

**i.Voice**



**Chesterfield**

Report on the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of i.Voice  
Youth Council

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015

1<sup>st</sup> North Wingfield Scouts HQ



The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of i.Voice Youth Council for Chesterfield District Scouts was held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 1<sup>st</sup> North Wingfield Scouts HQ.

Our first meeting of 2015! And what a long way i.Voice has come over the past year in helping to shape the future of our Scouting adventure in Chesterfield. We have kick started our fundraising campaign in order to buy badges and Neckers (as you can see we are half way there already). The whole team would like to thank everyone who helped at the Bag Pack and Chocolate Tombola last month, we raised an amazing £448 and it could not have been done without you! Since the start of 2015, i.Voice and the Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council have been working with the UK Youth Commissioner Team in helping to shape the National Youth Council, with the county being well represented at the YouShape event held in London on 7<sup>th</sup> February. This brought together 200 likeminded Scouts/Explorers/Network and Leaders to help decide what the Council should focus on, who should be on it and how we can make Vision 2018 possible; this received a great response and #YouShape even trended on Twitter in the UK for a short time on the day!

Our main objectives for the meeting were to continue the great work of the previous Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council meeting in helping to plan a 14-18 Camp to be held in the County in 2016 as well as discussing ways in which i.Voice can help the District to achieve their development plan, following the highly successful County Conference held in Castleton the day previous to i.Voice. Closer to home, the members discussed the potential to run a Scouts Sports Day in 2016 in order to offer the Scouting section a greater variety of events to get involved with. As well as this we had a brainstorming session on 'Scouting in the Future' and what i.Voice can offer the District in order to meet Vision 2018 and become more Youth Led! From this we are beginning to develop some amazing plans for the future including a Media Training Day for the District, working in partnership with the District Youth Media Team.

The formal sessions were mixed up alongside exciting activities including Indoor Climbing (on North Wingfield's very own wall!), discussions based on the leadership of our movement and the provenance of Bear Grylls as both our Chief Scout and Figurehead, with his appointment now being extended until 2018! We even had our own Chocolate Millionaire, knowledge quiz where money is replaced with Chocolate.

We had 9 Councillors present at the meeting representing 6 out of the 16 Scout Troops in Chesterfield, we are still looking for members from a number of groups in Chesterfield, the Leadership Team encourage you to email them at [ivoiceryouthcouncil@live.com](mailto:ivoiceryouthcouncil@live.com) for more information regarding this amazing opportunity for our Scouts in Chesterfield

The leadership team would like to thank representatives from Derbyshire Scouts: Tom Stoddart, Kiron Griffin & James Stafford for supporting the group and presenting awards and Neckers as well as the continued support from the District Team and Leaders. Thank you also to 1<sup>st</sup> North Wingfield Scout Group for your amazing hospitality and providing an exciting Climbing Session.

# Summary of Sessions

## 'Just a minute' Icebreaker

As always to start the meeting, the group engaged in an icebreaker activity in which they had to talk about themselves, their Scouting and anything else they found interesting for a full minute without stopping (not as easy as it looks!). This hopefully helped to integrate our new members into the group as well as focus our existing members during the various discussion sessions we had during the day and create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

## Climbing



To start the day we had a really good climbing session on North Wingfield's very own climbing wall! This was something a bit different to our other meetings and is hopefully something we wish to do again to include adventurous activities into our i.Voice Meetings. Many thanks to Ash and Richard (1<sup>st</sup> North Wingfield) for providing this session for us and for the hospitality the group provided over the course of the day

## 'What I want from Scouting'

Running parallel to the climbing session, the members created an A4 poster/mind map of what they want to achieve in Scouting, through i.Voice or otherwise. This is important in brainstorming ideas of how we can successfully begin to shape the experiences of Young People in our District through i.Voice. This also helped to focus sessions later on in the day as we aimed to find solutions for some of the major issues that Young People believe restrict Scouting from becoming Youth Shaped in partnership with adults. From this came ideas such as being part of the National Youth Council, which the UK Youth Commissioner Team are well on the way to developing. We hope from initiatives such as i.Voice we can get Youth Shaped Scouting off the ground and practically integrated into Scouting.

