**East of England Young People’s forum**

**Thursday 25th January 2024**

**Meeting 2 – 13:30 – 14:30**

**In attendance**

Cambridgeshire

Luton

Suffolk

Essex

**Minutes**

Here we go again! Round 2 in round 2 of our **Voices of the East** meetings. It was great to see some different local areas attend and we kicked off with our quiz which included what area is bigger:

1. Essex
2. Norfolk
3. Cambridgeshire
4. Suffolk

After that and the excitement of the technology deciding to play up a little, we moved on to discuss how we could get more young people to these meetings. We had suggestions such as:

* Rewards (see the later list!)
* More quiz’s
* School v school games
* Some kind of performance
* Show + Tell
* A theme
* Get the Multi-Schools Mascot involved (Banjo)
* Encouragement
* Prizes
* Sweets
* Adverts explaining what we do

Ideas will be collected with the other groups meeting today too!

Next up we tried to do an interactive vote via polls on teams but again tech was not on our side so we just used the chat box! After giving the group the choices from our previous meeting **Friendships** was the most popular topic which means so far today **Friendships & Mental Health** have been the most popular so far so we will see what the rest of the group think.

After this was moved onto discussing good games or activities that local areas could use when they come together throughout February. Ideas included:

* A space theme
* Football
* Stuck in the mud
* Uno – Very popular!
* Connect 4
* Art
* Karaoke
* Chess
* Basketball
* Just Dance
* Mario racing
* Table Tennis
* Air Hockey
* Table Tennis

The ask across February that groups try and get together face to face, with a feedback form coming out soon for each local area.

Our final agenda item focused on ideas for rewards if people attend this group. The group would like things such as chocolate, hot chocolate, the opportunity to skip a lesson, teddies, biscuits, prizes, fiddle toys, a group trip, stickers, football.

**The next virtual meetings will be on the 28th of March**