



<b>PROJECT:</b>	<b>SAYC</b>		
<b>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>Monthly meeting</b>		
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Committee Room 1</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>2nd February 2010</b>		
<b>MEETING TIME:</b>	<b>7 – 9.15pm</b>		
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<p>Abdullah Tahir, Henna Zia, Nicole Harding Dan Olive, Joe Gess, Angela Thick, Josh Molloy, Sam Potts,  Alex Ferguson and Robert Brown, Youth Connexions  <b>Visitor</b> – Tony Smith. Community Engagement Officer, Herts Police  <b>Apologies</b> –Dominique Smith, James Crossley, Ben Oppedjik, Jessica Cunliffe,  <b>Absent</b> - Elise Morgan, Tom Oakley</p>		
<b>AGENDA:</b>	<b>Agenda Led</b>	<b>Action Officer</b>	<b>Dead - line</b>
<b>Apologies and introductions</b> Apologies noted  Tony Smith introduced himself			



**Counter Terrorism /Radicalisation/ Violent Extremism**

Sgt Tony Smith, Community Engagement Officer, Herts Constabulary came to speak to the group about his role within the St Albans District under the Government initiated Prevent Strategy (*for more info Google 'prevent strategy' and numerous pages come up!*)

In brief

Counter terrorism; prevent violent extremism through community cohesion  
20k funding towards Mela 2009

Tony informed group that Mela will not be happening in 2010 but a Community Week is planned for a week in September being led by Leanne Douglas, Leisure Connections was leading on this. No debrief of Mela 2009.

Obtaining feedback from diverse range of groups; main focus young people as potentially the most susceptible and women's groups as tend to be 'in charge' within the home.

Looking for ideas to tackle extremism through promoting different cultures. Funding/organisation of events have included so far – part funding of Mela, creation of Somali association, Polish community group, providing IT training for BME group, Theatre productions in schools, Inter-faith week, cross faith event, Mayor's Faith at Home evening, plans for a debate at Verulam School.

**ALL**

The political education theme under discussion for SS10 is an event that he may be able to fund from the Stronger Communities working group.

Issues from Al Qaeda to far right organisations covered.

For information; a Markyate parish councillor who was elected as a Tory changed allegiance to the BNP two weeks after being elected. There is also a BNP candidate standing in London Colney.

Karen Summers is the County PSHE lead and has a DVD resource 'Watch Over Me' – AF to obtain resource.

**AF**

WRAP (Workshop raising awareness of Prevent) event planned – provisional dates 24.2, 8or 10 or 11.3 – all week days so youth councillors may not be able to attend if invited.

**Question for SAYC to consider: -**

**What could we do to prevent a young person from becoming vulnerable to violent extremism?**

**How can we raise awareness of issues and causes?**

**What causes grievances to become violent extremism?**

**How can it/they be prevented?**

Initial responses from youth councillors – to be discussed further at next meeting

Self fulfilling prophecy

Start with basics re democratic process, freedom of speech, education enabling people to make informed choices and work up to sharing understanding.

Issue to be on Agenda for next meeting to discuss SS10 primarily and links to Prevent agenda/possible funding.



Having done some further research, I have found that Camden Council banned the use of mosquitoes on council buildings but do not have the authority to ban private buildings/land using them - see below

**Responses from Executive Members  
To issues raised  
At Youth Question Time**

**13 October 2008**

**3. Camden's position on Mosquitoes [the high frequency dispersal devices that some shops and properties put outside to disperse young people.**

. Camden Council has not endorsed the use of these devices. They are indiscriminate in their approach – affecting young people whether or not they are engaged in antisocial behaviour – which is inconsistent with our successful, targeted approach.

We will not allow the use of “mosquito” devices on Council managed property and we will actively discourage their use across the borough. .

However, we do not have the power to ban the use of these devices – meaning that businesses and residents can still purchase and use “mosquito” devices on private land regardless of whether or not we agree.

The community safety team are working closely with the one business in Camden that we know has installed such a device, which has now been switched off, and we want to address their antisocial behaviour concerns in other ways. We are also taking legal advice about the powers available to us in relation to removing any devices put up on private land.

We thank the Youth Council for drawing this issue to our attention and we will continue to work closely together on this.

**AOB**

**Mela**

Youth councillors raised the question re the Mela – certificates, V Involved hours – no time to discuss tonight but will be on agenda for next meeting.

**V Involved**

Josh did not receive pack sent after last meeting – Alex to contact V Involved.

Papers re Pol Ed issue sent to youth councillors not at Jan meeting not received – Alex to send again ... AF thinks problems with post at this time!

**UKYP**

Voting numbers handed out to Youth Councillors to vote in 2010/11 elections

**Next meeting  
To be advised**