



Surrey Youth Advisory Committee

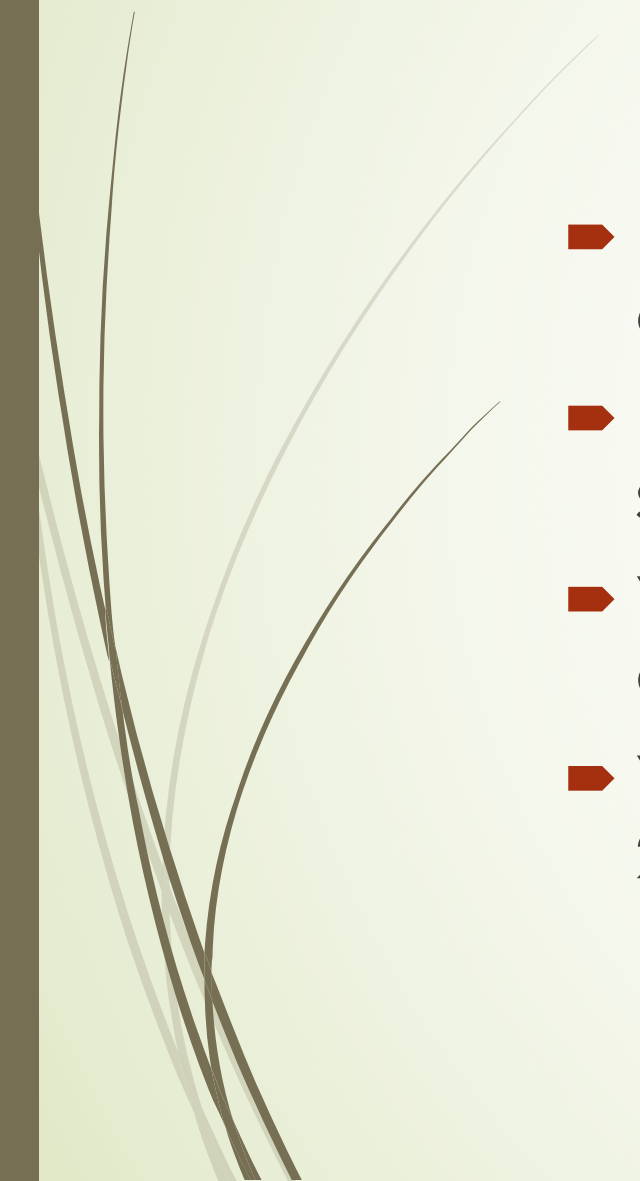


History

- 2016 SPRC ran a series of workshops called “Connecting Community to Surrey Youth in Care” came up with top priorities for youth aging out of care:
 - More opportunities / "breaks" (internships, co-ops, etc) for youth
 - Jobs/ Internships for youth aging out of care
 - More mental health support
 - Driver's education classes
 - Support workers post-19
 - Affordable Housing
 - Community Hub of resources



