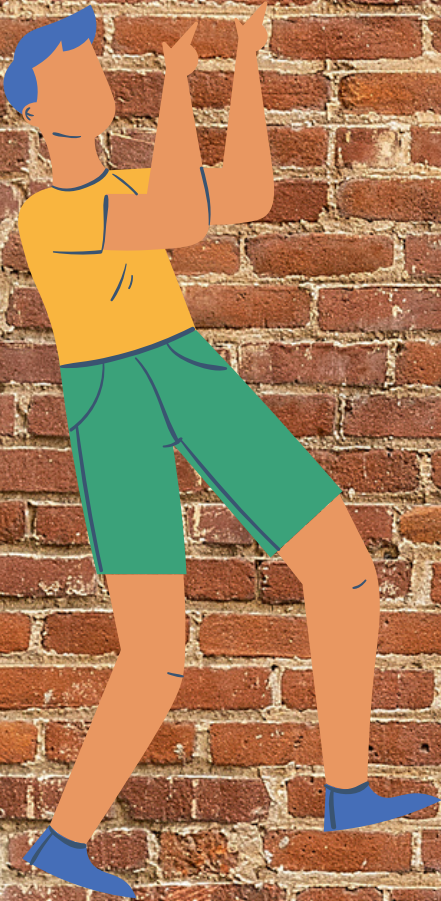


Central Area Youth Councillors

INFORMATION PACK 2022



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WHAT IS THE YOUTH COUNCIL?



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NYVoice@northyorks.gov.uk

The Youth Council is a group of young people who represent the views of young people living in and around Hambleton and Richmondshire.

The Youth Councils work closely together and with the Youth Cabinet for North Yorkshire, and North Yorkshire County Council in order to make sure young people's voices are heard in decisions that affect their lives.

The youth council works on community projects, campaigns about issues that are important to them and help to represent the voice and views of other young people.

This year we would like to invite young people from each school and youth group to apply to be a youth councillor on their local youth council. This opportunity will include mainstream schools, special schools, specialist learning colleges and sixth forms.

We would also like to welcome applications from youth representatives for local youth groups or youth panels that may wish to strengthen the voice of the young people they represent.

Anyone in secondary year 7 or above is eligible to apply in school or the youth group setting.

If you live in Hambleton and Richmondshire but do not attend school or college in the area and are interested in taking part, you may still be eligible to get involved. Please call the team to discuss on 07866156767.

OUR YOUTH COUNCILS

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The Hambleton and Richmondshire area has a range of youth councils available that you can join.

All the youth councils meet monthly with a mix of face to face and virtual meetings to find out more about how to become a member email cheryl.pocknell@northyorks.gov.uk or alternatively complete the application form as part of this pack.

for more information about the range of youth councils and groups that are available within NY Voice please look at our website or email the team at nyvoice@northyorks.gov.uk

We welcome applications from the surrounding area and villages.

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of a Youth Councillor involves enthusiasm, time and commitment. You will be asked to attend various meetings, focus groups and sessions. You will need to be comfortable working with a wide range of people, including other young people and adults. You must have an interest in expressing other young peoples' ideas and viewpoints and be able to advocate on behalf of the young people in your community. A youth councillor usually takes up their post for a minimum of a 12 month period. if you have any questions email cheryl.pocknell@northyorks.gov.uk

it is necessary for Youth Councillors to take part in the following activities for the Youth Council to fulfil its role:



Attend any necessary training



Attend at least one full Youth Council meeting per month

Represent the view of other young people who attend your school or college, youth group, or live in your community



Involve young people in the Youth Council through school and college with the support of the staff team



Feedback Youth Council issues to school, college and the local council
Work alongside the staff team



actively engage in teamwork to support delivery of projects and campaigns



Attend one campaign's committee or working group as appropriate.



Here are some skills and qualities you will need:



Time and willingness to attend meetings



Have good communication and listening skills



Be able to work as part of a team



Be inclusive and don't discriminate against anyone



Leadership skills



Be willing to participate in sessions and meetings

Be able to represent the views of others even if they are not your own.



HOW YOU CAN BECOME A YOUTH COUNCILLOR

Initially all you need to do is complete and return your application form.

Anyone in secondary year 7 or above is eligible to apply as long as you:

Have the approval of your parent, guardian or carer
Have the time, availability and commitment to fulfill the role

what happens next will be discussed with you after you return your application form.

Get your application form completed by 31st May 2022.

TRAINING AND PREPARATION SESSION

Once we have received your application form, we will send you a letter with an allocated slot for you to attend an information and training session about the role of youth councillor.

Here you will receive all the information you need to undertake your role as a Youth Councillor, and you can ask any questions you have about the role. It will also give you a chance to explore skills such as communicating with others and group work. This will be a great opportunity to get to know the staff team, the young people standing for election and the existing members of the youth council.

If you cannot make your allocated sessions for a particular reason, we will do our best to make alternative arrangements. The session will be used to help introduce you to your role.

YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM

Name of Young Person

Date of Birth

School,college, youth group and area you are representing

Home Address including Postcode

Young Person's Mobile

please provide an email address

I the parent/guardian/carer have read and understand the roles and responsibilities of the Youth Council and give permission for him/her/them to apply for the 2022 Youth Councillor position, attending training sessions, campaign sessions, taking part in the campaigning and if successful undertake the roles and responsibilities of an elected Youth Councillor as outlined in this booklet up to the end of their term.

Signed (Parent/Guardian/Carer):

Parent/Guardian/Carer name:

Contact number::

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Name of Young Person

Date of Birth

Area/locality you want to represent

describe why you want to join the youth council (100 words)

If you are successful in getting a youth councillor position what issues would you like to work on either in your area or for young people? (no more than 150 words)

i confirm that i agree to represent the views and voices of young people in my area in accordance with the roles and responsibilities set out in this document for the role of youth councillor.

Signed young person