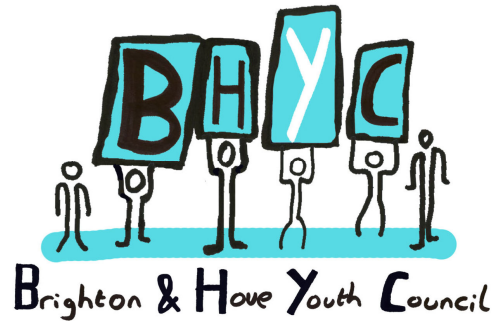


Brighton & Hove Youth Council

BHYC 08 -10 Update and Presentation

By Rose Suman and Priya Rogers

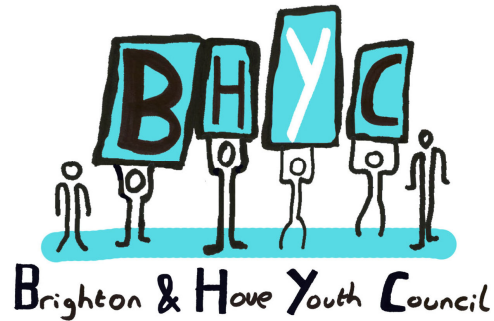


Why?

It's a way for the CYPT and BHCC to consult with children and young people on issues that affect them and their community

It allows young people to have their voice and opinions heard by key decision makers

It gives **all** young people an opportunity to experience democracy and see it in action



How?

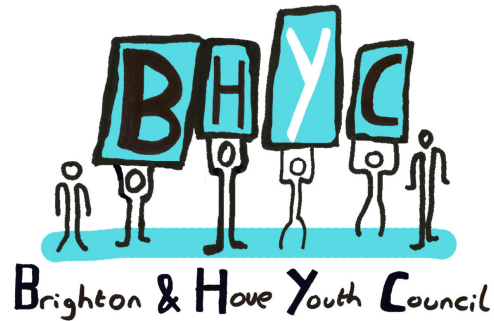


Began as a Steering Group in Nov 2002

1st BHYC elections in October 2006

Held 2nd elections in November 2008 and still in
Term of Office until 2010

UKYP member and deputy internally elected



Aims and challenges from last year

Set up young people's Cabinet to mirror BHCC

- Quarterly full cabinet meetings
- Monthly Youth Council meetings
- Fortnightly portfolio meetings

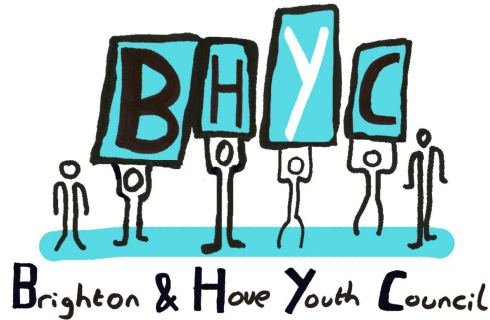


Source possible funding opportunities

- Received £2000 from YOF for the 3-in-1 campaign

Participate in more consultations, including those between the ages of 5-11

- Since September 2007 we have taken part in over 25 consultations, including the Hear by Right (HbR) event
- Facilitated Anti-bullying policy workshop with Healthy Schools



Aims and challenges from last year

Getting all schools to participate in elections

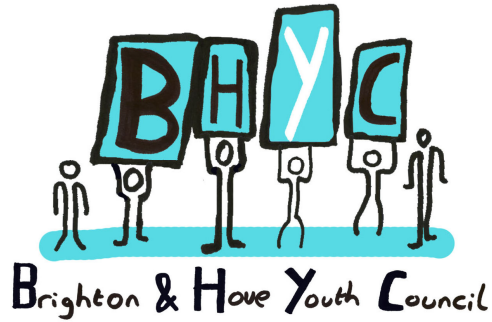
In the 1st elections only 6 secondary schools participated. The 2nd elections saw all secondary schools participating. A 50% increase

Plan a celebration night to celebrate the elections with new members

Newly elected members, Councillor Vanessa Brown, Steve Barton and CVS support workers all attended

Plan a residential for all new BHYC members

A residential was planned but we didn't have enough money to take over 50 new members away



