



Young Mayor of Lewisham





What does it take to be Young Mayor?

Someone who wants to make a difference in their community?

Someone who wants to listen and give young people a voice ?

Someone who will work with others to make things happen?

Someone who wants to be a leader ?

Running for **YOUNG MAYOR** can help you do that and more



- “By giving young people a real say and genuine decision-making power within the borough, we believe we can make Lewisham a better place to live in, not just for young people, but for everyone” (Sir Steve Bullock, Mayor of Lewisham 2006)
- The Young Mayor programme is part of the constitution and base budget of the council



Life of the Young Mayor

Young Advisors: Every Monday 5-7pm.. a team of young people to work with and help you ..you will not be on your own!

Trips across Europe

To meet other young people

Working in their communities

Helping organise an International Womens Day event

Contributing to a Serious Youth Violence Conference

Working with politicians on projects

organising
Sports and showcase
events and other
projects

Meeting with
school councils
and the Mayor

Intergenerational
work

Consultations on changes to
services for young people and the
wider community

**Representing young people at
civic and important events to show
support and solidarity**

Create Con

*Meetings and discussions
with people like the
police, the health service,
to improve the services for
young people in
Lewisham..*



Young Advisors at the House of Lords





How to become the young mayor

All you have to do is complete the candidate pack which is available here:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/mayorandcouncil/youngmayor/Documents/YMCandidatePack2016.pdf>

And you need to be

- 13- 17 years /live or go to school in Lewisham
 - Signature of parent/carer
 - Headteachers signature
- 50 of your friends/peers to sign
- Start your candidate statement

Drop it back to the Young Mayor team by the deadline



What happens then?

Candidate Training@ the Civic Suite in Catford

You will have your photo taken for your campaign materials: t-shirts, stickers and fliers and for the statement book which goes to all the schools. You will get help with your statement (what your ideas are) on Saturday too. **You will get to talk to previous young mayors and young advisors to find out what its really like..and meet the Mayor Sir Steve Bullock**

Then from the Monday you will campaign; talking to other young people about why they should vote for you. We will help you with this including organising assemblies in other schools.



- What else you need to ..talk to your friends and get a “campaign team” together who will help you with your campaign
- Ask other young people what is important to them, what they would like you to do as Young Mayor..

Ask them to vote for **you** to be Young Mayor on Election Day, young people will be able to vote in every secondary school and college in Lewisham. Every year nearly 10,000 young people vote in the Election. If they don't go to school in Lewisham hey can have a postal vote..



The Young Mayor Budget

- The Young Mayor and Young Advisors Team have a budget of £25,000 every year, we have to consult with others and develop some budget proposals.



How we develop the budget proposals

- Discussions at Young Mayor and Young Advisors – initial ideas and design post card to help consultation
- Priorities from YM candidate manifestos
- Consultations at schools, school councils, youth clubs and projects to gather more ideas
- Feedback discussed at Young Advisors, ideas became proposals and most popular ideas made into final proposals and agreed at Young Advisors Meeting
- Present proposals to the Mayor and Cabinet



Previous Young Mayors have organised many things using their **£25,000 budget** like:

Work experience projects

Intergenerational work

Mental health awareness events

Skate safe

Intergenerational work

‘Come dine with me

Serious Youth Violence

Talent Shows

Help young people set up workshops

their own business

Started a forum for young

people with

disabilities

Music and film studio

Young people’s small
Funding pot

Primary school projects



- **Small funding pots**..one of the budget priorities was to commit £10,000 for other young people from youth organisations, arts groups, faith groups to apply for.
- They had to come up with an idea and then fill a simple form and come and present it to the young advisors about their idea. We funded different projects, a film project for young people in care, events to raise awareness about mental health, girls football tournament, young peoples magazine, community and family day, a café at a special needs school to help prepare students for working life.. So this was a good way of involving more young people in the budget.



Curriculum for Life

Identifying what young people want to learn which is currently outside the mainstream curriculum. Including things like first aid, mental health and wellbeing, debating and discussion about ethical, social and world issues to help form opinions and build confidence and self-esteem. It could also include practical issues such as knowing about rights in employment, taxation and pensions, an extension of preparing young people for life after/outside school.

The budget will be used to pay for activities and sessions which will be piloted in some schools, suggestions include activities such as first aid workshops.

Total: £10,000.00



Curriculum for Enterprise

The Curriculum for Enterprise is to add to the opportunities young people have to learn about and experience being involved in enterprise culture as a response to changing work places. Working with existing opportunities in Lewisham and feeding into bodies such as the Business Support Providers Forum, Business Advice service, Education Business Partnership and youth organisations like Young Enterprise to strengthen the pathways for young people in to this field.

The budget will be used to potentially pilot projects such as an enterprise summer school and small pot for schools to apply to for support and enterprise project, an identified youth space for enterprise support. **Total: £15,000.00**



If you have any questions at all please get in touch!

We have youth workers to help and advise the Young Mayor and Young Advisors please get in touch with

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