



# Young Combined Authority

Young Combined Authority (YCA) update, December 2021 – January 2022

## Developing a YCA Charter

Following on from the induction of new members in November, the YCA Board agreed to focus its initial meetings on developing a new 'YCA Charter.' The Charter sets out how the YCA will work together as a team, and their expectations of each other, the WMCA and the independent delivery partner, Aspire4U.

Initial ideas were captured in a survey and the YCA Board meeting on 1 December 2021. A group of members then volunteered to draft the Charter, which was approved by the YCA Board on 5 January 2022.

We're not a tick box exercise! We're here for our ideas to shape real change, not just to be heard. It can't just be a listening exercise.

Diverse representation! We need to make sure that we REALLY represent and understand the young people we speak for.

## Transport Safety

At their January meeting the YCA Board was also joined by Helen Davies (TfWM) for a discussion about how transport can be made more safe for women and girls. YCA members shared their views and experiences, which will be fed into the final 'Transport Champions' recommendations.

This is only possible if you have that engagement with policy makers. Young people aren't always aware of opportunities to make an impact - so it's important that policy makers are proactive about engaging us.

## Looking ahead...

The next step for the YCA Board will be to decide their priorities for subgroups and agendas for future meetings.

I like the language of keeping the WMCA on their toes! Keeping the board effective and impactful needs to be central to our values!

But we need to be realistic, work towards achievable aims!

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Listening - making sure everyone is heard and no-one is left out.