Phase 2

- Recruit youth with government care experience and create YAC
 - Focus on the development of strong youth leadership skills
 - Youth leaders to host a retreat in fall of 2017 and plan additional events
 - Youth leaders to be involved in working groups, start of 2018
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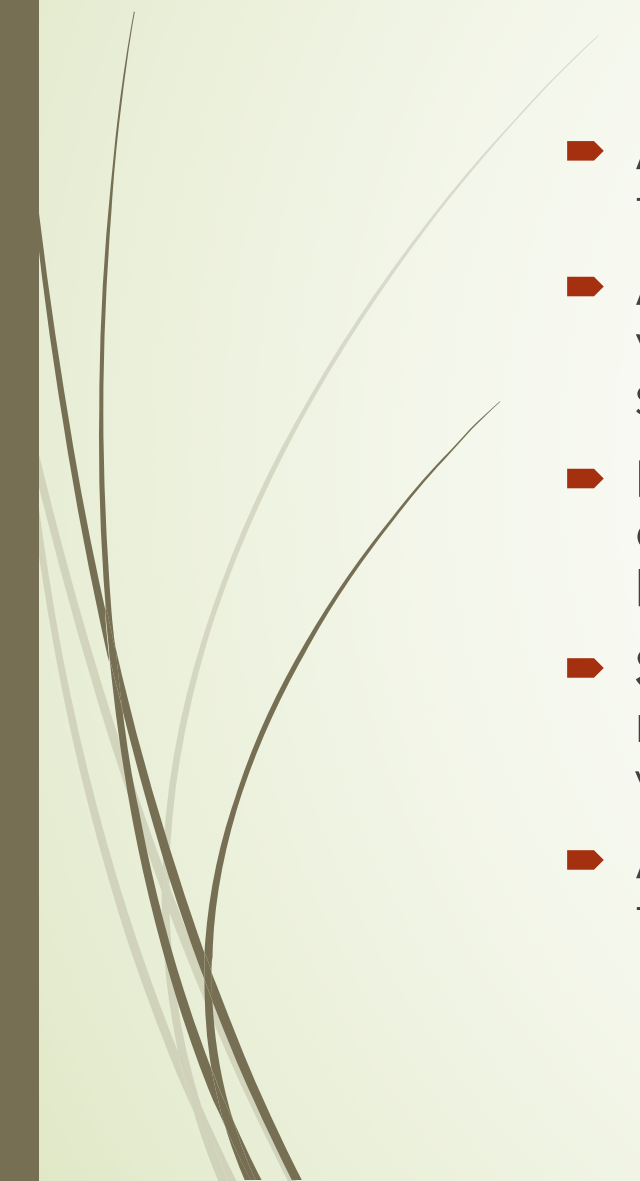


The YAC

- ➡ Started in June 2017 with 8 members
- ➡ Learned skills
- ➡ Held a retreat called the VIBE retreat
(*raising our **V**oices, **I**mproving services, **B**e noticed and **E**volve*) – 30 youth in/ from care registered for the event.



Surrey Youth's Top Priorities

- **Access to sanitary products:** this includes cleaning supplies, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, Midol etc.
 - **Addictions Support:** there should be a detox and rehab support for young people 19-30. They talked about adaptive and low barrier services.
 - **Free health care:** with the focus of cheap or free prescriptions, free birth control options, post-partum products, free counsellors, optometrists, hearing aids, dental care.
 - **Start-up money:** Young people stated that \$1500 to help set up their new place when they move out and a support person to help them with this.
 - **Affordable Housing:** housing that is based on income (min wage), flexible, specific for YIC, transition-based.
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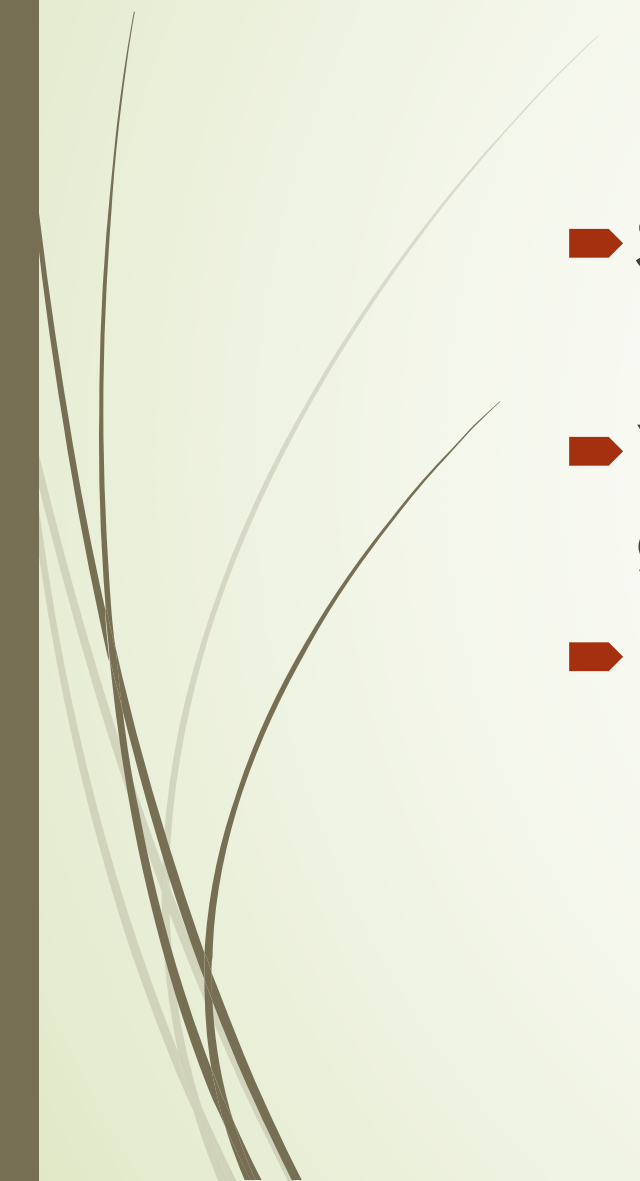


