

AGENDA 13, ENC XI) ASHINGTON YOUTH GROUPS COLLABORATION MEETING

Terms of Reference

Ashington Youth Groups Collaboration Meeting

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to bring together representatives from youth groups and organisations in Ashington to explore opportunities for collaboration, discuss priorities and potential initiatives to benefit young people in the town, and work towards establishing a formal *Ashington Youth Forum*, publicise existing services for young people, and identify gaps in provision.

Participants

This meeting shall include a designated representative from each recognised youth group, club or organisation operating in Ashington that serves young people under the age of 25.

Roles

Chair (Town Council Member)

Report of meeting (Town Council Officer)

Objectives

Network and share information about existing youth programs and activities in Ashington.

Identify common goals, needs and challenges faced by local youth.

Discuss potential collaborative projects, events, or initiatives to address identified needs.

Discuss existing and potential barriers (e.g. staffing, volunteer support, training, accessibility/inclusion, funding, capacity, venues, etc.)

Publicise available services and programs for young people in Ashington.

Identify gaps in current provision of services/support for young people.

Agree on a process and timeline for establishing an Ashington Youth Forum with youth representatives.

First Agenda (example)

1. Opening remarks from meeting host (Ashington Town Council)
2. Introductions and overview of participating groups
3. Open discussion on local youth needs, challenges, and opportunities
4. Sharing information on current services/programs for young people
5. Identifying gaps in provision and potential barriers
6. Brainstorming potential collaborative projects and initiatives
7. Discussion of funding sources, volunteer needs, training, accessibility
8. Proposed structure and next steps for Ashington Youth Forum
9. Action items and date for follow-up meeting

Outcome

The intended outcome is a set of consensus action items, next steps, and a proposed plan to facilitate ongoing collaboration between local youth groups. This includes publicising existing services, identifying gaps, and addressing potential barriers to youth provision.

Additionally to agree a timeline and process for establishing an Ashington Youth Forum to allow direct input and engagement from the youth of Ashington.