



Young Combined Authority

Round up of Young Combined Authority (YCA) activity, July 2020

Helping to inform the region's recovery from Covid-19

The Mayor, Andy Street, and Councillor Brigid Jones (WMCA Inclusive Communities Portfolio Lead) were invited to join the YCA's meeting on 24 June 2020 for a discussion about the impacts of the coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis on young people.

YCA members shared their views about the impact of Covid-19 on them and their hopes & concerns for the future.

The YCA were also asked to talk about their priorities for recovery in the West Midlands. These ideas have been shared with WMCA Officers and the Regional Recovery Co-ordination Group (RCG) to inform recovery planning.

Black Lives Matter

At WMCA Board on 5 June 2020, Eman Mowatt read out the YCA's statement on Black Lives Matter. You can read it here at:

<https://twitter.com/wmyoungboard/status/1268574932180652034>

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Last week we spoke to @andywm and @brigidjones about the impacts of the #coronavirus pandemic on young people and our thoughts on what the region should prioritise during recovery.

Read the thread  1/5

We spoke about our experiences... added anxieties  disruptions to learning & uncertainty for the future  feeling cut off without public transport  and knowing how disadvantaged communities are being hit the hardest.

... Sound familiar? 2/5

We also highlighted opportunities that have arisen. How our natural world is recovering & our air is cleaner  How many are finding a better balance between work & wellbeing  How this could be a chance to improve education and skills 

We shifted focus to the future. 3/5

We talked about hoping for a recovery that...

-  is green
-  boosts education, training and jobs
-  maximises on opportunities coming to the region
-  engages young people – gives us hope!
-  supports Mental Health and wellbeing
-  is inclusive

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Thank you @andywm and @brigidjones. It is so powerful to know that our voices are heard, and that our experiences and ideas will help to shape recovery in the West Midlands. We are excited to be #BuildingTheFuture together. 

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