Working Groups

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- Preventing Poverty
 - Addictions and Mental Health
 - Adulting
 - Healthcare/Selfcare
 - Creating Community
 - Education & Employment

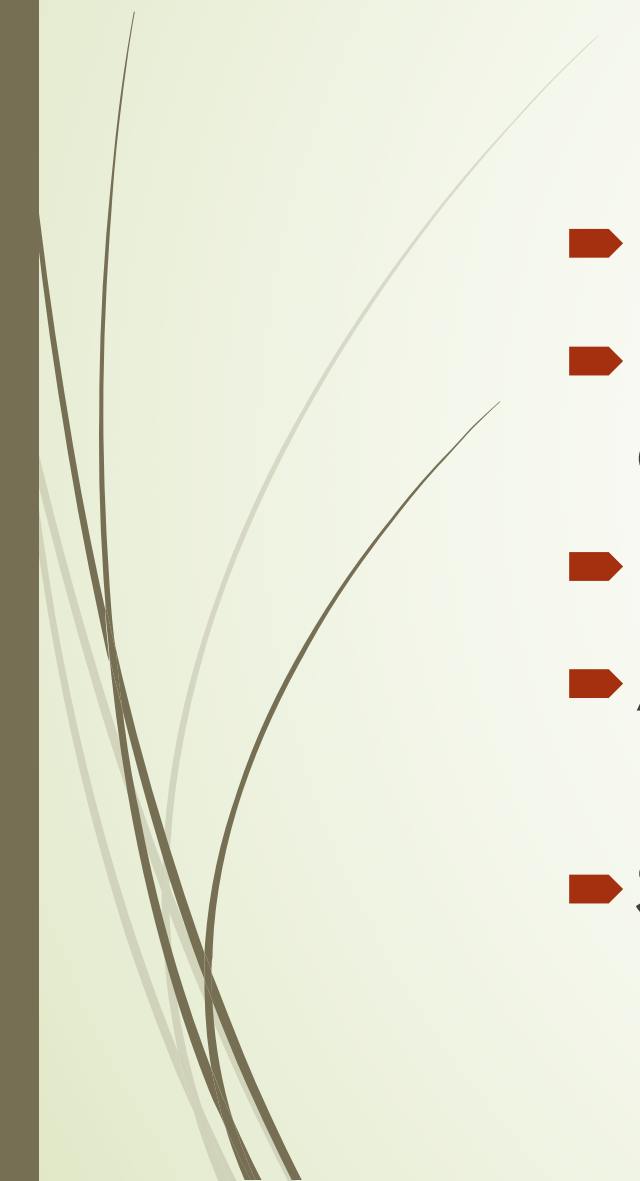


Working Groups Continued...

- Spring 2018-2019 working groups will work on priorities from retreat
 - Youth leaders to participate in each working group
 - Focus on youth voice and perspectives
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WORKING GROUP PRIORITIES

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- Needs and Career based mentorship
 - Event to increase young people's knowledge about resources
 - Increase access to sanitary products
 - Affordable and Safe housing for youth who have aged out
 - Start-up kits for youth aging out of foster care



QUESTIONS?