



# Youth Parliament

MAKING OUR MARK



## UK Youth Parliament Elections 2022

### Information and Application Pack for Suffolk

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**'It's for everybody'**

## **What is the UK Youth Parliament?**

The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) is run by young people for young people and enables 11-18-year olds to use their energy and passion to change the world for the better and bring around social change.

## **What does it mean to be a Member of Youth Parliament (MYP)?**

Being an MYP is a very exciting opportunity. You will collect and represent the views of other young people in Suffolk on issues that matter to them and present them on a local and national level.

MYPs are politically neutral and stand for a two-year term.

## **What's it all about and how does it work?**

**\*\*\*It's not about being political or being a top student or being something you are not – being an MYP is for everyone and what really matters is that you are passionate about young people having a voice, that you have some time and a vision to make things better!**

### **The aims**

UKYP aims to give a voice to young people which will be listened to by local, regional and national government, providers of services for young people and other agencies who have an interest in the views of young people.

It has an independent national identity that has a rolling programme of activities across the year, including an annual sitting, a sitting in the House of Commons, and regional meetings ([www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk))

### **The Structure**

Each Local Authority (LA) across England represents a UKYP constituency. Each constituency has an allocation of representatives called Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs). The number of MYPs in each constituency depend upon the numbers of young people in that area. In Suffolk's case there will be 3 MYPs and 3 DMYPs (deputies).

### **What's the role of an MYP?**

- Help to run Make Your Mark
- Collect and represent the views of young people e.g. at the House of Commons sitting or with leaders and decision makers
- Take part in the wider UKYP programme
- Attends local meetings and to act on the result of Make Your Mark with other MYPs ([www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark))

## Support from Suffolk County Council

Suffolk will provide a dedicated officer to support you in your role as MYP for Suffolk. They will help you with financial support for your UKYP role e.g. travel expenses, and where appropriate they will accompany you to meetings. Suffolk will also assist with establishing meetings with local councilors/officers of the council, press releases and any other ideas you may have to make your time as an MYP a success.

### Time commitment

Do you have the time? Approximately one afternoon each school holiday and 1-2 hours per week for project work - (please consider if you have the time to be an MYP, particularly if you are just entering your GCSE or A-level years).

### Still interested?

If you feel like you are still interested in becoming an MYP you need to fill out the rest of this form. You will also need to ask a teacher/mentor to help you. They will support you in your application, write a reference and be your school/group contact. You need to provide their contact details below. **Good Luck!**

Please send nominations to [jess.walker@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jess.walker@suffolk.gov.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

### Timeline:

Action	Date
Submit your application to Maddie	By 1 <sup>st</sup> November
You will be notified if you have been selected. If selected, you will be invited to UKYP open event in Ipswich to find out more and ask Q's	By 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Open event, Ipswich in St Edmund Chamber.	w/b 6 <sup>th</sup> December (date to be confirmed)
Schools will be issued candidate information	End January 2022
Voting Month – schools in Suffolk will vote to rank candidates + MAKE YOUR MARK BALLOT	February 2022
Results will be announced!	Early March 2022
Induction and handover	Mid March 2022

### Contact:

Questions or queries to:

[jess.walker@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jess.walker@suffolk.gov.uk)

Useful websites:

[www.thsource.me.uk/UKYP](http://www.thsource.me.uk/UKYP)

[www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk) and

[www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)

## **Apply to be an MYP:**

To help us get a better idea about why you would make a great MYP please tell us about yourself.

You will need to talk about what would make you a good member of the Youth Parliament and you may also like to share your skills and personal interests.

**To nominate yourself for election: You will need to respond to a few questions on the nomination form, provide some personal details in the table below and you may produce a short video if you would like to.**

Videos should contain the same information identified on the nomination form. Videos should be no longer than **2 minutes** long.

You should have **3** things that you are passionate about and want to change in your local area, region, nationally or even internationally. It could be anything - education, youth services, transport costs, the environment - anything you have a passion for and want to change for the better. **One** of these issues must be selected from the top five current Make Your Mark topics for Suffolk: Homelessness, Improving Places to Go, Access to Jobs, End the Health Postcode Lottery, Childhood Obesity and Food Poverty

**IMPORTANT: Please keep your answers on p5 to one-page max 😊**

Name:	
Age:	
Email Address:	
Contact Number:	
Name of School or College/Youth organisation:	
Name of teacher/mentor supporting you: Email and Telephone:	

*For details on privacy and data protection please see page 7.*

Have a think... What are the three issues you are passionate about?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Use this space to write about the three things you are passionate about changing or improving for young people (one of these must be from Suffolk's top 5 Make Your Mark results):

1)

2)

3)

What would make YOU a great MYP? Include your personal skills, interests, if you have been in a school/youth council and anything else you think we need to know:

**Teacher/ Youth Worker/mentor reference (200 words max):**

**Teacher/youth worker/mentor:** Can your school or youth group take part in the election?

We need your help to tell young people about the opportunity, support them to apply and whether you have a candidate or not, to run a vote. By registering you will be the first to know updates and receive materials.

**Register by emailing Jess on [jess.walker@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jess.walker@suffolk.gov.uk)**

**\*\*Has your Teacher/youth worker completed your reference?\***

## **Suffolk Youth Parliament – privacy statement**

This is a summary of how we manage your information. For full details please read the Children's Services privacy notice available online at:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/CYPprivacynotice](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CYPprivacynotice)

The Suffolk Youth Parliament is managed by the Engagement Hub on behalf of Suffolk County Council's Children and Young People's Services. It is important that we explain to you about the information Children's and Young People's Services collects, stores, shares and uses to support young people to take part in the UK Youth Parliament programme, and your rights regarding that information.

We only collect information that is needed to enable young people to participate fully and safely in the Youth Parliament. The information will include basic contact and address details, limited health information and the agreement to take part in photography and/or filming (if a young person is less than 16 years old). It will only be shared with Suffolk County employees working with young people taking part in the programme. Children's Services will securely store your information, for the duration of the young person's participation in the Youth Parliament programme.

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with the Engagement Hub in the first instance. However, you can also contact:

[childrensservicesprivacyenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:childrensservicesprivacyenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk)