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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.

**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.

***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 members elected for?***

**A:** The Enfield Youth Council (EYC) members are elected in January 2025 and will stand down after a period of two years (January 2027).

***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 **Thursday 30th May** at the Conference Room in the Civic Centre. On the open day, in-depth information will be presented about the elections, key roles, responsibilities, and key dates that must be attended. They will also be given an application form.
3. The deadline for candidates to return the application form to youthcouncil@enfield.gov.uk is **Friday 28th June 2024**.
4. 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 member.
5. 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 youth website) for young people to access and view.
6. On the Enfield website, there will be an online Election. The election will take place from **4th November 2024 – 20th of January 2025.** Those with the highest 20 votes for EYC elections will then become members of the Enfield Youth Council.
7. The Election announcement of the new EYC members will be **Friday** **24th of January 2025 -** 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).
* **Promote candidates**- Assist in promoting the candidates to your students.
* **Encourage students to 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, attend scrutiny meetings and have the opportunity to be elected as the Young Mayor, Chair, UK Youth Parliament members and London Assembly Members.

***Q: Who supports the Enfield Youth Council?***

**A:** The Enfield Youth Council is organised and run by the London Borough of Enfield. The Enfield Youth Council 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 6**

Those with the highest 20 votes for EYC elections will be elected as the new EYC members.

**Step 1**

Kevin (14 years old) expresses an Interest to become a candidate for EYC.

**Step 2**

Kevin attends the open day to receive in-depth information of key roles and responsibilities of EYC 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 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 4th November 2024 – 20th January 2025 (Enfield Youth portal) in which YP who live or study in Enfield can vote.

**Step 6**

Kevin received the 6th highest vote in his school and is now an EYCmember.

**Step 7**

Kevin received the 6th highest vote and is now an EYC member and will stand as an Enfield Youth Council member.

**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/>