## Fundraising

For our 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting we had chance to reflect on progress we have made on our fundraising in 2015! Following the previous meeting we have invested in our very own bright purple neckers which are presented to members of i.Voice after their second meeting, this not only helps to engage our members into a new group of Scouters but helps to create an identity for i.Voice, what we stand for and most importantly what we aim to achieve. These will be worn at District/County Events, i.Voice Meetings and any other time when we are helping to initiate Youth Shaped Scouting. Following on from this we are currently in the process of developing

our own badge for the members/leaders to wear on the uniform as well as providing a Social Activity for our members as a thank you for their hard work over the past year and a bit! Many thanks to everyone who has already helped us to fundraise in 2015 and we will keep you posted on any further opportunities.

### **Like or Dislike?**

The aim of this session was to establish what our members like about their Scouting currently and how we can ensure that these are continued/developed as a District to ensure that Young People can get the most out of their time in the Scouting movement. We also took this opportunity to address some of the issues that hinder people's experiences or prevent people's voices from being heard. We then came up with practical solutions that can be implemented by i.Voice into the District to help improve Scouting for the future. This was a highly interactive session with ideas first being 'snowballed' (which involved swapping ideas via air-mail) and then groups discussing the topics before coming up with ideas of how we can improve/continue certain things.

There was a wide variety of topics that were marked as being disliked in Scouting such as a lack of opportunities to meet with other sections and a negative image of Scouting amongst some young people.

We are still in the process of developing ideas of how we can tackle some of the issues raised, however, from this session we have proposed the idea of a **District Media Training Day** in either 2015/6 for Young People/Leaders/Volunteers to find out how they can utilise a valuable asset to improve the image of our Movement and to promote Scouting in Chesterfield. This will be hosted as an unofficial training provided by both the District and County Media Team, details will be released in due course. For more information email the District Media Team via **chesterfieldscoutsmedia@hotmail.com**

We would love to hear what you think about Scouting in Chesterfield. As we can only have a few Scouts/Explorers representing the views of each group it is important that anything we decide is beneficial to the whole District, if there is anything that you think we could address as a Youth Council then please feel free to email us at **ivoiceryouthcouncil@live.com**

### **14-17 Camp**

As a District Youth Council, representing the County at a local level, we have been asked by the ACC Young Leaders, James Stafford, to help shape a potential 14-17 Camp that will take place in 2017 at Drum Hill Scout Campsite, Little Eaton. As a group we came up with ideas for the theming, activities, length and name of the camp. This is an amazing opportunity for the members of i.Voice to shape Scouting on a county level

The main results of this session are as follows:

- Length – 5-7 Days
- Activities (*Onsite*) – County Activity Teams (Climbing/Shooting/Archery/Biking), Cave Maze, Zipline,
- Activities (*Offsite*) – Caving, Gliding, Hiking, Swimming, Walking,
- Evening Activities – Campfire, Talent Show, Open Air Cinema, Backwoods Cooking
- Theme – 'Splashzone', Vikings, Game of Thrones
- Name – Xplore, Explore 2017

Again we would love to hear your views on this, email us using the address above so we can help to influence a future camp for young people, by young people.

### **Chocolate Millionaire**

We took time out to play an exciting remake of the classic TV Gameshow, but this time with Chocolate! The i.Voice Members were tested on their local and general knowledge to climb the ladder and win the most chocolate possible!

We also played team games including rounders to separate the discussion sessions with a range of exciting activities for our members to take part in!

### **Scouting in the Future**

For this session the leaders were joined by Nominated Youth Representative (and Youth Council Leader) Kiron Griffin in an open discussion/debate on topics that were District/County and Nationally focused! The members were really engaged during this session as we covered how effective Bear Grylls has been in his tenure as our Chief Scout (And what more he can do now this has been extended until 2018) and how we can integrate the Alternative Scout Promise into the St George's Day Parade held annually in the District. We also touched upon how part of Vision 2018 is to increase Inclusivity within Scouts and how, as a District, we can become more open and adapt to the wide variety of cultural backgrounds our Young People come from. We discussed the provenance of local Community Projects within Scouting and how we can promote these across the District.

