

**SEND Partnership Board Takeover**

**Tuesday 30th November 2021**

Five students from John Jamieson and three students from Green Meadows Academy took over the SEND Partnership Board on Tuesday 30th November 2021 as part of National Takeover Challenge.

Students from West SILC tried to join the meeting virtually but due to technical issues couldn’t log on. Kayleigh Thurlow visited nine students at the Powerhouse, West SILC, on Thursday 2nd December 2021 to capture their views and input.

**The three most important things to us**

Students captured the views from students across the specialist schools in Leeds and from our SEND Youth Forum, and had three asks from the SEND Partnership Board

**Ask 1:** Careers – a careers / preparing for adulthood fair that is specific for students with SEND

**Ask 2:** Fun activity tasker sessions – there may be lots of activities happening, but students don’t know if they will enjoy the activities and if they do want to attend it isn’t always possible due to transport

**Ask 3:** Play equipment in school playgrounds – students spoke about not having equipment in their school playgrounds and not really knowing what to do during breaks

**The boards response**

**Careers Fair / Preparing for Adulthood event specifically for students with SEND**

The Employment and Skills Team at Leeds City Council committed to running an event at Leeds Arena in June 2022 that will include careers advice, apprenticeships, further education, services to support with preparing for adulthood etc.

Employment and skills will work with students to choose a name for the event and seek their input in the planning of the event.

**Sports / fun activity taster sessions**

Scope will lead on running sports / fun activity taster session for young people in the city.

**Play equipment for playgrounds**

The board will look into Child Friendly Leeds play bins for all specialist schools as well as organising the Herd Farm climbing well to tour schools.

**What Next….**

Thank you to all the students who gave their views and opinions and to the students who took over the SEND Partnership Board.

The Board will continue to work on the three ‘asks’ and report back to students on developments.