



Young Combined Authority

Young Combined Authority (YCA) Board update, Summer 2021



Applications are open!

Applications are officially open for more young people to join the YCA Board and Community. We're looking for future leaders who can guide and challenge the decision-makers of today on regional issues such as skills, environment, transport and more. Anyone aged 16 to 25 years who lives in the West Midlands is welcome to apply. The deadline is Wednesday 29 September (midnight).

Apply via: <https://aspire4u.typeform.com/to/hY7aw6W0>

Find out more on the YCA's Twitter/ Instagram: @wmyoungboard

YCA's Annual Review (June)

We presented a 'YCA Annual Review' to the WMCA Board in June, to set out our achievements from the June 2020/21 year and our aims for the year ahead.

You can read the report online at:

<https://governance.wmca.org.uk/documents/s5539/Appendix.pdf>

YCA's support of the Race Equalities Taskforce (July)

YCA reps Olivia and Lily joined the WMCA Board meeting in July to share a statement of support for the proposal to establish a West Midlands Race Equalities Taskforce.

They pointed out that the meeting marked one year on from when the YCA presented its Letter on Black Lives Matter to the WMCA Board (2020) and said: "We are hopeful that this Race Equalities Taskforce will lead the way, break down barriers and make real change. We want it to build a movement for equality that we can feel a part of, supported by and inspired by. So, we urge the WMCA to be bold, to act with purpose and intent as the decisions which you are making will impact the young people of colour in this region for years to come."

The WMCA Board went on to endorse the establishment of the Taskforce, and we are keen to be updated on and support next steps.

Shaping the WMCA's plans for the next 3 years (August)

On 5 August, YCA Board members led an online event to give young people in the region a chance to shape the WMCA's plan for the next 3 years.

The event brought together members of the YCA Community and local youth councils with the Mayor of the West Midlands, Andy Street, and senior WMCA officers for a discussion about future work. Feedback from the event is being fed directly into the WMCA's planning process and will shape what the organisation does in the years ahead. **We'd like to say thank you to everyone who joined!**

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