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Enfield Youth Elections (EYE)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Enfield Youth Elections?

A: The Enfield Youth Elections (EYE) represents an elected group of 11-17-year-olds and up to 25 with SEND from across Enfield whose role is to represent the views of young people at both a local and national level. If young people choose to put themselves forwards, they can become candidates for both **Enfield Youth Council (EYC)** elections and the **UK Youth Parliament** election.

What is the Enfield Youth Council?

The Enfield Youth Council (EYC) is a local youth council, which consists of 25-27 Young Members aged between 11 and 17 years old or up to 25 if they have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Enfield Youth Council Members have a responsibility to the whole community, to champion the needs of all young people in the borough and to represent their views. In doing so, EYC Members will make sure the young people they serve have a voice in the community, in improving services, and in positively influencing policy and key decisions the council makes on local issues.

What is UK Youth Parliament?

The UK Youth Parliament programme is supported and delivered by the British Youth Council, the national youth council of the United Kingdom. The UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for 11-17-year-olds to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning nationally. Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) are elected locally and supported by their constituency. There are 379 seats across 205 constituencies. Enfield currently has an allocation of 2 MYP seats at the UK Youth Parliament.

Q: Which young people get elected on to the Enfield Youth Elections?

A: Young people can only be elected on to the EYE if they are 11-17 years old and up to 25 with SEND and live or go to school in Enfield.

Q: How long are the EYC and UK Youth Parliament members elected for?

A: The Enfield Youth Council (EYC) members and UK Youth Parliament members will be elected in January 2023 and will stand down after a period of two years (January 2025).

Q: How do the Elections work?

A:

- 1) The election will be introduced/promoted to schools, youth centres and the voluntary sector where the process of the election will be explained to YP (including how to register and vote).
- 2) Those that are interested will then be invited to an open day on either **Wednesday 26th October 2022**; Ponders End Youth Centre, 141 South Street, Ponders End,

Enfield, EN3 4PX at 1pm or **Thursday 27th October** (Online – Teams meeting). On the open dates, in-depth information will be presented about the elections, key roles, responsibilities, and key dates that must be attended.

- 3) If there are over 40 applicants, a hustings event will take place where YP must present to a panel explaining why they think they will make a good EYC or UK Youth Parliament member.
- 4) Once the candidates are narrowed down to 40, they will all create a 1-2 minute video and a manifesto. Each candidate's profile will be posted online with their videos and manifestos (Enfield website, Enfield Instagram etc) for young people to access and view.
- 5) On the Enfield website, there will be two election sections; 1 section for candidates standing in the UK Youth Parliament elections and another for the Enfield Youth Council. The elections will take place from **16th – 26th of January 2023**. Those with the highest 20 votes for EYC elections and those with the 2 highest votes for UK Youth Parliament will be elected as the new EYC and UK Youth Parliament members, however if the 2 highest votes for the UK Youth Parliament are not elected to the Enfield Youth Council, they will then become co-opted members.
- 6) The Election announcement of the new EYC members and UK Youth Parliament members will be **Friday 27th of January 2023** - inauguration day.

Q: What do schools need to do and what is the Youth Election process?

A:

- **Introduce EYC Elections** - assist in promoting the Enfield Elections process to your student through introduction video – this can be presented during assembly or form time (flexible for schools to decide).
- **Register for voting** – Support young people to register online to vote in the elections.
- **Promote candidates**- Assist in promoting the candidates to your students.
- **Vote** – Sign up for voting to take place in your school and/or encourage young people to vote in the Enfield Youth Elections.

Q What do EYC members have to do?

A: EYC members have to attend 10 meetings a year, giving their views on specific issues, setting their priorities for the year, sitting on various meetings to represent the views of young people and have the opportunity to be elected as the Young Mayor for Enfield.

Q. What do UK Youth Parliament members have to do?

A:

- Members meet regularly to hold debates and plan campaigns at least three times a year locally, and twice on a national level, which includes the annual debate within the Chamber of the house of commons every November.
- Young people represent the views of their members of the Youth council at national level.

Q: Who supports the Enfield Youth Council/UK Youth Parliament?

A: The EYC/UK Youth Parliament is organised and run by the London Borough of Enfield. The EYC/UK Youth Parliament meetings are organised and facilitated by the Participation Lead Youth Worker.

Kevin's 7 step guide to getting elected on to the Enfield Youth Elections

Step 1

Kevin (14 years old) expresses an Interest to become a candidate for EYC or UK Youth Parliament or both.

Step 2

Kevin attends the open day to receive in-depth information of key roles and responsibilities of EYC and UK Youth parliament and will be given key info such as an application form.

Step 3

If there are more than 40 candidates, Kevin will need to attend a hustings event to present the reasons why he should be an EYC/UK Youth Parliament member to a panel. The panel will then short list to 40 candidates.

Step 4

Kevin has been shortlisted amongst the 40, he will now record a promotional 1-2 minute video and a manifesto on why his peers should vote for him. The videos and manifestos will be published on the Enfield youth portal where young people can access and vote.

Step 5

Elections will be held online from the 16th – 26th January (Enfield Youth portal) in which YP who live or study in Enfield can vote.

Step 6

Those with the highest 20 votes for EYC elections and those with the 2 highest votes for UK Youth Parliament will be elected as the new EYC and UK Youth Parliament members, however if the 2 highest votes for the UK Youth Parliament are not elected to the UK Youth Council, they will then become co-opted members.

Step 7

Kevin received the 6th highest vote and is now an EYC member. He has also received the highest vote for the UK Youth Parliament and will sit on both the EYC and UK Youth Parliament.

Response form

1) Would you like for your school to take part in the Enfield Youth Elections process?

Yes

No

2) If yes, please provide us with the details of a designated teacher for us to lease with:

Name:

Telephone number:

Email:

3) Are you able to promote and encourage young people to participate in the democratic process of the Enfield Youth Elections?

Yes

No

4) Would you be open to the Lead Youth Participation Officer to visit the school and deliver an assembly?

Yes

No

Video link

Here is the introduction video which has been created to introduce and provide details about the Enfield Youth Elections to students. Please present the video to your pupils:

<https://youthenfield.taptub.co.uk/enfield-youth-elections/>