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# Elections 2022

# Nomination Pack



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# Introduction

## Hello!

Thank you for your interest in joining Greenwich Young People's Council (GYPC) to represent your school, college or community group.

GYPC is a group of elected young people (aged 11 to 18, or up to 25 if they have a disability) who give young people a LOUD voice in decisions that affect them.

A BIG part of their role is to influence decision-making within the council – including local and national politicians. They meet weekly to discuss issues, plan projects and campaign, and meet the people with the power!

There are **loads of benefits** to being a Youth Councillor:

- Lots of fun!
- The opportunity to have your voice heard AND make positive changes locally
- The chance to represent other young people in your community
- Meet new people across Greenwich, London and the UK.
- Opportunities to gain accreditations and awards.
- Receiving free training, coaching and mentoring – and a reference!
- AND MORE!

As a Youth Councillor, **you'll need to commit 2-3 hours every week** to:

- Attend GYPC meetings, representing young people.
- Actively contributing to and leading campaigns and events.
- Take part in additional opportunities, such as interview panels or consultations.
- Complete your national AQA awards.
- Check and respond to emails, texts or messages.

**There is also an opportunity to become a Member of Youth Parliament (MYP).**

The candidates with the most votes across Greenwich will be offered the role of MYP or Deputy MYP. MYP's represent GYPC nationally, and have additional responsibilities to youth councillors. More information will be provided at the candidate training day.

# Application Form

To join GYPC, please print this application form and return it to us by taking a photo and emailing: [greenwich@participationpeople.com](mailto:greenwich@participationpeople.com)

**Please ask your school / youth group/ parent / carer for help sending.**

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## Are you eligible?

To be able to stand as a candidate, you need to meet some key criteria:

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- I **live, go to school OR attend a youth or community group** in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.
  - I will be able to attend **weekly GYPC meetings**.

If you are not able to meet these criteria, please get in touch with us:  
[greenwich@participationpeople.com](mailto:greenwich@participationpeople.com)

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## Who would you like to represent?

- ✓
- My **school**, college or education setting:

**OR**

- My youth or community group:

*Your youth or community group must be in Royal Greenwich.*

*If you're unsure, you can check here by using your group's postcode: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>*

# Application Form *cont'd*

## About you



Your first name:

Your last name:

Your gender:

Female

Male

Other:

Your date of birth:

Your age:

*As of March 1st 2023*

Your full postcode:

Additional needs:

## Your contact information



Your contact information is **essential** so that we can keep you informed about activities and projects of GYPC.

Your email address:

Your mobile number:



I prefer to be contacted by **email**

I prefer to be contacted by **mobile** (SMS / WhatsApp)

I'd like to be contacted by **BOTH email** and **mobile** (SMS / WhatsApp)

# Application Form *cont'd*

## Your Manifesto



A manifesto is a statement of what you want to achieve if you're elected as Member of Youth Parliament. Remember, the candidate with the highest number of votes will be offered the role of Member of Youth Parliament and the running up two candidates will be offered the roles of Deputy Members of Youth Parliament. Other runners up will become Youth Councillors. It's a really important part of your election campaign. It's what young people will read to decide whether or not they should vote for you.

Your manifesto needs to be no more than 150 words. It should include up to 3 issues that you will tackle if you're elected AND an overall summary explaining why young people should vote for you.

### What makes a GREAT manifesto?

1. Be yourself – show your passion and energy!
2. Be realistic – think about what you could actually do if elected.
3. Be clear about what you're hoping to change.
4. Keep it short and accessible (e.g. use simple language for maximum impact!).
5. Remember this is about why you'd make a GREAT Member of Youth Parliament.
6. Double check spelling, grammar and punctuation!

For example:

"I'm passionate about the arts! I want young people to have more to explore their creative talents. I will deliver workshops and events that will encourage this."

"Young people don't understand the impact of littering. I want to lead a project to encourage young people to respect their environment and use litter bins."

"You should vote for me because I'm reliable, outspoken and will get decision-makers listening to what young people say!"

# Application Form *cont'd*



**Manifesto 1:**

**Manifesto 2:**

**Manifesto 3:**

**Your summary: why should people vote for you?**

# Application Form *cont'd*



## Code of Conduct

We want to make sure everyone who participates in the election to have GREAT experience. To make sure this happens, we ask all candidates to sign up to this code of conduct.

Please read and sign your name at the bottom.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will treat all candidates and supporters with respect and fairness.
2. I will act in such a way that is not sexist, racist, homophobic or discriminatory in any way, and I will report any such behaviour if I experience it.
3. I will lead a campaign that is fair, clear and positive.
4. I will demonstrate integrity and will not deliberately disadvantage other candidates, including defacing posters or distributing negative campaign materials.
5. I understand that I am independent and will not seek the public or financial support of political parties, community, faith or any other adult groups.
6. I understand that all of the above also applies to my manifesto, campaign materials AND social media platforms (e.g. Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, etc.).
7. I understand that if, in the opinion of The Royal Borough of Greenwich and/or Participation People, I break this code of conduct  
OR jeopardise the reputation of The Royal Borough of Greenwich/ GYPC or Participation People, I may be disqualified.



Signature:

Date:

# Application Form *cont'd*

## Support for your application



To stand as a candidate, you need to **collect 25 signatures of support**.

These signatures should be other young people from your school, youth or community group who support your candidate application. It's also an opportunity for you to talk to young people about what things they want GYPC to do!

To get these signatures, you could:

- Deliver presentations in assemblies.
- Use social media.
- Use break/lunch times at school to ask young people to support you.

**At the back of this application pack is the signature sheet for you to use.**

**You also need an adult (not a parent or carer) to support your application.** This could be a teacher, youth worker or faith leader. Ask them to complete this section:

Name:

Job role:

Contact number:



**I support this young person in their application to join GYPC.**

Signature:

Date:



# Application Form *cont'd*

## Parent / carer consent



This section is very important and is **mandatory**. Please ask your parent, carer or guardian to complete these details.

These details will also be your emergency contact and medical information, so please make sure it's 100% accurate.

Name:

Relationship:

Contact number:



I consent to my young person to joining GYPC.

Signature:

Date:

Please note, your parent, carer or guardian will be required to completed a more comprehensive consent form once you officially join GYPC.

This is to make sure we have all your information accurately and know how we can best support you.

# Application Form *cont'd*

## Parent / carer consent *cont'd*



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- I am happy for you to capture my young person in photographs to **evidence their engagement in this programme** (these will not be publicised).
  - I am happy for you to capture my young person in photographs **for use in promotional material, including on social media.**
  - I am happy for my **young person's full name to be included** alongside their image in any promotional material.
  - I would prefer my **young person's full name is not included** alongside their image in any promotional material (so they are anonymised).
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## Data protection notice

We will always keep your personal data private and confidential, and only share it where we have legal, contractual or safeguarding obligations.

To find out more information about how we collect, store and share your personal information and data, you can view our full data protection notice here:

[www.participationpeople.com/important-stuff](http://www.participationpeople.com/important-stuff)

Or if you would like a copy emailed or posted to you, please email us at:

[greenwich@participationpeople.com](mailto:greenwich@participationpeople.com)

# Signatures of support

The young people below support my application.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Postcode (home)</i>
1.	_____	_____	_____
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