



We Met the Lord Mayor!

The RISE (Respect, Inclusion, Support and Equity) Youth Forum and The YES (Youth Empowerment Squad) joined together to meet the Lord Mayor of Birmingham Cllr Maureen Cornish JP.

The day started with a surprise visit from Cllr Bridgit Jones Deputy leader of Birmingham City Council. Cllr Jones was pleased to see the forums in the council house and appreciated hearing about the work of the forums over the past few months.

The Forum then received a full detailed tour of the historic building and the chambers. The young people had the honour of visiting the room where many heads of states have previously been, whilst hearing interesting stories about their visits.

To finish off the visit the Young People were given access to the council chambers where many full council meetings take place. The Lord Mayor joined them in the chambers and spoke passionately about her career and journey to get her to where she is today. Cllr Cornish gave the young people some great advice about “persevering” and “never giving up.” The Young People listened intently and shared their own lived experiences about having knock backs but what they did to overcome this.

The Young People felt privileged to meet with the Lord Mayor and hear about her career to date. Members of the forum described this session as “incredible, memorable, informative, and prefect.”

If you are 11-18 years old and would like to join the RISE Forum, please contact keshia.hamilton@birmingham.gov.uk

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