

Pupil Voice- East Renfrewshire HSCP

Has being involved with Pupils Voices been of benefit? (To your school/pupils/own development)

- The pupils have really enjoyed being a part of the group and all say that they have found it engaging. They have also reported that they feel they are having an impact through the sessions and I would say their communication and interpersonal skills have improved as well. The impact on the school as a whole could be better though.
- Yes, this has been great for the pupils and the school. From this our pupils spoke at a whole staff meeting as well as feeding back the information to the Student Council and the Rights Respecting group. Our aim after this is to get all pupils involved to speak at year group assemblies and go out to the Primary's to lead a lesson on Respect.
- Pupil Voice has been extremely beneficial as it has given pupils an opportunity to open up about mental health issues. Hearing their point of views on what works well within schools and what doesn't will make it easier when planning future strategies. It has also been beneficial hearing different strategies used across East Ren and realising that each school has their own unique approach to this issue.

How would you describe communication from the officers at East Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and the Scottish Health Council? Is there anything that could make communication better?

- Communication has been really good overall – emails are very clear and the organisation has been great for the events, cutting my workload down when preparing. To communicate better, a more long-term plan and calendar of events would be good as this would mean we could plan things into the school diary/calendar earlier.
- Unfortunately I didn't attend this event but from the feedback I have received from the pupils they really enjoyed each aspect and thought it was a very worthwhile experience.
- The communication has been ideal and I could not add anything that could be improved. On occasions the taxi situation has been somewhat frustrating (visit to St Luke's waited well over an hour combined before/after). This clearly isn't the organisers fault but is something that could be improved to help the fluidity of meetings.

Have you been able to share the outputs from Pupil Voices with the schools Pupil Council (or equivalent) and/or the wider school? If so, please provide details.

- Pupils were updated through assemblies and through a newsletter that was shared with the whole school. I am not sure how much pupils know about the work of the group through these brief updates though, so this could be improved moving forward – particularly in terms of making the group's work more relatable to other young people.
- Yes, pupils who went to this event gave feedback via google classroom as well as speaking at both Student Council and Rights Respecting meetings. Our plan is to go through the resources within these groups and try to implement into our PSHE lessons or even the lesson we are going to deliver to the Primaries.

- Not as of yet, we at St Ninian's are waiting to host the event and will then start to develop a strategy to share the outputs to the whole school at council meetings, PSHE and assemblies.

Overall do you think there is anything that could be improved?

- I would like to see a wider range of pupils involved in the future. As it stands, it is mainly high attaining, affluent pupils who are taking part in the sessions, which gives a narrow range of views and opinions. Surveying more pupils, inviting more pupils to the events, or having more large group inputs like the one you carried out with our pupil parliament, would be great. It is very hard to control who is attending the sessions without an overview of all the schools and that makes it tricky to manage, but bringing Isobel Mair into the group was very positive.
- I'm not sure if there was a limit of pupils that we could take to the event but I think that bringing more and a wide range of year groups would be very beneficial.
- Just to ensure we are back in time for the afternoon classes, other than that it has been a very well organised and meaningful experience for all involved.