

Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum Event – The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and a RIGHT blether

Education, Children and Families Committee

15 March 2011

Purpose of report

- 1 This report updates members on the Youth Issues Forum event held on 27 November 2010.

Main report

- 2 On the 17 January 2011 the Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum Committee considered a report on the youth forum event on the theme of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and a RIGHT blether which was held on 27 November 2010.
- 3 The Committee agreed that the report should be referred to the meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee on 15 March 2011, with a request for representative young people to attend to speak on the matter.
- 4 The Edinburgh and National results of the RIGHT blether vote will also be presented at the committee meeting. These will not be available until after 7 March 2011 and will be circulated to Committee Members in advance of the meeting.

Financial Implications

- 5 None

Environmental Impact

- 6 There are no adverse environmental impacts arising from this report.

Recommendations

- 7 The Committee is asked to:
 - a) Note the success of the event and the issues raised.

Gillian Tee

Appendices	1. Report to the Edinburgh Youth Issues, 17 January 2011, "Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum Event – The UNCRC and a RIGHT blether".
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Wards affected	All
Single Outcome Agreement	National Outcome 4: Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens
Background Papers	

Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum Event – The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and ‘A RIGHT Blether’.

Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum

17 January 2011

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report to the committee on the Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum (EYIF) event that was held on 27 November 2010.

2 Main Report

- 2.1 The first Forum themed event was held on 27 November 2010 at Waverley Court. Fifty young people from across Edinburgh attended the event. The theme of the meeting was young people’s rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

- 2.2 The event programme; details of the event and evaluation can be found in Appendices 1-3.

A RIGHT Blether

- 2.3 Tam Baillie the Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People (SCCYP) attended the event and young people took part in ‘A RIGHT Blether Vote’. Young people across Scotland were invited to take part in this vote throughout November. Tam Baillie will use the results from the votes to plan his work for the next few years.

The results of the vote from the Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum can be found in Appendix 4.

UNCRC and Video Blogging Workshops

- 2.4 Young people took part in two workshops. The first workshop was on the theme of the UNCRC where participants discussed the articles of the Convention.

- 2.5 They then took part in video blogging workshops where each group made a short two minute film about young people’s rights. The themes of the videoblogs were:

- A right brilliant thing

- Tackling negative stereotypes
- Youth voice and participation
- Awareness of the UNCRC

Some of the completed video blogs will be shown at the committee meeting.

3 **Financial Implications**

3.1 None

4 **Environmental Impact**

4.1 None

5 **Recommendations**

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) Consider any further responses to the issues raised at the event
- b) Note the success of the event

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Appendices	Appendix 1: Event Programme Appendix 2: Event Description Appendix 3: Event Evaluation Appendix 4: The results of the Right Blether Vote
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Background Papers	None

Appendix 1: Event Programme



Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum
27th November, Waverley Court, 1pm-4.30pm
The United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)
A RIGHT Blether!

Young People Hosts: Billie and Jake

1.00pm	Arrival and lunch	Café area
1.30pm	Housekeeping and ice-breaker room	Main
1.40pm	Welcome by Councillor Beckett room	Main
1.45pm	Tam Baillie (SCCYP) room	Main
2.00pm	The Right Blether Vote room	Main
2.10pm	Intro to video-blogging room	Main
2.20pm	Ice-breaker and 'Getting to know the UNCRC' rooms	Group
2.50pm	Video blogging rooms	Group
4.20pm	Thanks and evaluation room	Main
4.30pm	Finish room	Main



Appendix 2: Event Description

What happened at the event?



The Edinburgh Youth Issues Forum event was held on Saturday 27 November 2010 at Waverley Court. The theme of the event was young people's rights and the UNCRC.

A planning group had been set up to plan and organise the event. This included young people and staff from Youngedinburgh and Community Learning and Development.

50 young people from across Edinburgh attended the event.

Adults who also attended included: Councillor David Beckett; Tam Baillie (Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People, SCCYP); Julie Degan-Wood, NHS; Naomi Danquah, UNICEF UK; Diana Dodd, Equalities Officer for Children and Families. The event was also supported by adult facilitators from Youngedinburgh and CLD.

The event began at 1pm with a buffet lunch. There were also cake and decorations to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the UNCRC.



Young people hosts, Billie and Jake, began the event by going over the housekeeping and agenda for the day. To get everyone energised they got everyone to take part in a game of Elves, Wizards and Giants.



The main event started with a welcome from Councillor David Beckett, Vice Convenor of the Education, Children and Families Committee. He then welcomed Tam Baillie, Scotland Commissioner for Children and Young People (SCCYP) to give a presentation about his role as commissioner and the UNCRC.



Tam invited all of the young people to take part in the RIGHT Blether Vote on the issues that matter to them. Young people across Scotland were invited to take part in this vote throughout November. Tam will then use these results to plan his work for the next few years.

The results of the vote can be seen in Appendix 4.



