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

**Wednesday 29th November**

**Meeting 2 – 10:00– 10:30**

**In attendance**

Essex

Norfolk

Suffolk

**Minutes**

More engagement this month with young people across a range of schools within these local areas. Great to have such a mix in ages too within this meeting with an infant school, junior schools, and secondary schools. After our introductions we moved straight on to asking for ideas on subjects this group should focus on:

* Being inclusive
* Kindness
* Masking
* Mental health
* Fun
* Friendships
* Resources to help young people
* Outdoor learning
* Young people taking breaks

Really great range of ideas from the group. This conversation seemed to really engage the group and helped us move onto naming the group. As always this included some fantastic suggestions:

* Children with voices
* Friendships
* Including everyone
* East of England inclusion
* Include East
* Inclusion voices

It’s great to hear from young people from so many different ages. There will be a vote going out to everyone soon. Our final agenda item was to discuss the format of these meetings and how they could be made better moving forwards. This generated a range of ideas:

* More meetings
* Longer meetings
* Picnics/getting outside
* Use art in the meetings
* Talk to other schools about joining this group
* Some opportunities to do meetings in person (with snacks!)
* Games
* Sign and sing
* More high schools and colleges

Really great to hear that this group want more meetings, showing that obviously creating this group is a good idea!