

Appendix 5 – Young people campaign

Details of the campaign to promote registration among young people involving the Young Mayor's Team and schools and colleges prior to the March meeting were brought to the attention of that meeting.

Since then the campaign has continued.

A second bout of two weeks work experience for approximately 30 students from local secondary schools has taken place. Those on work experience visited the town centres, Lewisham, Deptford, Forest Hill and Sydenham to give out leaflets and encourage people to register using the Samsung tablets. They also visited the Green Man and Catford Library, Downham Leisure Centre, Forest Hill Pools and Glassmill Leisure Centre.

They also visited these schools and sixth forms:

- Sedgehill School, registering students in the sixth form area and assembly
- Christ the King Aquinas, for a lunch time session registering students in the canteen
- Christ the King College, where the students set up a table with information and registered students, They also had a hustings events with candidates and had a lot of publicity about registering to vote
- At Lewisham College, they attended hustings and 2 voter registration days with the Student Union
- At Goldsmiths College, the young people set up three areas in the College with support from the Student Union, all day registering students
- Prendergast Hilly Fields College, the young people conducted an assembly and Q and A session for the sixth form plus registering students
- At Addey and Stanhope School, the young people attended the sixth form open evening, registering students at They also had a mock election
- At Deptford Green School, they carried out a campaign giving out leaflets and doing assemblies. They also carried out a mock election
- At Conisborough College, the young people created an assembly about the history of voting and why it is important to register to vote
- At Sydenham and Forest Hill Sixth Form, they did a workshop in tutor time and also organised a mock election

- At Haberdasher Askes Knights Academy, they ran a workshop for the sixth form about politics and registering to vote during their PHSE day
- At Drumbeat Sixth form – they conducted an Assembly and registered to vote

Others who attended the School Council meeting on registering to vote and developing a campaign included Bonus Pastor Catholic College, Trinity and St Matthew Academy.

The Council ran a competition which was launched to encourage schools to develop a campaign in schools or to add to the work they were already doing, see above, with a view to increasing voter registration. The result will be announced on 8 July when thanks will also be given to all participating schools for their enthusiasm and support.

This is not an exhaustive list as the young people in many instances followed through on their campaign in their own environment.