



# Young Flintshire

## Spring Meeting Summary

### 28/03/2025

#### Morning Workshops

##### North East Wales Archives: Creative Archives Project

North East Wales Archives (NEWA) was formed in April 2020 when Denbighshire Archives (Ruthin) and Flintshire Record Office (Hawarden) came together to offer a joint service. The team are responsible for collecting historical records relating to North East Wales, preserving them for future generations and making sure they're accessible. They hold a wide range of original records, from photographs to maps, letters, newspapers, diaries, police records, school records, records of estates such as Erddig in Wrexham.

With the success of receiving National Lottery Heritage Funds for a new purpose-built archive centre and the development of an exciting new Activity Plan NEWA are currently consulting with various groups to help structure the plan going forward. Young Flintshire gave advice on key stories to bring to life and what the new building could offer.

**Link:** <https://www.newa.wales/>

**Actions:** Sign post this resource through school communities. It can also be very helpful to subject areas.

##### Theatr Clwyd

As a result, to identifying a decline in creativity opportunities available to young people, Theatr Clwyd were invited to attend Young Flintshire to explain what Theatr Clwyd's purpose is, programmes from online and face to face. The organisation also coordinates a lot of creative projects across communities in Flintshire and are looking and developing all avenues further. The Chair of the Youth Advisory Board presented along with the Director of Music and engaged Young Flintshire representatives in creativity developing exercises. This session also links to the training Young Flintshire attended on place-based training. All of the community groups and activities Theatr Clwyd run are part of their Belong programme.

**Youth Advisory Board:** <https://www.theatrclwyd.com/youth-advisory-board>

**Take Part** - Belong groups and activities: <https://www.theatrclwyd.com/take-part/workshops>

**Actions:** YF Reps to promote events across school and young people settings. Arrange a visit to the new theatre for a tour. Explore the link between Theatre Clwyd and Place based learning further.

## **Council Plan**

Officers from the Council Plan Team shared the Mid Plan Review for the Council Plan. The Council Plan sets out the council's:

Direction      Aims      Priorities

Over a **5-year** period. The Council Plan is broken down into key sections with actions for each section to evidence how we are going to do, what we have set out to do. This session offered an opportunity for young people to prioritise areas and review the objectives for each one. There were a lot of examples put forward for how the council can meet the objectives identified.

There are 3 new priority areas:

**People** - Residents in Flintshire feel happy, safe and healthy

**Places** - Flintshire is a place where people want to live, visit and work

**Prosperity** - Flourishing communities and thriving businesses in Flintshire

**Actions:** Young Flintshire to promote the development of the Council Plan with their peers. Promoting the council and its services, literature is to be discussed further during the afternoon meeting.

## **Afternoon Meeting**

The Spring Meeting was chaired by two young people from Connah's Quay High School. Notes from the meeting below:

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

### **2. Minutes & Actions from last meeting**

Review of February workshops including a presentation from Children's Commissioners for Wales Team on UNCRC and Monthly Matters resource.  
<https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/resources/monthly-matters/>

Wrexham Civic Mission explored the theme Belonging contributing to the Missions year of belonging and the Flintshire County Council's Belonging Strategy. Sports Development team from Gwella explained about place-based approach where partners support communities in improving their areas and resources, working together. Miss Gray and young people from Maes Hyfryd led a Flintshire Logo development session, generating ideas.

### **3. Friendships & Bullying**

This topic was identified from the Autumn survey as a topic to focus on. The data from the county SHRN report was shared and discussed. Everyone agreed that the statistics reflected the current picture with friendships being difficult to rely on. Raising awareness on bullying is helpful but does not stop and never will stop all bullying. Tolerance and respect are key in the messaging around friendships and bullying. In schools, school libraries in a number of schools were given example as safe spaces alongside student support and staff that you trust, where often clubs are

based and social events. Lack of social events in local areas were raised as a contribution to the friendships and bullying data.

Community libraries were also explored to see if they model the school library approach, which some do.

**Actions:** Health Promoting Schools to gather community library approaches and explore linking Library staff leads to Young Flintshire and settings. School representatives to find out more about school libraries and feedback to the forum.

#### **4. Flintshire County Council Awareness**

As reflected in the Autumn survey, more communications aimed at young people from the council would be welcomed to promote what the council does. This was also discussed in the morning's session on the Council Plan. Social media was not identified as an effective approach to engaging with young people. The suggestion of using the communications within school was suggested and welcomed by everyone. This could be by the weekly bulletin, school emails, group tutor notices. This morning's council plan session was informative and listened to lots of idea young people had about the plan priorities.

**Action:** Health Promoting Schools to feedback this to the Communication Team and explore how this can get put in place.

#### **5. Young Flintshire Logo**

Miss Gray and young people from Maes Hyfryd gave an update on the Young Flintshire Logo, explaining the journey so far. Young people have developed an electronic draft of the logo based on the ideas generated in the February workshop by schools. The logo is based on the Flintshire logo share and includes group logos, Makaton, a megaphone, a map of Flintshire outline.

**Action:** Young Flintshire representatives and settings invited to give feedback and further design suggestions for the draft logo before the end of 11th April to submit to the graphics team. 3

#### **6. Period Proud Flintshire**

Health Promoting Schools updated on the period product provision, period friendly approach and Period Proud Peers project. As well as schools providing access to period products there has been an increase in community settings too. Branding has been adopted from the Period Proud Wales branding, with posters developed for the project and product locations. There are more community promotional events taking place including Reusable Period Products Parties. The home ordering of reusable products for young people is currently paused for a review of products and young people are invited to take part in focus groups. There have been two school focus groups so far with more planned to help develop a school period friendly approach. The same is happening with community. The Period Proud Peers model by Plan International UK was shared and signposted for schools and groups to get involved in if they would like too.

Period Proud Flintshire <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Period-Proud-Flintshire.aspx>

Plan International UK Period Proud Peers <https://plan-uk.org/become-period-proud-peer#signup>

**Action:** Young people to check posters are up in their settings and promote the Period Proud Peers Resource. If anyone would like to be involved with this county project further, please contact the Health Promoting Schools team.

## **7. Promoting the Welsh Language**

Youth Service presented 'Cymraeg bob dydd, Using Welsh everyday' resource that has been developed to support Youth group settings and Youth Council. It explores and promotes culture, what Cymraeg means. Attendees found this a helpful resource and requested it to be shared to attendees and settings.

**Actions:** Youth Service to share the electronic resource with Young Flintshire and schools. Young people to take a paper copy to settings and groups.

## **8. 3 Issues survey**

In Spring 2024 Youth Council led a 3 issues survey for all young people in Flintshire to identify the top three priorities. These were Education, Community and Mental health and wellbeing. These priorities were explored further in the Autumn survey led by Young Flintshire. Youth Council has released the 3 issues 2025 survey to see if the priorities have remained the same or changed. The Youth Council is also looking for more representatives. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KZHUNO/>

**Actions:** Young Flintshire representatives to promote the 3 issues survey with peers and the Youth Council opportunity. Share the Youth Council vacancies with peers.

## **9. Flintshire Schools Pride**

This year the event is taking place on 20th June at Flint High School 9.30am-2.15pm titled 'Just Be.' Further updates and details will be shared as the event gets closer. Everyone is welcome, 30 young people per school setting and Youth Council.

**Actions:** Representatives to share the date with peers and settings.

**AOB** No

## **Date of Next Events and Meetings:**

Out of school hours events during May & June - further communication to be shared.

**Summer Meeting** – Morning Session 9.30am-12.30pm Date & Venue to be confirmed