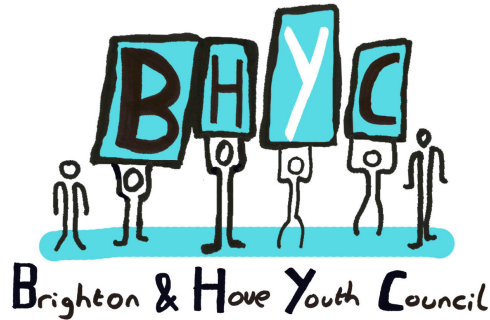
BHYC 08-10 Elections

2nd BHYC elections in November 2008

All secondary, independent and special schools and colleges took part and make up 50% of the BHYC
Other youth projects and community groups make up the other 50%

Over 50 members joined the Youth Council

Young people from different backgrounds across the city actively take part



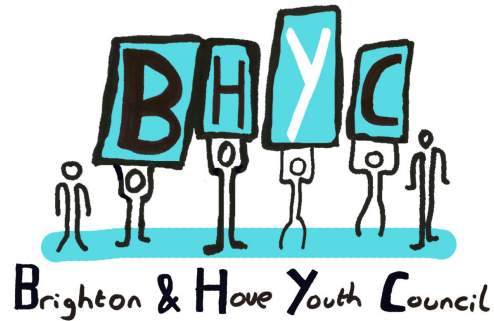
The First 6 Months with Decision Makers

Elected young people to sit on

1. CYPT
2. CYPOSC (rotating young people)
3. IYSS board
4. Various other opportunities as they arise, such as the Ad-hoc Alcohol Panel and Sustainable Communities Act Panel

Launch Day

- Councillor Anne Norman (now Mayor Norman)
- Steve Barton (BHCC Assistant Director)
- Superintendent Grenville Wilson from the Police
- representatives from the Bus Company
- Sharmini Williams & Nara Miranda (BHCC officers)



The First 6 Months: Campaigning

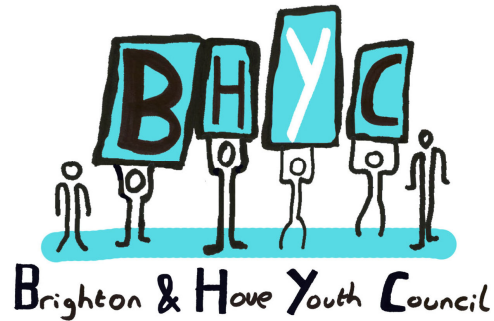
All campaigns (see handout) will be in the Manifesto

Secured £2000 YOF funding for Full Youth Council 3-in-1 discount card campaign to lobby goods, services and facilities for young people

Individual portfolio campaigns

UKYP local, regional & national campaign





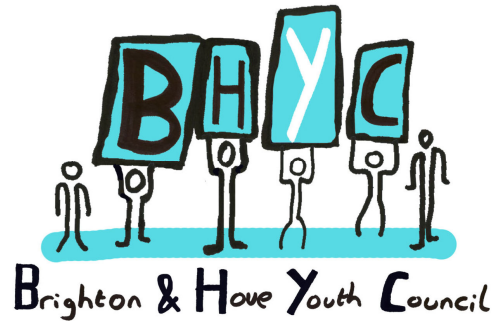
The First 6 Months: Improving Services

We have actively taken part in

Mystery Shopping Connexions+ centres across the city -
Connect4teen

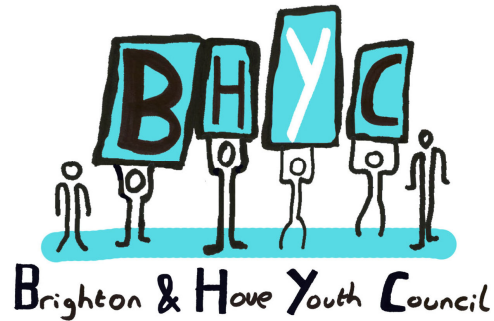
Teenage Pregnancy Leadership Conference

Various consultations, most recently the City Reading
Strategy 2009



The First 6 Months: Other Opportunities

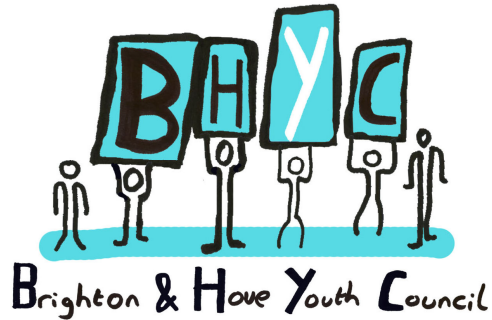
- Elected UKYP MYP and DMYP
- Achieved Accredited Training – Youth Achievement Award
- Attended the Shine debate in House of Lords
- Organised the Question Time Event with Democratic Services
- Attending the Labour Party Conference



