



Transition Tattenhall - Update to Parish Council -January 2023

Young Peoples Project

As the Council will be aware there has been a longstanding wish to provide better services for children and young people. The initiative by the PC to establish a Youth Council was badly affected by the beginning of the pandemic and has not been sustainable.

Following a TT project development day a small group of volunteers agreed an initiative to seek to engage directly with young people. Transition Tattenhall sees community resilience as a key objective in preparing for the changes faced by both individuals and communities in the coming decades when the pressures of climate change, with its effect on economic and social life, will have the greatest impact. providing the access to a range of community facilities and activities is where some of this resilience will be created.

To this end we believe that the most important factor will be to engage with young people and empower them to lead the change necessary to ensure they receive the best support to manage these pressures. As the adults of our community we can have lots of ideas as to what best to provide; MUGA/Youth Club/Community Youth Cafe/Climate Justice Group etc but we need to be guided by the wishes, view and priorities they themselves identify. This is neither an easy or straight forward process and there a good many barriers to getting to the stage where projects can be developed in line with young people's ideas of what they most need.

It was identified at the community event that a series of pre-organised starter activities, which young people could attend would prove a draw and allow chat and ideas generation in a relaxed way. As of yet we haven't gathered enough volunteers to plan this activity. It may be that the idea chosen, making plastic bottle bricks didn't spark enough imaginations. We are currently reviewing this idea and considering others. We have learnt about the realistic capacity of professional partners and the need to inspire fellow adult citizens with free time from within the village to help drive any project forwards on behalf of our young people. We are currently considering how to do this around the theme of, belong to something important.

We are currently working on an engagement process where we can clarify what young people might themselves want as a priority to support them in their village. It may be that the best approach will be to engage with the youngest teenage groups to begin to support their aspirations.

We so far have a number of adults willing to collaborate on this initiative but as yet do not have the commitment of volunteer time and leadership to get this first phase off the ground. We are still continuing to work on a programme to attempt to engage with the different groups of young people that might want to participate . We also need as a priority to encourage younger adults and parents to provide the best approach to engaging young people through their own expertise.

If any councillors would like to participate in this work then we are keen to add to the collaboration between the existing youth organisations, the Library Service, Transition Tattenhall and the community of young people themselves.

If you are interested in becoming involved then please contact either Beth Barlow or Nick Benefield at Transition.Tattenhall@gmail.com

We will of course continue to keep the Council informed on progress and a comprehensive update on all projects will be tabled for the next PC in February.

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