

OYC Seasonal Recap

June, July, August & September 2023

What We've Been Doing

Downing Street: 14th of June 2023

Vice-chair Penelope Spencer-Simpson and Children in Care Council Representative Precious, travelled to **London** to meet with the **Children's Commissioner** from the **Department of Education**, following their motion to make **care-experience a protected characteristic** in March 2023.

It enabled them to engage with the national campaign in discussions with policy makers, including, delivering a petition at **No.10 Downing Street** to support the policy.



(L): Penelope, Precious, Debbie Abrahams MP and a few key figures posing in Westminster Hall



(R): Penelope, Precious and a few key figures outside 10 Downing Street.

Meeting: 14th of June 2023

In this meeting, youth councillors discussed the [overview and scrutiny panels](#) on [children & young people](#) and on [health](#). Youth councillors will be at these meetings to ensure that your views are conveyed.

We also begun [researching](#) our motion to Oldham Council on [vaping](#) (see slide 17), asking the council to write to government to [ban disposable vapes](#).

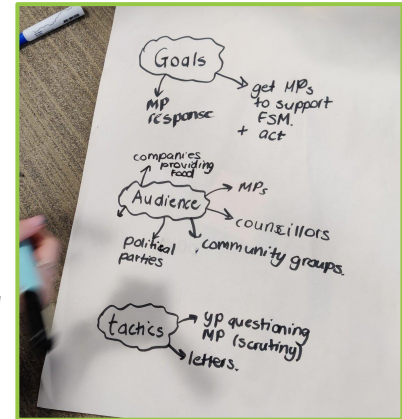
More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/06/14/oyc-meeting-minutes-14-06-2023/>

YouthForia: 24th of June 2023

Two youth councillors attended the YouthForia in Preston, to learn more about the Spill The Tea campaign (see slide 10) including skills on how to talk to the politician asking for them to support free school meals.

Workshops were also held on learning more about mental health, where issues may arise and potential coping strategies.

More: <https://x.com/premraghvani/status/1672539716581830657?s=20>



Example of ideas generated in the meeting on how to engage with the politician.

Meeting: 28th of June 2023

During this meeting, youth councillors discussed the **Oldham Pledge** and how it can be **adapted** to be more **prevalent** and **useful** with young people today. This includes improving the employability of young people, and improve their understanding of the world we live in.

We also discussed a **careers event** which was hosted on the 26th of September, allowing young people aged 14 to 25 to see what options they have after school, or what options they have if they would like to change careers.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/06/28/oyc-meeting-minutes-28-06-2023/>

Youth Mayor Making: 5th of July 2023

During this event, we saw **Charlotte Clasby** step up to the **Youth Mayor of Oldham** for the municipal year 2023-24.

We however did say farewell to the former Youth Mayor, Hamra Hanif-Ali during this event.

Charlotte Clasby (L), Youth Mayor (2023-24) with Hamra Hanif-Ali (R), Former Youth Mayor (2022-23)



Meeting: 12th of July 2023

At this meeting, youth councillors discussed the youth council as a whole and determine whether it is diverse, and what we can class as diverse. During this meeting, we also discussed our [current campaign](#) on [disposable vapes](#), including going through the data of a survey and campaigns which have happened in other boroughs.

During the meeting, there was also a motion delivered to Oldham Council. See the next slide.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/07/12/oyc-meeting-minutes-12-07-2023/>

Motion: Disposable Vape Ban

A motion was made to Oldham Council by us on the 12th of July 2023, asking the council to **write to government**, requesting for the **ban of disposable vapes**.

You can view the motion being delivered at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/uGr-MtVyhSw?feature=share&t=1211>

(Timestamp: 20 minutes & 11 seconds).

Spill The Tea: 14th of July 2023

On this day, the Members of Youth Parliaments, Prem Raghvani and Tom Penketh, **hosted a meeting** at North Chadderton School with **Jim McMahon**, the MP of Oldham West and Royton. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the **importance of universal free school meals** for all up to the age of 18, as part of the UK Youth Parliament campaign.



Tom Penketh MYP (L), Jim McMahon MP (C) & Prem Raghvani MYP (R)

Meeting: 26th of July 2023

At this meeting, youth councillors helped write a report for the **Making Your Mark Oldham** survey, which was conducted in **February**, including noting down **recommended action** and **further recommendations** for both the local and regional issues published. Additionally, the application process was reviewed for the new youth councillor elections, in preparation for the elections happening at the end of the year.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/07/27/oyc-meeting-minutes-26-07-2023/>

Super-Resi: 21st to 23rd of August 2023

The [Youth Voice Family](#) (Oldham Youth Council, Barrier Breakers, Children In Care Council & Youth Council Champions) had an [annual trip](#) to [develop teamwork, leadership](#) and genuine fun to bring us together. This year it took place at The Anderton Centre, Chorley and embraced various activities, including water sports, climbing and axe throwing.

*A group of young people
working together to move a
boat they are on*



Meeting: 6th of September 2023

This meeting we discussed the Annual Conference by UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) with the Members of Youth Parliament (MYP); resulting in the key solution is to provide free sanitary products in all schools.

Discussion of the **Mental Health Campaign** called “**Corners of the Mind**” aimed at Year 11-13 students to highlight **different ways to deal with exam stress**. This categorises into 4 key sections: social, mindful, creative & physical.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/09/06/oyc-meeting-minutes-06-09-2023/>

YouthForia: 9th of September 2023

This month's Youthforia focused on the **theme of 'Mental Health'**. This enabled young people across the North West a place to come together and **identify alternative ways** to **relieve stress** and **anxieties** in their lives. These activities included dodgeball, dance, quizzes and workshops directly lead by Youth Councils.

It allowed young people to network and discuss the key issues and stigmas around mental health; this supported ideas for our mental health campaign occurring in February/March.

What We'll Be Up To

Campaign on Mental Health

'Corners of the Mind' will be an [experience](#) offered to young people about to sit key exams (i.e. GCSEs & A-Levels) with [alternative ways to relieve stress](#) in their day-to-day lives.

The experience will be split into 4 sections: Social, Creative, Mindful & Physical to provide a [variety of activities](#) that would help release stress on young people in the [February/March](#).

Campaign on Smoking and Vaping

On the 12th of July, we submitted a motion asking for Oldham Council to request the government to [ban disposable vapes](#).

2 months later on the 11th of September, [a ban was announced](#).

This is good since disposable vapes cause issues, such as the plastic and batteries not being recycled, alongside the potential issue of it being worse than cigarettes. This is beneficial for both our health and our environment.

Please note that reusable vapes aren't banned.

Get Involved!

Elections

In December 2023, there will be elections held to elect new youth councillors, hence an opportunity for **you** to **join** the youth council!

Information will be sent out to schools and on our website within the months of October and November.

Improve This

Please don't hesitate to talk to a Youth Councillor at your school, if you want **more information** on these slideshows, any **additional resources**, or want to **get involved**.

Thank You.

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See You Again in January!

For a recap covering October, November and December!