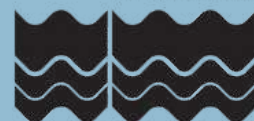


# Candidate Information Pack

Your opportunity to make a  
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communtiy !



East Sussex  
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*“I was quite shy before joining Youth Cabinet. Now I’m presenting to big audiences about the things I’m passionate about!”*

*Youth Cabinet member*



*“Youth Cabinet is so much fun. When we started we went on a activity day to get to know each other. It was great! I have met some friends for life”*

*Youth Cabinet member*

# INTRODUCTION INTRODUCTION INTRODUCTION

## WHO ARE EAST SUSSEX YOUTH CABINET?

The East Sussex Youth Cabinet is a group of young people who are elected by and represent their local area and the voice of young people in their school, college or youth voice group.

They campaign for 2 years on the top issues voted as most important to young people in East Sussex.

The issues are decided through the Make Your Mark ballot vote, which happens every two years.

The Youth Cabinet also help the council, and its partners like the NHS, to make changes that will improve the lives of children and young people, and the community.

## WHO CAN JOIN THE YOUTH CABINET?

- Anyone aged 11-16 can stand in the Youth Cabinet election or up to 23 if you have a special educational need and/ or a disability.
- You must attend a school, college, alternative provision or an established youth voice group to take part in the election.
- You don't need any experience or qualifications!
- You DO NEED to attend most meetings, usually monthly on a Sunday, and be committed to representing the views of other young people for two years.

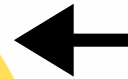


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### WHAT YOU WILL DO AS A MEMBER



Receive training, support and guidance

Research and learn about issues affecting young people

Get the views, experiences and ideas of young people in your school, college or local area and share this with decision-makers

Inform and influence plans and strategies of the council and it's partners

Take part in meetings with decision-makers

Work with staff to develop and run events

Develop creative ways to communicate your achievements - through social media, film, podcasts, newsletters, presentations and reports

### WHAT WE ASK OF YOU



*"You don't do this alone! The Participation Team is here to support and guide you, and make sure your involvement is fun and meaningful."*

*Participation Team*

Always be mindful of your public profile, as a representative of children and young people

Communicate regularly with the team that supports your activities via email

Support and promote equality and diversity

Complete some tasks on your own, as well as in a group

Contribute in meetings and events in a way that suits you









# Youth Parliament

MAKING OUR MARK



**If you are elected on to the East Sussex Youth Cabinet you will have the opportunity to stand for the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) election**

UKYP is run by the British Youth Council.

East Sussex has three members of UKYP who are elected by an internal vote within the Youth Cabinet. They represent either Lewes and Wealden, Eastbourne and Coastal or Hastings, Bexhill and Upper Rother.

This exciting role involves working with young people from across the UK on the top national priority voted in through the Make Your Mark ballot.

A great platform to represent your student voice nationally!

As a member of the UKYP you will attend the weekend Annual Conference - at a UK university - 3 x London conventions and take part in the House of Commons debate at the Palace of Westminster.

**For more information visit [www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk)**

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## HOW TO STAND FOR ELECTION

### WHERE?

Elections to join the Youth Cabinet are the responsibility of your school, college or youth voice group and this is where elections will take place.

Speak to your Election Supervisor to find out how the elections will be run, as each school or college will run theirs differently.

### FURTHER INFORMATION & ONLINE SESSIONS

Please read this pack, so you understand the role, the benefits and the commitment required.

You can also join one of two online information sessions on:

1. Monday 27th November **OR**
2. Thursday 14th December

To book email [participation.team@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:participation.team@eastsussex.gov.uk) using your school or college email account to receive a Microsoft Teams link to the meeting.

### DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARENTS OR CARERS

If after reading and hearing about the Youth Cabinet opportunity and you are interested in joining, please talk to your parent or carer about the role and the commitment required.

### PLEASE ASK IF YOU NEED HELP

Please do speak to your election supervisor if you need support through the election. You are welcome also to contact the Participation Team for any advice and guidance.

### POINTS TO SPEAK ABOUT IF YOUR SCHOOL OR COLLEGE HOLD HUSTINGS OR INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGNING

- Why you want to become a Youth Cabinet member
- What you hope to achieve if elected
- What skills and experience you have to offer AND / OR do you want to learn
- How you might involve your wider school or college youth voice
- How you might tackle a youth issue

# KEY DATES KEY DATES KEY DATES



**Monday 27th November or Thursday 14th December - online information sessions**

Hear from the current Youth Cabinet and their election experiences and achievements, meet the team that supports Youth Cabinet and their campaign work, and ask any questions.



**January and February 2024**

Election period open in schools and colleges, and youth voice groups.



**Tuesday 19th March, 18:30-20:30**

Newly elected Youth Cabinet Welcome Evening at County Hall in Lewes. This event is for outgoing and incoming Youth Cabinet members, their parents and carers and senior leadership at the Council.



**Sunday 24th March 10:00-15:00**

First Youth Cabinet meeting and UK Youth Parliament elections @ Archery Youth Hub in Eastbourne.

For more information about the Youth Cabinet's work visit [eastsussex.gov.uk/youthcabinet](https://eastsussex.gov.uk/youthcabinet) or:





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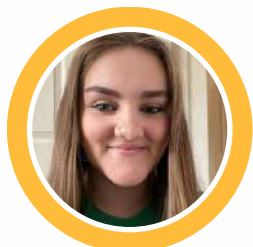
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