

## FFWPU UK: WAIT Kicks Off The Academic Year With A Workshop!

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**WAIT began the academic year with a kick-off workshop at Lancaster Gate, London. Learn more below.**

The 2022 WAIT Kick Off Workshop was held at Lancaster Gate, Central London, on Saturday, 24th September 2022.

In all, 16 people attended - 11 youth, a former older WAIT member, and 4 trustees!

After losing the youth committee, comprising of 5 older WAIT members who have now moved on, it was a learning curve (and step-up) for 4 of our present older members to be part of the youth committee in WAIT, and to show us what they can do.

The workshop combined educational talks with informal dance and drama sessions. The former was covered by the trustees and two older youth; the latter by the youth committee.



Marshall d. presented how WAIT started and has been developing in the UK and abroad; Farhad N. explained the Rules and Development Stages in WAIT; and Naomi S. described the 12 Reasons to Abstain before Marriage. Chris v. shared his valuable experience of how he has developed as a person by accepting a leadership role in WAIT as one of the older youth members.

The purpose of the 4 presentations was to offer the young team important educational and life skills for them to develop whilst in WAIT and in life beyond.

The young people basically ran the other sessions: ice breakers; watching a video of a previous WAIT dance; doing some dance and drama practicing; and altogether, we celebrated the 16th birthday of Kai G., a youth committee member.



Saoirse M., a former WAIT member, came and gave a powerful account of her time (over 6 years) in WAIT. She spoke about using creativity, trying things even if they seem difficult, and included a testimony of participating on the trip to Ghana in 2018 which included MCing a large audience there whilst at the young age of 16!

It must be mentioned that everyone enjoyed lunch prepared by Trustee Naomi S. It consisted of tasty and healthy lentil soup, accompanied by breads, cheese, roast ham and beef, and followed by chocolate cake. Yummy!!

We welcomed a young man, Bobby R. to WAIT by presenting him with a T-shirt and a copy of the WAIT Membership Form and Rules and Development Stages in WAIT! Our hope is that he fits in well into the WAIT team and develops into an excellent, capable person as time goes by.

At the close, we talked about upcoming WAIT events which will basically be planning and practice sessions for various acts between October and December (allowing for exams) in order to prepare for the Christmas concert on the 17th December.

Report written by Marshall d.

