

Please reply to: Rafique Ullah

Email: youthcouncil@enfield.gov.uk

Your Ref: Enfield Youth Elections

Date: 05/10/22

Dear Headteacher,

I am writing to make you aware of the upcoming 2023 Enfield Youth Elections (EYE) that will be held between the ${\bf 16^{th}-26^{th}}$ of January 2023. The Enfield Youth Elections will be a fantastic opportunity for your students to take part in local democracy and ensure they have a voice in decision making within Enfield. EYE focuses on developing good citizenship skills for participating children and young people. Enfield Council is committed to creating a lifetime of opportunity for everyone in Enfield, and an essential part of this work is to support and empower children and young people in the borough.

Through the election process, we are seeking 20 young people across Enfield to be elected and join the Enfield Youth Council (EYC). We are also seeking to elect 2 young people to become members of the UK Youth Parliament to represent Enfield young people's needs and views at national level. We kindly request that all secondary schools consider supporting this initiative. We are seeking the following support from schools to help us to provide as many Enfield pupils as possible with an opportunity to take part in the youth election process:

- Nominate single point of contact (SPOC) in your school with whom we could liaise with to support your school to take part in the youth election process.
- Encourage students to participate in the voting process.
- Identify and encourage students who may wish to stand in as candidates.

Enfield Council Youth Services will provide a dedicated participation youth worker who will work closely with your identified SPOC to ensure we provide you with relevant tools, materials, information and practical support to take part in the youth election process.

We have an excellent tradition of youth participation in Enfield that also have a voice nationally ensuring the voices and experiences of young people are heard through their membership on UK Youth Parliament. The EYC provides huge learning opportunities for all involved, from the thousands of young people who vote in the elections and engage with democracy, through to the elected youth council members who become role models for the schools and communities.

Enclosed is a 'FAQ' document which will provide you with information about the Enfield

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Youth Election, a 'response form' for you to complete and email to youthcouncil@enfield.gov.uk and flyers for all students which will give them key information about the Enfield Youth Elections.

If you would like more information, please contact Sevgi Rifat (Lead Youth Participation worker), email: sevgi.rifat@enfield.gov.uk, tel: 07773 112922.

I would like to encourage you to take part in the 2023 Youth Elections and confirm your expression of interest and single point of contact by completing the response form and emailing it to youthcouncil@enfield.gov.uk by 21st October 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Rafique Ullah

Head of Youth Work & Youth Development Service