Young people were then assigned to workshop groups based on their neighbourhoods. In their first part of the workshop they took part in a workshop about the UNCRC discussing the articles of the Convention.

In the second part of the workshop they produced a video blog on the theme of young people's rights. The themes were:

- A Right Brilliant Thing
- Tackling negative stereotypes
- Youth voice and participation
- Awareness of the UNCRC



Before finishing for the day young people came together again for the thanks and evaluation. They also had the opportunity of viewing one of the groups completed video blogs.



Appendix 3: Event Evaluation

Evaluation responses:

	Yes	Maybe	No
Do you feel you learnt about the UNCRC today?	65%	33%	2%
Do you feel your views were listened today?	85%	11%	4%
Would you come along to another EYIF event?	80%	20%	0%

Did you enjoy the RIGHT Blether vote?

I thought it was.....

Really Good or Good - 87% Ok – 11% Poor or Really Poor -2%

Did you enjoy the video-blogging workshop?

I thought it was....

Really Good or Good - 89% Ok – 9% Poor or Really Poor -2%

What did you think of the venue?

I thought it was....

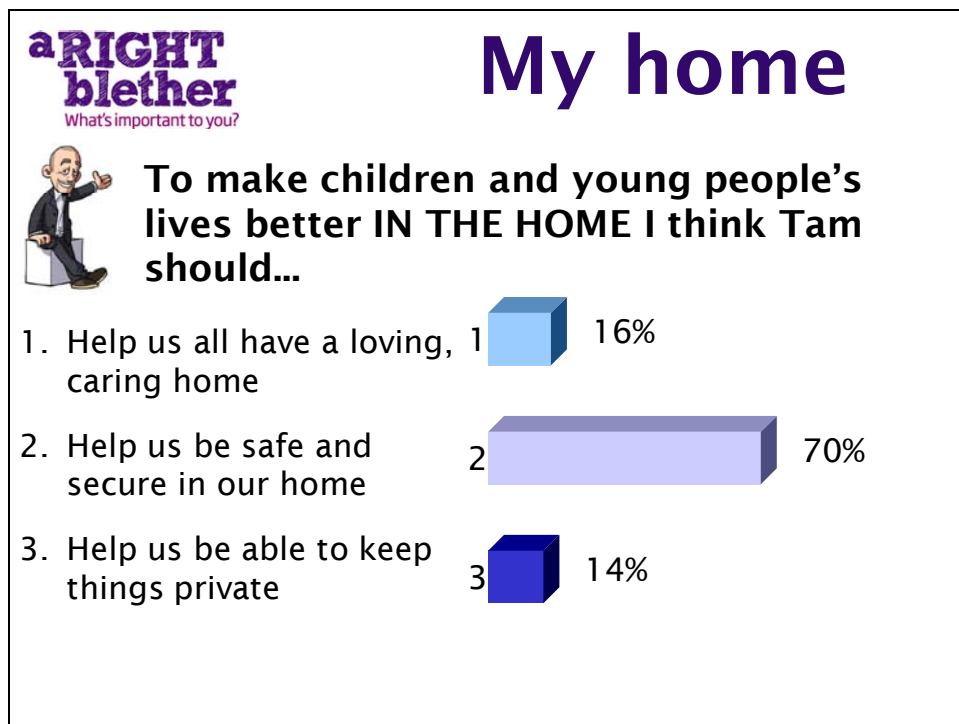
Really Good or Good - 90% Ok – 8% Poor or Really Poor -2%

What did you think of the food?

I thought it was....

Really Good or Good - 57% Ok – 17% Poor or Really Poor -26%

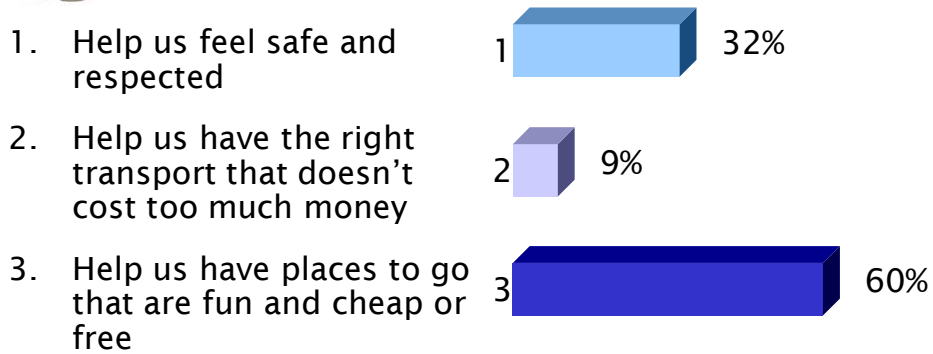
Appendix 4: The results of the RIGHT Blether vote



My community



To make children and young people's lives better IN THE COMMUNITY I think Tam should...



The country I live in Scotland



To make children and young people's lives better IN SCOTLAND I think Tam should...

