



Young Flintshire Spring Meeting Summary 26/02/2026

Morning Workshops

North Wales Police Young Ambassadors Programme

Police officers and Young Ambassadors shared about the work the Police and Crime commissioner does, and the projects Young Ambassadors are involved in. To be a Young Ambassador you need to be 16 and 24-years-old and who live in North Wales. The role is to inform and support police on matters involving young people and have their say on policing and crime where they live.

There are training opportunities around confidence building, teamwork and leadership and the ambassadors will also gain valuable skills and experience which will be relevant and could be used as part of the Welsh Baccalaureate, as part of their CV or assist with applications to further or higher education. Young people are involved in scrutinising the use of police powers as well as complaints and incidents involving young people – providing feedback and making recommendations to North Wales Police.

If you are under 16 and interested in the programme do get in contact as there maybe other projects, you can be involved in ahead of the programme starting at 16 years of age.

The current priority areas are Mental Health and Drugs. Young Ambassadors developed Mental Health Z Cards that are available from Police officers and in hospitals for signposting support.

Actions: PPT resource and contact details to be shared with representatives. To find out more visit www.northwalespolice.co.uk

Senedd Elections

Senedd Education Officer led a workshop on the Senedd Elections: why it is important to vote and how to vote. This session, ahead of Welcome to your vote week, engaged members to go back to their settings to promote democracy and the upcoming themed week.

Welcome to Your Vote Week is an opportunity for those who work with young people to start a conversation about democracy and voting.

Actions: PPT resource to be shared with representatives. To find out more visit [Welcome to your vote week](#)

Climate Change & Healthy Travel Charter

An officer from the Climate Change Team presented an update on the Climate Change Strategy in response to all the involvement from Young Flintshire previously. The Wales Climate Week in November was a success and to build on this, a Youth Climate and Nature Summit are being planned for November 2026. Members gave ideas for what this event could involve and how to engage with Y7-Y10 learners.

Actions: Invitation for members to be on the summit task group to be shared.

Welsh in Education

An officer from the Welsh in Education team led an exploration session on the use of Welsh inside and outside school and youth settings. This exercise introduced the Welsh in Education Plan Forum (WESP). This group focuses on promoting Welsh medium education across the community. Representatives from Young Flintshire are invited to be on the WESP steering group.

Actions: Invitation for members to be on the WESP forum to be shared.

Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting took place after lunch and was chaired by a representative from Alun School and Elfed High School. Notes from the meeting below:

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Minutes & Actions from last meeting

Views and voice from the Youth Justice workshop have supported the action plan going forward around Serious Violence Duty. Progress has been made with the Belonging and Participation Strategies, to be discussed shortly as items. Wales Climate Week was launched across schools in November and was a success. Schools appreciated having daily focused activities to complete. Many secondary schools have been promoting the upcoming elections and holding workshops like this morning. WhatsApp community group is still being coordinated to putting place. An outstanding action is to have input from the Play team and Youth Service to explore creative and shared spaces across the county further, supporting our third priority.

3. Belonging Strategy

Education and Youth are developing a Belonging Strategy working with headteachers from across Flintshire schools. Many of you have been involved in focus group and developing the charter that you can see on the screen. On behalf of Young Flintshire, we would like to thank you for all the input that has gone into this charter. There will be a supporting document with this to support school communities. From the focus groups that have taken place with children and young people, key inputs include the words safe and connections. Connections have been identified as important to across the school community - learner to learner, learner to staff, learner to parent/carer, staff to parent/carer. Several school settings have been focusing on belonging through school priorities.

4. Participation Strategy

Along with the Belonging strategy there is another strategy underway. The Children and Young Peoples Participation Strategy which is proposed to be a council wide strategy. This strategy is to ensure that children and young people voices are heard and influence decisions that affect them. Thank you again to everyone who has been involved in the development of this during the Autumn term. Currently it is going through Governance and was presented to Cabinet on Monday.

As we know with policies and strategies, they can be long and it is helpful to have summary's, shorter versions to inform children and young people. A key action going forward will be developing a child friendly version during the remainder of the academic year. Members keen to be involved in the child friendly version raised their hands.

[Participation Strategy and Cabinet 23 02 2026](#)

Action: Members to support on the development of a child and young person friendly strategy.

5. . Happy, Healthy Safe Survey

Lead Play Officer and Youth Service Officer explained the development of the 3 Issues survey and how it has evolved into the healthy Happy Safe Survey. Wales was the first country to enshrine play in law. Play might seem like a childish word and young people may refer to it as hanging out. But, when we play sports, play gaming, this is play as well.

All local authorities have a statutory duty to support play as detailed in the Play Sufficiency Assessment. Lead Play Officers Role is to look at how all council services support play and impact on young people. An action plan is created that we can work against. Every three years the same questionnaire given to Year 5 and Year children and young people. But we still want everyone's thoughts and more regularly. So, the Youth council have developed key questions for 11–15-year-olds based on the play sufficiency, 5–11-year-olds will still use the same questions. Representatives are keen for the survey, to be launched March through to the end of April. A discussion developed onto access to play in schools' settings and identified as an area to also look at going forward. Having shared and creative spaces is priority three 2025-2026 for Young Flintshire.

Actions: When the survey is launched, to also be shared with representatives to promote. Explore play and shared spaces further in the summer meetings with the Paly team.

6. Health Advice and Signposting

Health Promoting Schools Officer is looking at health and sexual health signposting across settings. Representatives agreed there is no clear signage to local sexual health clinics and signposting to this would be helpful. The Ccard scheme is running in several schools and is fund to be helpful to young people.

Action: Health Promoting Schools Officer will explore this further in settings, to feedback in the summer meeting.

7. . Senedd Elections

Building on from this morning's workshop to promote registering to vote and support conversations around elections Health Promoting Schools and Youth Service Officers will be attending school lunch times in March and April with stands. Representatives happy to support the stands. Young people will be able to ask questions, register to vote on the spot or take away further information.

Actions: Representatives to support the stands in school settings and promote resources for election and [Welcome to your vote week](#).

8. Grand week in Wales

Since our Autumn meeting schools have received further information on this project. Several schools have already signed up – this could be a helpful item in your next school or youth forum meetings to explore. A Grand Week in Wales brings communities together, taking part in challenges based around 1000 (circumference of Wales) supporting several charities. The challenges can be supported by all settings or a challenge can be completed by a single setting. It could include, cycling 1000 miles, singing for 1000 minutes. An idea that has been put forward by Young Flintshire is to coordinate 1000 claps across Flintshire. A video to promote the project can be viewed [here](#). Representatives are keen for schools to get involved and think it is a great way to get school communities involved. A Young Flintshire challenge would be good too.

Action: School and youth packs to be sent to staff leads to share in forum meetings.

9. Monthly Workshops

To date the planned monthly workshops have taken place online rather than face to face. This model seems to work well. Representatives are keen for the online monthly workshops to continue online going forward as it reduces travel time before and after when they take place on a school day. Council officers have also been carrying out focus groups across school and youth settings to engage in project work and support school and youth forums. Representatives have noted the impact this has.

Action: Monthly workshops to be held online going forward. Young Flintshire Calendar to be updated and shared.

Next Meeting Date: 24th June 9.30am-2.15pm Lord Barry Jones Chambers, Ty Dewi Sant, Ewloe

