Overview & Scrutiny Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

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Young Hackney Youth Participation

Our participation programme encourages young people to become positively and actively involved in the wider community, which raises their aspirations, encourages active citizenship and leadership and supports transition to adulthood.

Young People can take part in youth forums, and stand for election to both Hackney and UK Parliaments. They are also encouraged to become active participants in service design, consultations, delivery of and review of CFS services offered by the council. They undertake peer led inspections of services and manage grant awards through the Hackney Youth Opportunity Fund.

The attached report is an overview of current Young Hackney Participation work. The report aims to highlight how the service is ensuring young people's voices are being heard and how the council responds to feedback from young people. This also includes the work of the Youth Parliament and its current campaign information.

The report highlights the need for young people to be included in council consultations from an early start of new projects.

The reports also suggests that the council and members could improve consultations by targeting young people who are directly affected by council decisions.