**Get involved with the Mayflower 400 Citizenship Project**

The year 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the historic voyage of the Mayflower ship from the UK to the ‘New World’ of America.

As one of the 11 UK member destinations of the Mayflower 400 programme we want everyone in Plymouth to play a part in these historic commemorations.

We’re writing to all schools in Plymouth to offer them the opportunity to take part in the Plymouth 2020 Young People’s Compact legacy, including an exciting Compact event at Theatre Royal Plymouth.

The original Mayflower settlers constructed a set of rules to live by, a Compact that the United States of America widely believe to be the first document of Government for their nation.

By taking part in the Compact project, pupils will be able to reflect on what is important to them, as citizens of the 21st Century, and how they want to shape their lives; what is important to them and what they believe Plymouth should focus on across the next 5 years. The Compact will underpin the work of City Youth Parliament and City Youth Council, whose voices have an opportunity to impact upon policy and practice across the City.

To help create the Schools Compact we are providing all schools with access to a number of focused sessions that will include: the examination of why communities create rules and a specific look at the Mayflower Compact and what it meant/why the settlers chose the points within it/ how it was agreed as well as the possible impact on the settlers and the indigenous people.

Pupils may compare and contrast the Compact with the 21st Century Human Rights of the Child and Modern British Values; looking at the impact of these in today’s society.

Pupils may be asked to reflect on sessions and formulate statements for the school electorate to vote on, in order to create their own Compact of nine statements. The process will involve preparing School Council members to engage in hustings to put forward their range of statements and for each pupil to vote on these.

Following the sessions, each school will bring their nine compact statements to the City Youth Council meeting on 19 March 19 2020 who will vote in the overall top nine statements for our City Schools 2020 Compact.

The Compact will be launched at an October 2020 event with representation from each participating school. The event will be Chaired and Vice Chaired by CYC and Plymouth Youth Parliament (PYP). It will include vignettes from schools and Youth Parliament about how the Compact has come to be.

A School Council/Committee member from each school will sign the compact that will be presented to the Leader of the Council and the Lord Mayor, in the presence of VIP guests, and, as noted above, will become the underpinning text for CYC and PYP across the next 5 years, who will apply it to their agenda and decision making to ensure the vision of the young people of the City is recognised.

Access to the resources is via the Mayflower 400 website: https://www.mayflower400uk.org/. Schools can access and use these resources as they wish.

Schools wishing to participate in the democratic decision making process, and who would like to attend the Compact signing event should let us know by returning the attached form by post or email, as indicated below.

 **Mayflower 400 Citizenship Project Registration**

We would like to register our participation in the Mayflower 2020 Compact project.

We will/will\* not be able to attend the City Youth Council meeting on March 19 2020 to present our Compact articles and participate in the vote.

We will/will not\* be attending the Compact signing event at Theatre Royal on 22 October 2020**.**

**School/Academy …………………………………………………………………**

**Main Contact Name……………………………………………………………..**

**E-mail……………………………………………………………………………….**

**Telephone number……………………………………………………………….**

\*If you are not able to attend either of these events, you can still participate by sending your school Compact articles to Amanda White (amanda.white@plymouth.gov.uk ) by March 13th 2020.

If you are exploring the Mayflower story in school, we would love to hear about your projects. Please let us know, in the box below, about your exciting plans for Mayflower 2020 how you are including this important historical event in your curriculum. We would love to share your work and ideas with other Plymouth schools and the wider community.

**Please return this completed form to amanda.white@plymouth.gov.uk**