

Learner Voice

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 19th October 2021 & Wednesday 20th October 2021

1. Welcome

Miss Macleod welcomes all learner voice representatives for volunteering themselves. ICHS is very happy for learner voice to be up and running again.

Pupils are made aware that they can make a real change in the school, this is not just to make small changes.

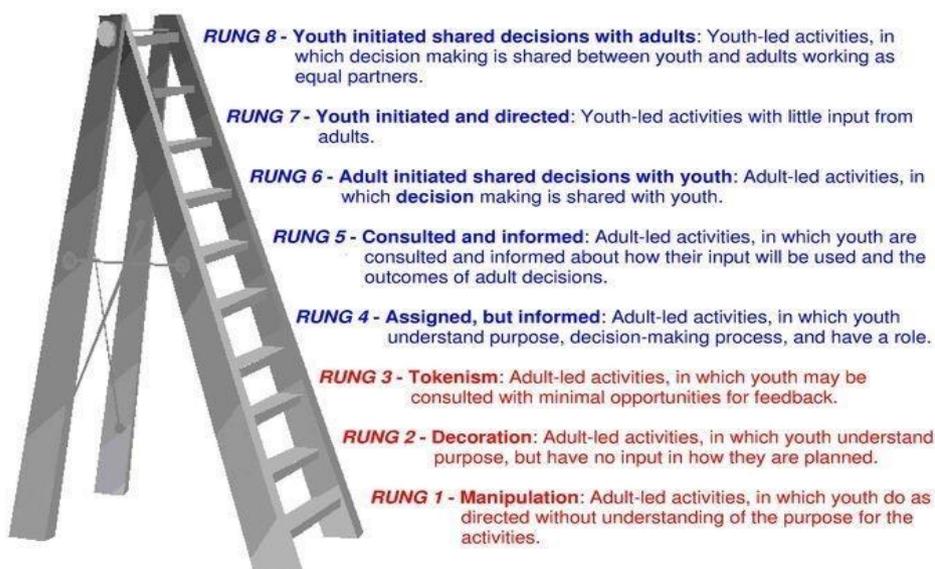
2. Rights Respecting School – Article 12

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/the-right-to-participation/#:~:text=The%20Right%20to%20Participation%20is,becoming%20a%20Rights%20Respecting%20School.&text=Article%2012%20says%20that%20every,views%20considered%20and%20taken%20seriously.>

Pupils were shown the UNICEF article 12. This shows pupils that they have the right to express their opinion and their participation is their right.

3. Ladder of Participation

ROGER HART'S LADDER OF PARTICIPATION



Adapted from Hart, R. (1992). Children's Participation from Tokenism to Citizenship. Florence: UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, as cited in www.freechild.org/ladder.htm

Pupils are briefly shown the ladder of participation. ICHS is striving for pupils voice to be heard and pupils can initiate change in the school.

4. Topic Ideas

Pupils had the opportunity to share their ideas. Some ideas that pupils shared were:

Arran House

Mental Health

- More family link workers
- More support workers
- Mental Health Supporters
- Teachers receive mental health training to support young people in the return of covid – educators should be learners. Learning about the mental health issues pupils are faced with. Being empathetic.
- Pupil mental health ambassadors – trustworthy pupils.

Curricular Development

- Developing skills for work – replacing wider achievement or ILP with a curriculum that teaches more about financial skills/CV writing. Taxes, mortgages etc.

Skye House

Curricular Options

- BSL

Canteen Options

- Healthy subs – Inveralmond Subs

Mental Health

- Wellbeing club
- Introduction of Mental Health Day, this could be an off-timetable event to promote pupil wellbeing.

Environment

- Too much single use plastic/waste in the canteen with plates. Reintroduce trays or more eco-friendly options.
- ECO group.

Tiree House

Curricular Development

- Adaptations to PSE or ILP curriculum to help prepare for adulthood. This could be more like life skills or adulthood scenarios. Pupils suggested:
 - o Financial situations – debt, how to deal with debt, mortgage, rent, taxes.
 - o Interview skills
 - o Career choices – pupils suggested a career fair. More career councillor appointments.
- BSL

Mentors

- Teacher pupil mentor system. Introducing teacher mentors to those pupils who feel they could benefit from them. This could help things such as attainment goals, mental health issues and career insights.

Mental Health

- S3 had a petition for increased mental health counselling in the school. Drop-in services could be an option.
- Greater awareness of places that can help pupils and their wellbeing.

5. Pupil Parliament

Pupils have been welcomed to join the first pupil parliament meeting on Wednesday 27th period 2.

The selected pupils for the first meeting are as follows:

Peyton Cavanagh 1A1
Natalie Gordon 5A2

Oscar Corbett 2S1

Brogan Saunders 6S2

Lachu Babu 2T1

Heather Dick 6T1