

Children and Young People Board 10 September 2013

Item 3

British Youth Council

Purpose of report

For Information.

Summary

The British Youth Council (BYC) is the National Youth Council of the UK. Their purpose is to get young people aged 25 and under to influence and inform the decisions that affect their lives. This is done through encouraging them to get involved in their communities and democracy locally, nationally and internationally, and become volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders.

Every local authority in England has some kind of youth council or young mayor overseeing local authority services. The LGA has engaged BYC in the Hidden Talents campaign, including a joint hosting of a Youth Summit where young people scrutinised the LGA's proposals for reducing youth disengagement.

David Clark Deputy CEO of the BYC will be speaking to the board on the current work of the charity especially looking at improving engagement between councils and youth organisations.

Recommendation

That the Board note the report.

Action

Officers to take action arising out any discussion, as directed by members.

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