



Young Combined Authority

Round up of Young Combined Authority (YCA) activity, August /September 2020

The YCA held its 12th monthly meeting on 19 August 2020, celebrating one year of the Young Combined Authority. The plan is to build on the YCA's successful start by moving forward as a:

YCA Board – which will work closely with the WMCA to help to inform policy development

YCA Community – a wider engagement panel (being developed).



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So year 1 of [@wmyoungboard](#) is over and what an incredible year it has been! It has been an incredible year working alongside other board members making a huge impact across our region! I can't wait to see what year 2 brings! [#RunYourRegion](#) [#YouthVoice](#) [#WestMidlands](#)

The YCA Board met on 2 September 2020 with two key items:

(1) Discussion on the Regional Recovery Narrative:

Siobhan Bassford (WMCA Public Affairs Lead) joined the session to ask for YCA feedback on the regional 'recovery narrative' that is being developed to create a shared story of how the region will recover from Covid-19. The YCA was broadly supportive of the key messages, held a question and answer, and suggested some tweaks.

(2) Discussion on shaping how the YCA Board will operate:

The YCA members discussed how they wanted to shape and run the YCA Board. They made a number of decisions including:

- To introduce a **Forward Planning** process (supported by WMCA Governance).
- To establish **co-chairs** for the YCA Board to enable more 'self-leadership'.
- To establish '**Lead**' roles aligned to **WMCA portfolio areas**, to build better links into WMCA policy development and political leadership.
- To review the **YCA Manifesto** (drafted in March 2020) in light of Covid-19.
- The YCA have also discussed **agreeing a 'deal' with the WMCA** to set out how it can support the YCA to make the most of opportunities to inform policy development.

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