

Children and Young People Network

Thursday 16 March, 2017 (10.50 - 13.00)

Hanover Room

Engagement and Empowerment in Practice – session notes

Welcome, introductions and Community Works update

Run through programme

“Hearing Voices across the Safeguarding Partnership”

A presentation from Brighton & Hove Local Safeguarding Children Board, followed by an opportunity for questions and answers.

- The presentation amongst others things covered the following:
- Factors contributing to abuse
- The perception of vulnerability. It was noted that there has been a change in language
- Increase in number of cases
- Preventative work
- The importance of conversation with young people

Reps Update

- Update on the cuts to youth service
- How our work influenced the outcome
- Opportunities for questions and answers

#save our youth services campaign

How do we share the learning from this campaign?

- Attend conferences
- Case studies
- Research/linking with the Community University Partnership

Campaign strengths

- Minority Labour administration
- Core group
- Well networked organisation – 11 organisations are part of the Youth Collective.
- Example of youth work
- Engaged and empowered young people - young people attended council committees and in doing so increased their understanding of the political and decision making process.
- Empowered young people - young people were at the centre of the campaign

Campaign weaknesses

- Lack of notice from the council in terms of when news of the proposed cut reached the youth organisations. Organisations were midway through the tender process when they received news of the proposed funding cuts.
- There is a chance that we could enter a situation whereby those who should the loudest and have the most effective campaigns are those who get heard by the council and media etc. There is concern that this could mean that those who are already disadvantaged and/or who have a higher level of need are further marginalised.