

Todmorden Together Group

13th June 2019

Present:

Jessica Clayton
Nadeem Mir
Andrew Langham Clarkson
Cllr Steve Sweeney
Kirsten Fussing
Cathy Sewell
Susy Thomas
Gill Shirt
Alyson Harvey
Claire Connolly
Sharon Pickles
Alice Coates
Shabina Mir
Adnan Ahmed

Apologies:

Diana Tremayne
Jon Hairsine
Julia Grieve
Jessica Clayton
Sail Suleman
Kathryn Heathcoat
Amanda Brown

1. Group welcomed and format for the meeting provided.
2. Last minutes were accepted.
3. Actions- 101 is difficult to get through on. 'Crimestoppers route of reporting highlighted'. Crimestoppers online is an excellent method of reporting.
4. Careers Presentation provided- which offered great insight into Post 16 destinations. NEET statistic shared. Gatsby Benchmarks were covered, and an overview of our activities was offered. A dedicated Careers Fair is scheduled for 8th July 2019. School have submitted a bid for £20000 to aid raising student aspirations. School trips can also encompass a workplace experience visit. Rob Stoakes presentation- CK careers sees students through from Year 7-11. Rob covered aspiration and progression. No NEET young people 2018. Track progress right through to 18, Alice highlighted the dangers for NEET i.e. one in six due in the next 10 years. Leigh Mcdermott presented "Careers education at Todmorden High School" this went out to question.
5. Police overview altered into relationships and collaboration. Police Cadets highlighted. B Doughty (police) said that Crimestoppers/Intelligent poster is intelligence and is authentic. It is absolutely anonymous, there are rewards given anonymously. Ben explained how sometimes the intelligence feed is lacking. Ben said intelligence comes from all schools in Calderdale. Calderdale Council are signed up to the INTELLIGENCE PORTAL. Alice asked if Bob can come and speak to students.

Police starting from scratch due to poor resources. All primaries get a PCSO. Want police to come to Careers fair and summer Ambition Roadshow- invited. Cadets in valley are underrepresented. The email was explained in that it was misrepresented Bob Saxon explained the timescale.

6. Ambition Roadshow Thursday 20th June 2019 4-7pm- timeline and overview of events and activities worked through, a detailed document refers. An allocation of the school's budget share refers. An indoor and outdoor plan is in place. Maps and signage will support. More communication promoting the event was felt to be welcome. Texts home. Headteacher's letter. Twitter. Website. Parent mail. Publicity to boost. Raising Aspirations in Community. Claire read the programme out. Ben may ask if positive action group can come. Shabina- voice and influence and which way up. Cathy said she had only seen it once on Headteacher's newsletter. Not had through ParentMail or Text. Not coming through from Parents' Evening. **ACTION: Claire to check if parents are getting the message from Primary School.**
7. Going forward- do we need a plan? What can we do to engage hard to reach parents? How can we change? What ideas can we move forward? How can we change perception? What are we doing to change perceptions? MRW- been to safeguarding conference. MRW wants to promote. Mental Health and Wellbeing. Engaging and empowering parents. Publicise what's available in Todmorden. Activities-meetings- a whole range of activities for parents. Youth club (Shabina) as a platform for SV for raising aspirations. Police will give representation on the meeting- they have got a role to play. Road Safety, Young Drivers, New Drivers. Road Safety Roadshow in Halifax Town Centre. Fatalities in the Tod Community. Targets those new drivers. Info on council website to bid for Road Safety partnership resources. Letter to come to Headteachers. Gill discussed some of the problems could spark problems. Hate crime is low in Todmorden/Upper Valley. One individual in Todmorden is a risk to community cohesion. Calderdale- Hate crime co-ordinator- can't attend 'out of hours' meetings but can come into school. **ACTION: invite HC coordinator in.**
8. General discussion- Raising Aspirations must remain the true focus and that momentum is maintained. A plan was felt to be supportive. What the group can do and offer was considered. Informal Youth Club was proposed, to feedback on the next session. **ACTION: Todmorden activities, clubs and part-times to be researched by SLT PA and a stand-out poster will be created for the next meeting.**

The next meeting will be in the new academic year- Wednesday 9th October 2019 5.30-7pm