

New Bury and Farnworth Youth Voice Session Thursday 23rd May 2024

Purpose

New Bury Youth Voice was set up in late 2023 to help support the Violence Reduction Partnership using the youth voice as a steering group for the priorities of the partners work.

With the Farnworth Long Term Plan consultations we opened the session up for any young people from Farnworth to attend.

The session opened with an explanation as to why we were here along with what the plan was for the session.

Attendees

10 young people attended between the ages of 10-17 coming mainly from New Bury and Highfield area.

Schools they attend are Harper Green, Mount St Josephs, Kearsley Academy, St James Primary School and Cherry Tree Primary School.

2 Directors from a new organisation just setting up called Impact The Youth attended. Making it known that they would like to open a youth club where the Shakespeare pub is and they have started enquiring about it.

What do we like about Farnworth?

Nothing to like about Farnworth and I don't like believe achieve because they cant do their job	Nothing I don't go out	I like that we have a good and big massive friend circle of 40 and it puts us down as we don't have anything to do	Tesco Meal Deals!
Nothing there is nothing to do	Boxing	Boxing	St James' Football
I like Tuesday Night Club and I like my house	I like the boxing club	Boxing!	

The discussions around what they like about Farnworth were very different amongst ages. The younger had more positivity and the older aged young people were more negative over all.

What do we think is wrong with Farnworth?

Dodgy Danny (sits outside home bargains)	People Harming the Community	The olders are getting bored and they get accused of anti social behaviour	Everything is boring and there is nothing to do
Smackhead Steve	Everything is wrong there is nothing to do, no youth clubs so people get into trouble	The vibe is boring	That there is people harming the community
Believe Achieve C.I.C.	Too many assemblies about knife crime	I hate school	
Everything	Not enough activities to do		

Discussions around what they don't like about Farnworth is that there is a lack of things to do and places for the 'olders' which from their perspective is around the 14+ age mark. They feel that they are accused of ASB too easily but think this would be tackled by opening a new youth club. This discussion led to there is no parks they can go to because they are then accused of ASB but there aren't any parks that they would like to visit as they don't really appeal to them.

Some had attended Believe Achieve C.I.C. in the past and their personal experiences and opinions have given them a negative perspective on the club.

Dodgy Danny and Smackhead Steve comments show a deeper meaning in poverty and potential drug issues in the area. They feel uncomfortable around home bargains which is where these people tend to be.

What would you like to see happen in the next 10 years?

They should make a motorbike trail close by for the people who like riding	Get rid of School	New Football Pitch, more shops and New Gyms	Farnworth is just plain and nothing for us olders to do. Turn the Shakespeare pub into a youth club	I would like to see new things open and more sporty stuff
I would like to see a big change and make homes better by Bolton Council	To have a cinema	I would like to see more places open for people to go instead of getting into trouble	Boxing supplies Shops, Cheaper things	Cinema so I don't have to go into Bolton
They should make a shopping centre instead of shops at a long Strip	Turn the Shakespeare pub into a youth Club	They should bring more football pitches up in highfield	They should start bringing more things around	More Clothes Shops

			highfield/New Bury	
More Boxing Clubs	More Boxing and supply shops	JD so I don't have to go to Bolton or Wigan		

Discussions around what the young people wanted to see happen were centred around a new youth club, having more safe spaces to go to and more sports facilities.

The youth club they want would have pool tables and potentially a music studio in it.

One discussion we had was about having a piece of land that could be used for motocross bikes which they would be allowed to use. They want to be able to use them but can't or get into trouble if they go to a field that it isn't permitted at.

What activities would you like to see in the near future, starting as early as June?

Basketball, rounders, Youth Club with a pool table, Dance classes, Music Studio, Gaming Club, Rugby or American Football, Esports, Trip to go paintballing?

We discussed what can be done quite quickly as the VRU partnership has a small pot set aside for the youth to try different activities. The discussion went well but with them undecided on what activities they would like to see happen first. However they did say they would be happy to see anything as long as it was something they could try.

Examples I gave to help them were what came out of previous sessions such as cooking club, Creative sessions such as film making or music, Art club which can be any type of art they choose

Discussed Plans for the next session Thursday 20th June and trip to Manchester Friday 30th August.

The group were happy with the location and would like the next session to be at New Bury UCAN again or at New Bury Community Learning Centre. Undecided on what food to have available but enjoyed the pizza. The same time and day is perfect for them.

We discussed a trip to Manchester at the end of August in which we will visit the GMCA offices have some lunch and do an activity. They are going to come with ideas to the next session.

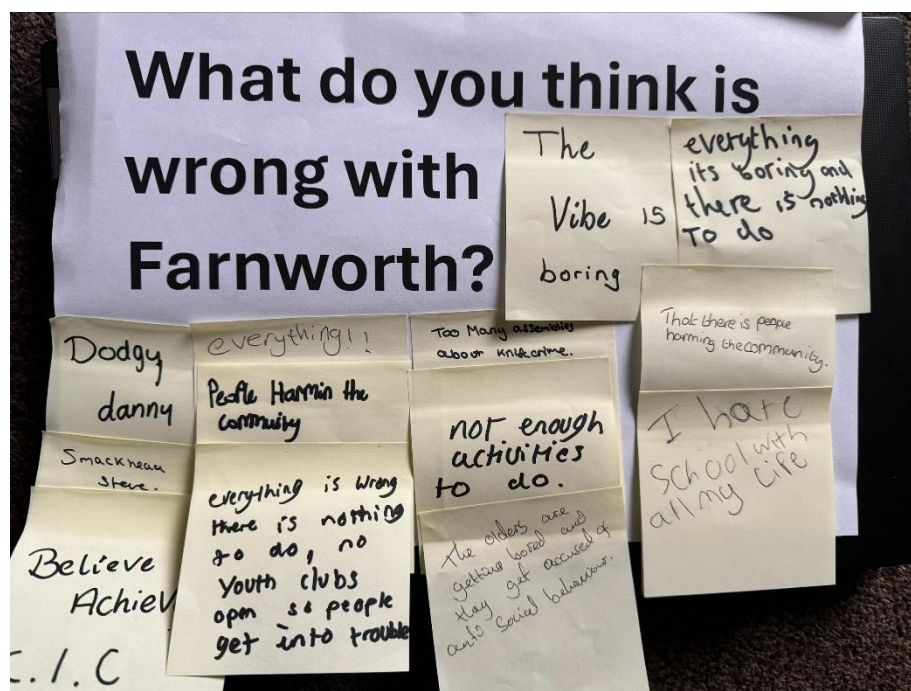
We also discussed the potential of a paintballing trip or something similar to put on for Young People from the area.

The group would like to set up Facebook, Instagram and TikTok to show what they are doing along with planning a social action project which they will decide upon the next session.

The young people have asked if they can set up a social media to show others what they are doing and planning and want to take on a youth led social action project.

Topics discussed to help with social action project planning:

- Next Youth Voice Session to be held Thursday 20th June 5pm-7pm**



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They should turn the
the Shakespeare pub into
a youth club managed
by Jack Worthen, Jacky
and Jack.

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Football pitches
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They should start
bringing more things
around Highfield/new
bus.

More clothes shops.

More boxing clubs

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