement (CUA) and City Office are in discussions re a retrospective piece of work which will evaluate the impact of One City.

3) Introduction to Board Members

Board members introduced themselves, answering the question ‘in the context of our priorities and goals for 2025, what contributions or expertise will you bring to the board?’.

Responses have been saved in a separate document – [CYP Board Members](#).

4) Children and Young People in Bristol (Hannah Woodhouse, Executive Director Children and Education)

HW provided an overview of the landscape for Children and Young People in Bristol:

- Bristol is a very young city, more so than other Core Cities (over 90,000 children under the age of 18, 19% of total population)
- 30% of children are Black, Asian or belong to Minority Ethnic Group
- 29% of children have free school meals
- 33% of children live in poverty (children living in poverty underperform compared to children living in poverty in other Core Cities).

HW shared BCC’s Vision ‘to eliminate inequality so that every child in Bristol has the best chance of living a safe and healthy life’. Priorities are:

- Better educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils
- Families are supported and strengthened
- Most vulnerable children and young people thrive in safety and stability
- Improved outcomes for young people with SEND

5) Introduction to Board Priorities – Teenagers, Workforce, Children in Care

RA set the scene for the board’s priorities, highlighting the considerable work which has taken place over the last few months shaping the future direction of the board, it’s purpose & function.

RA explained that the board has arrived at three priorities to focus its efforts on:

- Teenagers
- Workforce

- Children in Care

RA thanked those who have joined the working groups so far.

6) Children in Care (Liz Small, Corporate Parenting Manager – BCC)

LS introduced the board to Corporate Parenting and what that means. There are 1500 care-experienced children and young people for whom BCC plus key partners are acting as corporate parents. Corporate Parenting means holding these children in mind as if they were your own and be always asking yourself – would this be good enough for my child?

Why do we need a One City Approach?

- We need change – deep inequalities and disadvantage
- United vision – need to know where we are going and where we want to be
- It takes a village to raise a child... it takes a city to raise children in care

LS updated that Children in Care and Care Leavers is now a locally protected characteristic. This will enable us to begin to use local data so see where the inequalities are.

LS share the Corporate Parenting Strategy vision; it's priorities and principles.

LS invited CYP board to workshop the following four themes:

- EPIC
- Carers and workforce offer
- Celebrations
- Work experience opportunities

ACTION: If you would like to join this working group, please contact city.office@bristol.gov.uk

7) Teenagers and Workforce (Rachel Robinson, Co-Chair)

RA provided an overview of the aims of the Teenagers working group:

- Identify where work on attendance and exclusions is already happening
- Identify some of the most entrenched issues for marginalised and disproportionately affected children and young people so efforts can be focussed.

Next meeting: Thursday 13th February 10:30 – 12:00

RA provided an overview of the aims of the Workforce working group:

- The Civic University Agreement is hosting a workshop on 26th March following a request from CYP board, looking the key challenges the city is facing in recruitment, retention, and representation of CYP workforce
- The workshop is an opportunity to align work currently taking place across the city, avoid duplication and identify gaps we need to work on collectively and collaboratively.
- Lead for Bristol – a multidisciplinary focus on leadership in different sectors and disciplines.

Pre-meeting 1 – 23rd January 13:30 – 15:00

Pre-meeting 2 – 14th February 09:00 – 10:30

ACTION: If you would like to join either of these working groups, please contact city.office@bristol.gov.uk

8) Repair-Ed Project (Annabel Wilson, Research Fellow Department of Education – University of Oxford)

AW provided an overview of the Repair-Ed Project, and its aims to forge a collective sense of responsibility between those we connect with – inspire a belief that they are responsible for the education of all children in Bristol.

The headlines:

- Increase in competing for places at schools leading to an increase in inequalities
- Primary education is a predictor of secondary education
- Attainment reflects fulfilment
- Being a part of reimagining schooling and finding new ways of schooling will help issues of retainment, job satisfaction and wellness for staff as well as students.

The following discussion points were noted:

- Currently, this research is only for Bristol primary schools
- Regular updates will be available
- BCC to be involved – leadership in the city need to take ownership as part of the project. Reimagining needs the council/ the city.
- Resources are available to help children reimagine.
- Workshops are taking place at the end of February.

OFFER: ES offered for AS to come and talk to the youth council about their experiences at school. Safety is a primary concern.

9) AOB

The following AOB's were raised:

- Youth Voice Conference report is due to be released on Friday. **ACTION:** BW to share with CYP board when it is released. **ACTION:** CYP members are asked to think about what stands out for them within the report and 1 action they can take to help support young people's issues. **ACTION:** BW to add to CYP agenda for April's meeting.
- The next Area Youth Forum is taking place on 13th Feb. **ACTION:** Members of CYP board are asked to encourage young people they work with to attend.
- If you would like to contact the youth council, please ywparticipation@bristol.gov.uk
- RA thanked members for joining and contributing to a rich discussion.
- RA thanked BW for her efforts in supporting CYP over the last 2 years.