

**YLPN – Engaging Young People in their Environment
Minutes**

Monday 10th May 2010
City Hall
Chair – Deborah Grayson

Attendees:

Phillippa Gillespie	Wizz-kidz	Carl Clarke	London Youth
Divinia Hayes	WYWCA	Christopher Douglass	London Youth
David Bulmer	City Year London	Rebecca Palmer	GLA
Anne Mason	Children's Commissioner	Deborah Grayson	Climate Rush
	Association of Chief Police	Susi Farnworth	Y Gen
Reema Hundal	Officers (ACPO)		
Lucy Sandford	Partnership for Young London	Geraint Ellis	LILAC Project
	National Council for voluntary	Laura Gribbon	Wired 4 Music
	youth services		
Keji Okeowo	Young Minds	Jessica Bool	Three Wings Trust
Daryl Nicholas	A National Voice	Carl Clarke	London Youth
Ger Ellis			National Children's
		Liz Zachary	Bureau
Lucy Champion	Interact UK	Tamzyn French	Kinetia Bloco
Akosua Tseayo	Transport for London	Erin Wright	Young Minds
Trevor Nunn	London Youth		

Apologies

Adam Brown	Planning Aid for London
Sian Davies	Street Level UK
Anita Gee	Healthy Minds
Stephen Rigby	EVO

Item	
1	Welcome from Deborah Grayson, Chair
2	Envision – Patrick Taylor
4	Interact UK – Lucy Champion
5	Update from Ger Ellis from the Lilac Project
6	Update from Sue Wallace-Shaddad from the British Council
7	<p>Group Discussion 1</p> <p>The barriers and techniques for engaging young people in their environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Environmental issues are currently not so high up on the political agenda ▪ Climate change is just a theory and is not tangible ▪ Installing green technologies are expensive ▪ Who to work with on a local/ national and international level? ▪ Old generational views versus younger views ▪ Changing organisational culture through policy and staff training ▪ Ensure environmental projects are youth-led to secure their engagement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bring in people from countries directly effected by environmental changes ▪ 'Payback' scheme reduces the fear of crime from environmental initiatives ▪ Bringing different faiths together through environmental projects ▪ Building in environmental schemes into projects ▪ Tackle poverty by saving energy to save money ▪
8	<p>Group Discussion 2</p> <p>The wider political context for engaging young people in their environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Young People must be aware of the influence of the media ▪ We can help build empathy ▪ It doesn't matter if projects and campaigns fail, but they can evaluate progress in personal terms - we can get funding for this if we use the language of employability ▪ Integrate environmental policies/ initiatives into your organisation ▪ Avoid jargon and make environmental language accessible ▪ Avoid directing young people down a particular route or viewpoint let them decide and make their own choices on environmental issues ▪ We need to be willing to talk about controversial issues - teachers often avoid them as they don't have the skills to facilitate these discussions