



Young Combined Authority

Young Combined Authority (YCA) Board update, July 2023

Update

It has been a busy few months for the YCA, the commonwealth games legacy team joined us at April's board meeting to explore opportunities to contribute to the Community Grants Fund. May's board meeting YCA members took the lead on beginning to plan the Mental health Youth Summit. Members have also taken part in Local Transport Plan Focus Groups.

New YCA Delivery Partner appointed.

Positive Youth Foundation have been appointed as the new delivery partner for the Youth Combined Authority. They are based in Coventry with a reach across the West Midlands and have worked in supporting Youth Voice for several years.

They are currently working with the existing YCA members to finalise a Recruitment Pack to attract young people to join our new and younger YCA cohort of 11–18-year-olds. This will include an application form and a social media package as well as videos and testimonials from existing members about their experiences and contributions as YCA members.

We are currently aiming to launch the recruitment pack at the Mental health Youth Summit, further details of this event are later in the report.



I'm excited to see the new direction PYF will support the YCA in taking- WMCA

Excited to work with Positive Youth Foundation, they seem like they know what they are talking about!- YCA member

Local Transport Plan Focus Groups

YCA members joined the transport team to explore the Local Transport Plans and the “Big 6 Moves, covering different moves of transport:

- Car
- Walk and Wheel
- Cycle and Scoot
- Fixed Public Transport and shared mobility

They then went onto to discuss the personal advantages and disadvantages of each.

YCA members highlighted the need for

- Better integrated ticketing options across bus and rail, good examples to emulate would be Amsterdam and Copenhagen.
- More consistency to concession eligibility as the age ranges vary across different modes of transport.
- Accessibility was a high priority, a good example is Walsall Bus Station, they have an audio jack port in the ticketing machine so visually impaired can hear.
- Demand Responsive Transport- Would be good if it was integrated into Google/Moovit, so when you search a journey, it comes up as an option and gives estimated cost.



Coming up: YCA/ FSPG Mental Health Youth Summit

The Youth Summit was on the Tuesday 11th July 5:30pm-8:00pm. Andy Street joined one of the youth-led workshops to hear young people sharing their lived experience of Mental Health. To find out more information about the event, please follow the link: [YCA & FSPG Mental Health Youth Summit Tickets, Tue 11 Jul 2023 at 17:30 | Eventbrite](#)

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