

# Youth Advisor

## About the role

In 2018 we surveyed over 1200 young people about what it is like to live, work and study in the district. 85% of those who completed the survey also said they wanted to be kept informed and involved in our decision making and this is one way we want to get our young people involved in what we do.

The position of Young Advisor involves:

- Raising awareness of the positive contribution young people make to the district and ensuring their voices are heard by meeting quarterly with the Youth Chairperson, Youth Champion (a councillor), Portfolio Holder for Communities (a councillor) and Leader of the District Council to discuss key issues.
- Being an ambassador for your school and consulting your peers about what it is like to live, work and study in the area and feeding that back to the Youth Chairperson and Councillors mentioned above.
- Championing those interests that are of specific importance to you at the district council e.g. climate change, mental health.
- Supporting the Youth Chairperson to allocate their £1000 budget to youth projects and activities across the district, that address the pressing problems of our young generation and in 2020-21 focus on helping our young people and their communities to recover from the recent crisis.

## What's the criteria?

The Youth Advisors will be in post for 12 months from 1st June.

To be a Youth Advisor you must:

- Live in the Malvern Hills District- (you can check by inputting your postcode in your **My Local Area**)
- Be between the ages of 11-17yrs
- Have the permission of your parent/carer AND school/college/training provider

A Youth Advisor is welcome to apply for the role of Youth Chairperson in the future.

## What's the time commitment?

The role will run from 1<sup>st</sup> June to end of May.

We estimate that an Advisor will spend approximately eight hours of school time and two hours of personal time on the role in total.

As a minimum, an Advisor will:

- Attend an induction with their support officer, Chief Executive and Leader of the Council (this can be done virtually and during school time)
- Meet the Youth Chairperson, Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Communities, Youth Champion and other Advisors on a quarterly basis (during school time)

- Support the Youth Chair in an annual budget pitch session for applicants to the youth chair budget scheme (during school time)

In addition the Advisor will be asked to attend (in person or virtually) the following outside of school time:

- Worcestershire's Youth Cabinet once during the year
- MHDC's council meeting once during the year

### **What's in it for me?**

As a Youth Advisor you will be given support to develop your skills in a range of areas including public speaking, written communication, working as part of a team and more. These are all qualities that will help you as you go through life.

You will also get to champion those issues that you are most passionate about.

You will have an opportunity to be a part of local democracy in action and you will get an insight into the role of local government and local councillors.

You will be given business cards, a council identification badge and a letter of recognition from the Leader of the Council for the role, which can be used towards DoE and as part of your CV.

### **What else should I know?**

The Youth Advisors will be:

- reimbursed for any costs incurred in carrying out the role (including mileage)
- supported in their role by a district council officer (with enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check)
- given a council email address and telephone number to use, which will be monitored by a district council officer. You will never be expected to give out your own personal details as part of the role.

If you have any questions about the role please contact Claire Vaughan on 01684 862449 or email [engagement@malvern hills.gov.uk](mailto:engagement@malvern hills.gov.uk)

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