

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Fiona Bruce MP for Congleton Constituency

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Fiona Bruce MP proposes Congleton Youth Committee joins the British Youth Council

Fiona Bruce MP met with members of the Congleton Youth Committee (CYC) at Congleton Town Hall this week to discuss broadening their role and impact across the Congleton community.

They talked about the importance of ensuring that every 18 year old registers on the Electoral Register to be sure that they can vote. Fiona Bruce informed the meeting that she will write to everyone in the Constituency on, or shortly after, their 18th birthday, which should also encourage this.

The Youth Committee confirmed that they will do all that they can within their school communities to highlight the importance of being involved in democracy and said that they felt that since the start of the CYC democratic involvement and debate amongst local young people of student age has improved - but there is still much to do amongst those in their mid to late 20s who were not in school when the Youth Committee was formed.

Fiona Bruce suggested that CYC becomes a Member of the British Youth Council (BYC), the National Youth Council of the UK, a network of over 620 Youth Councils and Committees across the country and CYC resolved to do so.

Fiona Bruce said:

“The benefit of being part of a nationwide organisation will enable Congleton Youth Committee to tap in to the support and ideas which such a wide network can offer. It will also give us the opportunity to develop relationships with other successful youth councils and to share discussions and solutions towards improving positive engagement by young people in our local community.”

I am full of admiration for the enthusiasm of our Youth Committee members – and am looking forward to welcoming them on a visit to the House of Commons in November.”

Linda Minshull, Congleton Town Council’s Youth Committee Coordinator said after the meeting with Fiona Bruce MP:

“It is great that we are able to work with Fiona on projects and we are looking forward to our visit to the Palace of Westminster in November”.

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