

KPS First Youth Forum - 12 September 2009

Feedback received from the participants - Comments

No	This is what I liked most about the Youth Forum	This is what I liked least about the Youth Forum	Sugestions for future improvement (e.g. format, location etc.)
1	I liked that it gave us the chance to find out about others in the samaj, those we wouldn't normally have the chance of getting to know. I also liked that the way it was organised meant that we all had a say and no-one was above another, and in that way everyones idea was heard and could be considered.	nothing	it should be planned throughout the day, so we get more time
2	Joining all the peices together in the end.	Lack of time - despite me having to leave quickly I dont think there was enough time to complete the session..	maybe plan a social event after the forum, like bowling or something to encourage a bit of team building..
3	Excellant opportunity to put our points forward and feel like we are making a contribution to the samaj.	N/A	N/A
4	I liked meeting new people on a smaller scale where we had no option but to interact with each other.	It went on just a little bit too long but I guess for the 1st meeting it was helpful.	Decrease the time it took.

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5	I think that the success of the forum lies in the open and honest group discussions, which were chaired very well.	<p>I do not think it is fair to expect everyone to have the confidence to speak up in group discussions.</p> <p>I was aware that some people present felt that their opinion weren't heard because either they were too shy to speak up or simply shouted down when they tried to speak up.</p> <p>Whilst this is bound to happen in big groups, there should be more alternative ways to contribute eg on slips of paper which can be read out.</p>	<p>Maybe sending out an agenda beforehand so that people can think about the questions that will be raised beforehand.</p> <p>I was very impressed with the forum and how it had been arranged and hopeful that changes in the samaj will be forthcoming.</p>
6	I was given the chance to talk to people i had always seen around but never talked to. It was nice to work together with these people and share ideas to make our samaj better for younger people.	.	It was difficult to hear some people talking when everyone was sitting in the middle so a smaller place would help.
7	Making a positive impact on the future of the younger Generation and actually doing something has made me feel proud and confident that we still have the unity and strength needed to make anything happen.	I think the only part I was a bit lost was if there was any decisions taken as to what we should be doing next or which direction we are heading next ?	All is good for me

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8	Layout of the day, smaller group discussions and then larger ones Meeting new people	No time allowed for personal views on other miscellaneous topics that were not in the itinerary Difficult to hear everyone when the large group discussions were taking place	More time for open air discussion to express any random queries/suggestions for the Samaj Perhaps a shorter lunch to cut down the length of the forum e.g 10.30am-2.30pm, to allow people to still have a free afternoon
9	The openness to our views and concerns in a friendly environment	most people still stayed with/talked to those they already knew during the breaks	more inter-mingling within groups
10	Meeting new people, discovering that there are many other young people interested in bettering the samaj	Can't really think of too much, I would have liked to meet more people on other tables.	I think we have to be careful in not having these too often otherwise people will lose interest. We have to follow up on the ideas we have come up with and set up the youth committee otherwise people will begin thinking its a lost cause.
11	An expression of youthful enthusiasm for our samaj, ideas from the past are redesigned for the now and the future so that the samaj can benefit. A wide range of topics covered. A snowball has been created, we are now just waiting for more snow !!!!!	lack of control in some discussions meant that submissive characters were unable to express thoughts and ideas as dominant characters tend to hold the floor.	focus on a particular project over a forum so that it can be implemented sooner. regular forums
12	N/A	N/A	N/A

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13	The process was thought out and working in small groups and then discussing in larger groups meant more was taken from the meeting. It was good that there were not as many adults and the programme was run primarily by the youth...	Not much to say on this as i felt it was well run, although i did feel that during the full group discussion, it was the same people piping up with suggestions and issues..this i felt tended to be the leaders rather than the other general attendees...	we some how need to incorporate the other areas...our hall is great local for the people taht live near by but perhaps we should have one the midlands...get different ideas from different areas...working in smaller groups worked well, i wouldn't change that, having regularly forums is definitely soemthing i think the committee should consider...
14	The fact that the samaj seem to be moving forward and taking this issue seriously, as before there was a lot of talk but no action.	Tried to cover to much too much in a short amount of time. As it would have been better to focus on one problem and then try to see it through to the end. Also we split up into groups to focus on 6 project the samaj could take forward, but we only had the chance to focus on one project and no inputs in to the others.	More meetings ie once every 2 months, varied location to keep it interesting and more focused meetings so that it will seem like things are moving forward. Also more feed back so that we are better informed.
15	Layout - discussions in smaller groups and then bigger ones Meeting new people	Difficult to hear everyone when discussing in the large circle	Maybe cut down on the lunch time to make it shorter e.g. 10.30am till 2.30pm, that way people can still make other plans in the afternoon. Have more time for raising any random queries/suggestions for the Samaj in the large group discussions

