

North Lincolnshire
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**Young Mayor &
Member
of Youth
Parliament
(MYP)**



Frequently asked questions & information

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What is an MYP?

A Member of Youth Parliament stands to represent every young person in his or her local authority. Any person aged between 11 and 18 (inclusive) can stand to be elected as an MYP. An MYP's work is mainly based on local issues which young people in that area think need improving.

During their term of office, MYPs work with their local MPs,

councillors and youth groups on the issues of greatest concern to their constituents.

The elected MYP for North Lincolnshire will be a member of the Youth Council and work alongside the Young Mayor to bring matters of local concern to regional and possibly national attention.



What is the UK Youth Parliament?

- The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) is a youth organisation managed by the British Youth Council (BYC). It is run by young people for young people, and gives the opportunity to be involved in a democratic process at a regional and national level.
 - The UK Youth Parliament gives young people the chance to have their say on issues that affect them, and be listened to by local and national government.
 - UKYP is a non-party political organisation. It doesn't represent any party political view, and is solely issue based.
 - Formed in 2000, the UK Youth
- Parliament is now made up of around 600 MYPs (Members of Youth Parliament).
 - Members of the UKYP meet regularly to hold debates and plan campaigns.
 - Regionally, MYPs meet up for a residential induction weekend and a further four times during the year.
 - UKYP holds an Annual Sitting every July.
 - Since 2009, UKYP has held annual televised debates in the House of Commons.
 - The UK Youth Parliament has its own website; www.ukyouthparliament.co.uk

What is a Young Mayor?

A young mayor is a person aged 11 to 18 years elected by their peers to represent the views and interests of young people in their area at a local level. The mayor will be a serving member of the North Lincolnshire Youth Council.



What is the North Lincolnshire Youth Council?

The Youth Council is a consultation group that represents the views of young people at a local level giving them the opportunity to have a voice; discuss relevant issues, engage with, challenge and support decision-makers and contribute to improving the lives of young people within the community. They also contribute to the planning of events for young people.

What will North Lincolnshire's Young Mayor Do?

- Serve a one year term and become a member of North Lincolnshire's Youth Council
- Attend the annual Youth Debate and encourage others to do so
- Act as a role model and promote mutual respect
- Be the first point of contact for local young people to get their views heard
- Highlight and champion the positive contributions young people make to their communities
- Promote intergenerational working
- Lead projects on behalf of children and young people which link in to council priorities
- Be involved in developing web and social networking pages to promote communication with young people
- Raise awareness of the Youth Council and 'young voice' to children and young people and agencies
- Work alongside the adult mayor and feed views of local young people in to the national arena through the MYP.



DID YOU KNOW...

If being a Young Mayor or a MYP isn't for you or you aren't elected, you can get involved in the Youth Council at anytime.

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