



# The Derbyshire Youth Council

‘What are we doing?.....’

December 2017

NOMINATIONS ARE IN - CAMPAIGN FOR VOTES STARTS 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

VOTING IN SCHOOLS 5<sup>TH</sup> – 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018

## If you have nominated yourself to be part of the Derbyshire Youth Council

### Big Vote timeline:

#### Campaigning for votes starts:

8<sup>th</sup> January – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

#### Voting in Schools:

5<sup>th</sup> March – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018



#### Results:

Successful candidates will be contacted Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### Induction Evening:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018  
County Hall, Matlock 7pm – 9pm young people only

Has **YOUR** school signed up?  
Check with your Democracy Lead or your PHSE Teacher



“Being part of the Derbyshire Youth council makes you realise how doing little things add up and together you can make a difference”

*Hope Heeley NYC 2016-2018*

#### Why be a youth councillor?

- You gain experience and skills that are very useful (and also look good on your CV!)
- You get the chance to take part in lots of new opportunities
- You learn more about local decision making
- You have the chance to move onto other organisations like the UK Youth Parliament

## What's not so great?

It takes up quite a bit of time including personal time (evenings and weekends).

Being a youth councillor is a job, so you have responsibilities.

## What our Youth Councillors say about their job....

"I'm really happy to be part of the NYC - I've made lots of new friends at the meetings and have matured a lot too"

*Shaun Crossland NYC 2016-2018*

"Being part of the NYC is great! It gives young people the chance to make their voices heard and help their local communities".

*Samantha-Rose Beacham NYC Councillor 2016-2018*

## Become a member of your local district youth forum - it's EQUALLY IMPORTANT!

As a member you'll feedback to the NYC about important issues in your local COMMUNITIES

There are 6 local youth forums:

Amber Valley, Chesterfield, Bolsover/North East, Derbyshire Dales/High Peak, Erewash and South Derbyshire.



## Local Youth Forum Contacts:

Amber Valley:

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Chesterfield:

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South Derbyshire:

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## What else do we do....?

We take part in local and national campaigns like transport, and the Future In Mind Mental Health Media campaign. We have visiting speakers from partner agencies like Derby Friends, Commissioning, Healthwatch, Scrutiny, Equality & Diversity, Police, Fire, etc., who seek our views on issues that will affect other young people in the county and improve the service they provide.

We work with the Derbyshire Safeguarding Board around issues of CSE and internet safety and with local Children's Partnerships to work on shared objectives.

We work together to make our meetings as inclusive as we can for each and every member and cater for their needs.

Our Members of Youth Parliament represent the NYC and their electorate in the House of Commons (HOC) in London each year and this year, all 4 of our MYPs spoke from HOC one reading a letter from the Prime Minister and the others on issues relating to transport for SEND, Curriculum for Life, and LGBT+. Each year, the NYC get to support the 'Make Your Mark' campaign by collecting votes from schools, colleges, and events throughout the county. This year Derbyshire contributed 15,718 ballots towards the national total of 954,766 votes.



Recently, Rosie Glossop attended a conference in London at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital to find out more about the NHS Youth Forum, where she heard Alex Brooker, a presenter and comedian best known for his television work on the Last Leg-give an inspirational speech about his life at GOSH as a child and the care he received and how the voices of young people have changed the way the hospital is run.

For more information on the NYC email:

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