

## **WORLD CAFE WALLSEND – initial report**



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This is a brief summary document following the Wallsend World Cafe event held at Churchill Community College. A more detailed report, including photos, will be produced following the Easter holidays.

### **Background:**

This event presented a departure from previous formats in which young people have prepared questions on topics in advance. For this World Cafe Primary and Secondary schools were asked to nominate students to attend for a 2 hour session at which young people were presented on the day with 3 themes to discuss, challenge and influence.

27 young people attended, from a range of schools including local primaries and Churchill Community College, Burnside and St Thomas More. Also attending were a range of partners, theme leads and table facilitators including North Tyneside Public Health, Ballinger Trust, Family Gateway, Barnardo's, Newcastle University, Save the Children, WAFY, Young in Wallsend and the Wallsend Children's Community.

### **World Cafe:**

On the day students were designated a table. Each table had a facilitator. Over the two hours, 3 theme leads visited each of the three tables to discuss their theme topic. The topics were:

- 1. How do we get things right early (including play)**
- 2. A healthy area (including dentistry)**
- 3. Aspirations (Reach for the Stars)**

These themes were chosen to reflect the themes within the commissioning model of the WAFY BLF funding.

Each theme lead had 20 mins to use a series of visual prompts to gather some thoughts from young people on their topic area. Within the session, each table had a “wand” which was used as a way of asking less vocal young people what spell they would cast to make things better.

At the end of the session, it was agreed to produce a report and then have a further meeting in late June or early July to identify which of the actions were being progressed by partners within the Youth in Wallsend Group or Children’s Community.

### **What Young People said:**

I have captured some key comments from the three themes (please note “P” indicates the comments were made by Primary students –

#### **1. Getting things right early (Play)**

- Some parks don’t feel safe to be in after school (P)
- Can we have people to help us play in the parks safely ? (P)
- Can we close streets so we can play near our homes (P)
- Cafe in Richardson Dees closes early and we like to get food there (P)
- Would like more play time in school including play boxes and time with our teacher to play (P)
- Would love to have after school clubs about environment (P)
- Only play on Xbox because can’t always go out if weather is bad (P)

- Can we have more after school clubs and weekend clubs in the parks ?(P)
- Would be good to have more cafes in the parks so parents can talk when we play (P)
- Can older kids supervise or play with us in parks ? (P)
- Can smoking be banned in the park (P)
- More adults to help us play in parks (P)
- Can we have an APP for what's going on ?
- Can we get performers and more fun events going on with performers ?
- Ban alcohol and smoking in parks
- Can we reduce speed of cars ? Need more speed bumps
- Some play kit in the parks is damaged or rotten can it be fixed ?
- Lots of "lads" in skate park puts off girls going
- Can we have more adventurous things like ropes and climbing ?
- Posters don't work ! We use our phones to get things
- School council is "babyish" we want to know stuff through social media
- Youth gym just for us

#### **A healthy area (inc Dentistry):**

- Could we have health clubs and things in area as going to doctor is embarrassing
- People can be physically ill and mentally ill and we need things to help people
- Can we have health checks in school to make sure we are all OK ?
- Need to do more things to keep us active
- Bad foods are cheaper than the good ones. A burger is 99p chips 99p.
- Dentists are scary can they be nicer ? (P)
- Dentists are expensive so no one goes who is an adult so they don't take kids
- Can we have more counsellors to talk to ?
- Why don't dentists come to school instead of us going to them? (P)
- Teachers need to do more about health and sex education
- Can we have fruit free in school to get at breaks ?

- More hand sanitisers around school like in hospitals
- Why have the school nurses gone ? Hardly see them now
- Bad teeth are sign of bad health so why don't teachers help us to do something about it ?
- Can dentists have TV screens on ceiling so we can watch something when in chair ?
- Why does a parent need to be in room when the dentist sees me ?

### **Aspirations (Reach for the Stars):**

- Girls and Boys should be treated equal. Why does a girl get offered Health and Beauty and not a boy ?
- Can we get workers in to school to talk about their jobs and how much they get paid?
- Can we get Universities to come in and tell us about what they do ?
- Can we do businesses at school and make money ?
- Can we learn more about how much people get paid and their jobs ? Can real people come in to tell us ? (P)
- Can we have a Jobs App ?
- Can we get proper interviews with real employers to practise?
- Burnside Yr 11 didn't do Work Placements yet Churchill did. Why are we treated like this ?
- Can we do work experience in Yr 10 ?
- How do I get to work ? No one tells me about where all these places are
- Teachers aren't business people so why can't we get businesses in school instead ?
- Teachers sometime tell us what we can do but that's because they think we can't do other things
- Stop telling me if my exams are bad I will fail in life.
- Can we get "adopted" by a company so we can go around and see them and find out about work ?

STARTING RIGHT EARLY.

## Play

### Parks

Howdon park isn't as good as Richardson Dee's.

Doesn't feel as safe, must go with an adult.

Would like to see

Water

- pop up cafe
- get rid of the tunnel in Richardson Dee's park.
- Monkey Bars
- Organised Sports
- Roller Skating Area

Closing a Street to Play \*

Cafe in park closed to early

Howdon park has no food

### Play in Schools

#### Fun Box

Games on a Friday with Teachers / Hula Hooping.

No Swings / Slides

Access to The park (H.P.)

longer Play Time

## ASPIRATIONS

### ① Getting to do what you want

what we need to do it

- transport
- determination
- knowledge
- motivation

how we get there

- parents
- listen to yourself.

who helps?

- careers advice - all hand access
- Air cadets
- school productions

what to do?

- get to know you
- career advice in the lessons
- teaching life skills
- faces,
- things to relieve pressure
- teach about different jobs.
- stop shouting
- teachers focused on what you want rather than them
- listen to your opinion
- Stop telling you you will fail!
- teachers need to take time to help & understand

what we want

- law ent
- marine engineer
- medicine
- nursery teacher
- drama teacher/actress
- RAF engineer
- car mechanic

we aren't in control

+ people taking decisions for you

- parental pressure
- being told what to do
- sexism going on
- pressure at school?
- not many teachers we can trust to talk to.

## Health cont

### Health Dawn

How can we stay healthy?  
y.p. - eat the right foods.

- y.p. Exercise  
School Gym - Burnside.

- y.p. Setting goals (good mental health).
- y.p. outside of school - more sports for all abilities abilities.

Important that low cost or free (Exercise).

Why Do we need to brush teeth?

- y.p. prevent bacteria
- Visit dentists - don't mind going, it's ok - no bother.
- Other dentist - help with
- Parents help to advise + offer healthy foods getting into good habits.
- Can get a sweet tooth if offered early on.
- School nurse in primary gave guidance to how to brush your teeth properly + what to eat.
- y.p. brushes more than twice a day - Parents + adverts encourage to brush.

• Magic Wand - free dental care for those in need including free toothbrushes - ~~tooth paste~~

• More motivation for children + support for families to encourage - Adverts could help, Schools.

• Prompts for older y.p. could help if y.p. are not brushing regular.

• Could give rewards or games to make fun for young children to brush.

• Older y.p. know how to get help - see dentist.  
• y.p. could directly contact dentist.