This focus has helped us set a vision for future meetings as we are now able to become more involved in decision-making in our District and we can have a real impact upon the future of our Scouting

### **District Scouts Sports Day**

We are very proud to say that after a year of i.Voice we are actively beginning to implement the ideas raised at our meetings into the District Calendar, with a Scouts Sports Day being something we've wanted since our first meeting in early 2014!

We are beginning to develop an Organising Committee for this District Event in 2016 and we will soon have a date ready for publication in next year's Diary, as well as a location and programme of events for the event. Watch this space....

### **Youth Shaped Derbyshire – County Conference/Youth Conference**

This session was presented by our ACC Young Leaders, James Stafford and District Network Representative, Ryan Cowell and was a follow up to the County Conference held in Castleton the day before our 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting. This was a great opportunity to share how far the County had come since the start of Vision 2018 and what more we can do to as a County and in each District individually to ensure that Scouting is moving in the right direction. At this point James shared with us the District Plan for Chesterfield and outlined a focus for the next 3 years on what more can be done to implement Youth Shaped Scouting and how i.Voice can help to impact the programme of activities in each group.

We also looked at some of the new material released by The Scout Association following their brand re-launch this year including a new system of reviewing a terms programme to see whether it is both balanced and exciting. These will be shared at the time of publish of this report to the contact affiliated to i.Voice in each group

We are also pleased to announce that i.Voice are taking a part in planning an upcoming Youth Conference in November 2015 at Trent College, Long Eaton with Matt & Izzie sitting on the planning committee and nominated i.Voice Members meeting on the day to help shape the next few years of Scouting in Derbyshire from the perspective of every section of our movement from Beavers to Network. We hope to let you know more about this in our next report.

## Presentations

Following our final session of the day, our members were presented with a certificate of achievement (and for returning members a Necker) by our County Commissioner, Tom Stoddart. This is in recognition of the hard work and dedication of all of our members over the past year and the skills they have achieved so far, being a part of a fantastic Youth Movement in Chesterfield.

Tom also congratulated 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton representative, Will Jenkinson, who has achieved his Gold Award for service to i.Voice, as he currently represents the group on the Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council, the tenth meeting being held a few weeks previous to i.Voice.

Special Thanks were also passed to Kayleigh Topliss, who also sits on the Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council, and has put a lot of time into helping to plan our 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting, delivering informative and interactive sessions and becoming a key part of the i.Voice Team

Since the meeting Will, alongside Matt & Izzie on the Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council, have had the privilege of meeting our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, as part of his 'Bear in the Air' Tour which travelled around the East Midlands on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Bear visited Gradbach Scout Camp in Buxton before dropping in to a Cub Funday at Lea Green Activity Centre, Matlock, where the Youth Council helped to act as a landing zone for Bear's Helicopter and as marshals when meeting the Cubs. This was a great privilege for i.Voice to attend and we hope to have more of our Young People experience these invaluable opportunities in the future.

## Photos from 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting



# Attendees

## Leaders & Facilitators

- Matt Swain – Canotila ESU/Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council
- Izzie Jinks – Canotila ESU/Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council
- Kayleigh Topliss – Canotila ESU/Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council

## Guests & Adult Helpers

- Tom Stoddart – County Commissioner, Derbyshire Scouts
- James Stafford – ACC Young Leaders, Derbyshire Scouts
- Glyn Jones – District Commissioner, Chesterfield District Scouts
- Ryan Cowell – District Youth Representative (Inspire Network)
- Kiron Griffin – Leader, Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council
- Sarah Jinks – Scout Leader, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Scouts
- Helen Swain – Assistant Scout Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Hasland Scouts

## Councillors

- Ivan Zailac – Canotila ESU
- Daniel Owen – Canotila ESU
- Gemma Hopkinson – 1<sup>st</sup> Calow
- Jack Ellis – 1<sup>st</sup> Calow
- William Jenkinson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton/Derbyshire Scouts Youth Council
- Elizabeth Wainwright – 1<sup>st</sup> North Wingfield
- Emily Fox – 1<sup>st</sup> North Wingfield
- Jordan Hartshorne – 1<sup>st</sup> Hasland
- Cameron Gee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wingerworth

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