



Young Combined Authority

Round up of Young Combined Authority (YCA) Meetings, November & December 2019

Minutes from YCA Meeting, November 2019

The YCA's third meeting, Wednesday 13 November, featured a discussion with Tim Martin, Head of Governance for the WMCA, and a Q&A Session with the Mayor Andy Street.

Here is a link to members views on their third meeting and what they took away:

<https://twitter.com/wmyoungboard/status/1195424985612980226>

Item #1 Pre-election Period

The session kicked off with a discussion on the pre-election period with Tim Martin, following the announcement of the General Election and in preparation of the Mayoral Elections in May 2020.

The YCA were also given advice on how the pre-election period would affect them. They agreed an approach to using their platform to encourage voter registration in a politically neutral way.



Item #2 Q&A Session with Mayor Andy Street

Andy Street attended the session and provided an overview on his role as the Mayor of West Midlands, some of the opportunities available to members in relation to the YCA's chosen priority areas with an opportunity being given to the YCA members to question the Mayor.

The Mayor welcomed the YCA's views and involvement with the work being planned regarding the region's aims for reaching its target of net-zero emissions no later than 2041.

The key areas of discussion focused on the environmental impact of fast fashion, improving connectivity for the region, engaging inclusive communities with both the Commonwealth Games and Coventry City of Culture and the work being undertaken to tackle youth violence.

YCA member Ayan Aden's vlog calling for young people to register to vote has been watched 2.9k times! See it for yourself here: <https://twitter.com/wmyoungboard/status/1197913926245203969>

Minutes from YCA Meeting, December 2019

The YCA held its fourth and final meeting of the year on Wednesday 10 December. Following the announcement of a general election members participated in a workshop run by Dr Danny Fitzpatrick from Aston University.

The workshop provided an introduction to the concept of manifestos, considering their functions and intended audience, approaches to evaluating their content and issue ownership.

The YCA's next meeting (Wednesday 15 January) will also be led with Aston University, and build upon this workshop.



Instead of releasing a video round up of the meeting, YCA members agreed that – on the night before the General Election – a reminder to vote would be more powerful:

<https://twitter.com/wmyoungboard/status/1197913926245203969>

Recap of other YCA Activity

YCA's Youth Justice working group participated in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Youth Summit, 10 December. Emerson Hanslip (also a Youth PCC) presented!

Chris Burden and Ayan Aden gave inspiring presentations at the University of Birmingham's event on inclusive leadership, 3 December.

YCA members met with Jackie Homan, Head of Environment, on 8 January about WMCA's proposed strategy #WM2041 – and have offered to lead the conversation with young people in the region.

Dion Fathom is launching her 'Mindful Mondays' initiative on 3 February, 6pm at the Lighthouse, Wolverhampton: <https://twitter.com/MindfulMonday>



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- The YCA's next meeting is on Wednesday 15 January 2019.
- Tweet the YCA @wmyoungboard
- Or email us with any questions via Lucy.Gosling@wmca.org.uk