



CANDIDATE BOOKLET 2019:

UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR?

- ▷ In association with UK Youth Parliament, Dudley Council's Children's Services holds an election every two years to elect **two Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs)** and **two Deputy Members of Youth Parliament (DMYPs)** to represent the borough of Dudley.



- ▷ **The 12 candidates included in this booklet are aged between 11-18 years and live, work or study in the borough. Please read through their statements and decide which person you would like to vote for to represent you and young people from our area.**
- ▷ You decide who you would like to represent you!
- ▷ Voting forms will be available from schools, colleges and youth organisations who have registered.
- ▷ You can also vote online through **Dudley Youth Council Facebook page** or Dudley Youth Council website – **www.dudleyyouthcouncil.jimdo.com**

Amman Ahmed

Yes, I know what you're thinking not another person saying they know and can improve mental health. I see myself as a community activist doing what's best for the community and the youth. I have been part of Dudley Youth Council for three years now as well as being part of the Anne Frank Trust, The Black Country Chamber of Commerce and Deputy Head Boy. I urge you to vote for me as well as I want to change the perception of mental health as well as get the right facilitators to help. I will work alongside you to develop the ideas that will help. When I see a problem I will address it.

Don't suffer alone. Together we can make a change.
Vote for Amman.



Alex Oleschuk

My experiences as a member of air cadets, a player in a football team and a member of youth club have given me a deep insight into the opinions and experiences of the youth in my borough, making me an ideal representative in UK Youth Parliament. Having spoken to young people, three areas were highlighted to me which I would like to change. Firstly, the youth do not have a strong enough voice and are constantly overlooked within society. Next there are not enough leisure activities to help the youth unwind and finally there is a lack of support for young people in the mental health sector. Should I be elected, I will encourage the establishment for more youth clubs and support clubs by encouraging them to consider the importance for youths.



Ben Corfield

Let me introduce myself, my name is Ben, I'm 15 and from the heart of the Black Country. I believe that it is important for the young people of Dudley to select who they want to be their representative and I want to give you the reasons why I think I'm the best for the job: From a young age I've been an active community campaigner and charity fundraiser and I've always believed that playing an active role in the area where you live is very important. Throughout my role as a youth councillor I have interacted with younger people who have found themselves involved in crime and in trouble with the police which is a massive problem throughout the borough of Dudley. In Dudley, along with the massive problems with knife crime, there are also massive problems with mental health and transport with younger people which all need changing and as yours the people's candidate it is paramount to have your voice heard. I am very passionate and want the best deal for the youth and younger generation of Dudley. Please vote for me, Ben Corfield, the strong local voice who wants the best for Dudley Youth.



Jake Cartwright

Hi, I am Jake Cartwright I have been a member of Dudley Youth Council for a year now and I have taken the decision to run for the role as a Member of Youth Parliament, I will strive to make continued improvements, and successful changes to improve the lives of the local young people I would represent. Imagine a future where every young person's voice was heard, where every young person has the power to create change, and a perfect environment to thrive. I will work shoulder-to-shoulder with young people, people in power, and use my sheer determination to make young people's lives the best they can be, to remove the issue that matters most to them, like the knife crime epidemic and mental health issues. After all, we are members of one body and must take responsibility for each other, so today I ask for your vote. I will listen and thrive to create the changes you want, to create your future I assure you I will work hard on your behalf, listen to your ideas and do everything in my power and beyond to remove these issues that we, the young people are passionate about. You hold the answers to make our lives great, I believe I can get them heard, so once again I ask for your vote.



James Callaghan

As having been the previous member of Dudley Youth Parliament I know how the process works. How to run campaigns, how to approach local and national decision-makers and how to put the views across of the young people in the most effective way. I feel that having this advantage is a positive attribute to working a MYP as I can crack on and work towards a positive change for the area, whatever that may be...



Kieran Mills

Hi, I am Kieran I'm 14 and I'm the Disability representative for DYC. When you meet me I may be a bit shy but I feel I can make a difference to young people in the Dudley borough. I run a successful campaign which focuses on young people's views and health. I feel like I can bring a lot to the table. I am passionate about my campaign as I want others to have the same experience that I felt when I was a hospitals. If you didn't know, my campaign focuses on young people's health and views over the transfer of two hospitals.



You can vote for me by crossing the box alongside my name. Thank you.

Laiba Kiren

I believe the start to a healthier and happier Dudley would be represented through me. We all want to be happy, to be successful and at ease. So if you feel that mental health is a topic that should be raised aware of, do something today to change your future for the better by voting for me. Thank you!



Lewis Callary

Hello, I am 17 years old and live in Coseley. If elected as a Member of Youth Parliament, I will give young people across Dudley borough the opportunity to have their voice heard. Young people have valuable and unique opinions of certain topics, particularly mental health, knife crime and university tuition fees but their ideas are often ignored by governments and other people in power. That is why I have decided to stand as a Member of Youth Parliament. If elected, I will give young people more frequent opportunity to express their opinions. I will give young people the courage to speak up. I will give young people the voice that they deserve. Vote for me as your local MYP.



Luke Smyth

Hello, my name is Luke and I am one of the candidates to become the next Member of the Youth Parliament for Dudley. When you vote for me, I will listen to your needs and do my best to achieve them for you. Only together can we make Dudley the best place to live, work and go to school in the country.



Lydia O'Carroll

I'm Lydia and I want our community to stand side-by-side, hand-in-hand for a safer thriving environment for our youths. If you want a community you can be proud of vote for me and together we can do better for Dudley and the UK.



Martin Mhonyera

As a Member of Youth Parliament, I would be able to serve my constituency with motivation and enthusiasm which would drive me to bring justice for those in the Dudley borough and across the United Kingdom. I would create a better channel of communication between the youth of today and the government and could use my knowledge of social media to spearhead campaigns. I would urge those in power to help with the lack of awareness of mental health and to open more youth facilities and centres to accommodate and support those tackling problems. I would like to help to build a better area as a Member of Youth Parliament.



Sean Latham

You should vote for me because I feel strongly about tackling bullying, homophobia and racism. I also want to help victims of bullying and helping LGBTQ+. I know first-hand how it feels to be bullied and called names. I want to help people going through it and to stop it happening. Please vote for me by crossing the box next to my name. Thank you.





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