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16	IT WAS A CHANCE TO BE HEARD WITHOUT THE PRESSURES OF ELDERS AROUND AND HOLDING BACK AND CHANCE TO MEET AND TALK TO NEW PEOPLE.	THE LACK OF POWER OF SUCH A LARGE PART OF THE COMMUNITY GOING UNHEARD AND POWERLESS WAS CLEAR TIME TO SEE IF ANYTHING REALLY CHANGES	NOW WE HAVE PROJECTS IDEAS SEEING THEM HAPPEN AND NOT JUST FORGOTTEN MY THE ELDERS AND HAVE A BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE YOUTH COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP THE IDEAS, FROM THE TOTAL INCOME THE COMMUNITY GETS. AIM TO BECOME A COMMUNITY OF WHICH WE CAN BE PROUD, AND WANT THE YOUTH TO BECOME ACTIVE MEMBERS, HERE A QUESTION WHAT WOULD MAKE SOMEONE LIKE 'DAV PATEL' WANT TO BECOME A COMMITTEE MEMBER AND BE PROUD OF IT?
17	honest and open environment to express your opinion, and discuss further to produce positive ideas.	senior members of the samaj committee were not present the time from 11am-4pm was too long.	keep within 2-3 hours in length. send agenda to us in advance...the itinery sent was vague. regulators were not well informed or interactive with other youth members. in my group, we did not agree a group manager and it was not decided on the day.

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18	It was a great opportunity to express my ideas in an environment where i felt comfortable to do so. It also let everyone engage actively in all discussions making it more interactive and enjoyable as a joint group effort.	The beginning interviews to find the root causes of success was, in my opinion, not a worthwhile task. I felt more would have been gained if this time was spent developing ideas which had been considered during the various committee discussions.	The location was great but i strongly feel that another 1 or 2 of these forums must be held where members of the Samaj can take part in this if they missed out. The extra meetings are needed in order to formulate a Youth Committee and actually take action into developing the various ideas (such as the social nights and careers night networking). Without any more forums, the one held will go to waste and this would be a shame due to the great future projects we collectively brought to light.
19	I like the openness of everyone and how we got stuck into the issues tackling them head on.	There wasnt much discussion about what was going to happen after the meet.	Maybe hold it in a less formal location such as the bar upstairs??
20	Met a lot of new and very nice people Everyone was very open and relaxed. I believe a lot was achieved.	n/a	Need to also consider the views of individuals younger than 18 (potentially from 16 onwards). We should try and have an ice breaker in the beginning, where everyone is involved.
21	It was nice to meet new people and have a chance to put across ideas	That the turn out was still low	better marketing to let other youths more proactive

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22	I like the fact that we were given a chance to express their ideas and that their ideas were actually given thought to, not just dismissed. Also what was really good was that we were given a chance to get to know one another, we got to talk to people who we wouldn't have talked to usually.	The fact it was a bit too long.	Maybe shorten the forum, because the one we just had was a bit too long.
23	Meeting & engaging with people that i might not have if something like this wasn't setup.	Nothing...I found the whole experience extremely rewarding	I suggest once the formalities of the forum are complete that we all do something (i.e. go to the pub or out for dinner,etc)
24	youth forum is great step forward for KPS Community...as current youth will be an adult member of this community in future so whatever help and support is been given or used by youth forum today will be helpful to themselves in future. Also it narrow the communication and understanding gap between adult members and youth member of KPS Community.	not enough member came in to this event !!	not sure how but should add bit of entertainment prospective in future event as well, because only discussions and talks in group can bore some youth member or they might dont bother to join for next time....!!
25	Good ideas came from it, Everyone had the chance to express thier view, Good Food	Felt it was a bit too long	-
26	smaller group discussions, lunch,name tags,	perhaps not enough time for the smaller group discussions,	do the smaller group interview, then swap groups and do it again (maybe different interview questions) this way we get to interact with a greater number of different people,more time for group discussions,

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27	The forum was a good event to meet young people in the samaj. It was also a good chance to hear the thought of the youth of the samaj. I found that many of the young people of my age had thoughts similar to mine and found a general consensus that people did want to meet up more often and use this netowkr wisely. There were also a lot of new thoughts of what we go do in gatherings.	I thought this event was a bit long however I do understand that as it was the first event this was the case. I found that not many people volunteered for the projects so it may be a better idea to just go ahead with a couple of ideas to get the ball rolling.	For the next event we now have a lot of ideas so it would be good to start organising some of these events to see a real improvement in the amount of events we have for the young community. The location, food and organisation was really good.
28	I believe that it was a very good Youth Forum and helped bring alot a good ideas, which we now need to take further and make them happen. I previosly was part of the Youth Organisation and many ideas were very similar but never got implented in the future.. Nice to meet people who I have not met for a long time..	I was disappointed to see how many people had left around lunchtime.. Too long and needs to be far shorter..	I do believe that we should may be keep it in the evening on weekday or weekend and for a much less time as I thought this was too long and needed it to be shorter..
29	the fact that i got to meet new people who i wouldnt normally have gone up to and talked to	some ideas were aimed at a specific age group of 18+ , whereas opportunities should be available to even those of ages 16; such as myself	none really- it was all well thought out
30	it was a good idea as it was thr first of its kind in our community. The turn out was really good as well.	it was slightly too long.	we could rotate groups during the time so people meet different people.