The First 6 Months: Constitutional Changes

We have made changes to the BHYC constitution

- 'Top-up' elections every year
- 2 young people elected from the School Council and 2 young people elected from the wider school community
- 2 Year Term of Office for UKYP representatives
- To conduct consultation with children between the ages of 5-11 at least once every two years



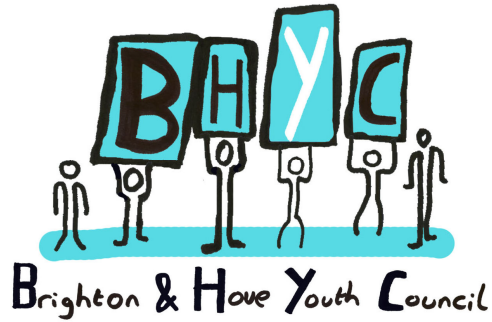
Funding: *Value for money*

DfES gave the Steering Group- £20,000 from Autumn '05 to Spring '07

YAP received just over £20,000 in first YOF round April '06

YAP received only £5,000 as a top-sliced lump-sum grant in April '08

BHVC received £2,000 in April '09 from YOF



Aims & Challenges

These are our on-going challenges

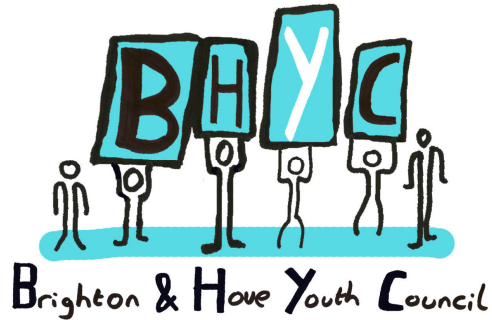
- Funding

“Securing on-going funding so that resources are in place to support young people in achieving change”

- Retaining young people in the Youth Council and maintaining school support for the Youth Council

“We need more fun opportunities as exam times are really busy because it can get really stressful”

- Making Democracy fun



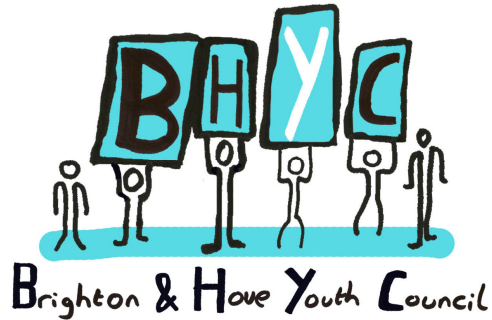
Aims & Challenges

- More paid service improvement opportunities like mystery shopping

“Really important that we get a say as we receive the services. We have done our bit, now it’s up to decision makers to listen to us”

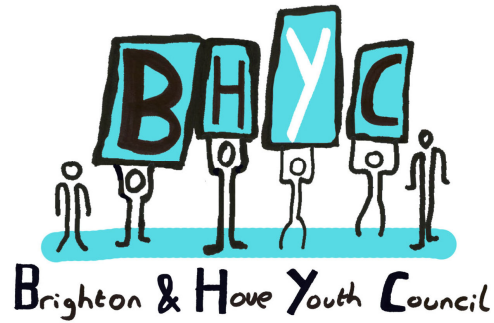
- Appropriately rewarding young people for their volunteering and dedication

“Because of a lack of funding we don’t get what we deserve at the end of it”



What's next?

- Hold Elections in October 2009
- *Get Involved Event* in November
Question Time chaired by ex-Youth Council member
- Participate in further training
Communications Training and Young People as Trainers
- Furthering Campaigns
Lobbying local services and shops



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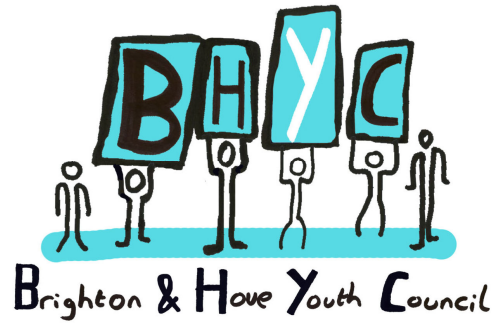
YOF/YCF

CYPT

BHCC

And most of all...

Young people of the city



Any Questions?

