

# Youth Chairperson

## 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 Chair involves:

- Receiving a budget of **£1000** to address the pressing problems of our young generation improving the lives of our community, and playing a vital role in local government. In 2020-21 this fund will focus on community recovery from the Covid-19 crisis.
- Raising awareness of the positive contribution young people make to the district and ensuring their voices are heard
- Working with the district's young people on key priorities

## What's the criteria?

The application process has now closed for 2020/21 and our first Youth Chairperson has been appointed.

The Youth Chairperson will be in post for 12 months from 1st June each year. We will advertise the role in February each year and you will be able to apply between February and March.

Any young person can stand for Youth Chair as long as they:

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

## What's the time commitment?

- The role will run from June to end of May each year.
- We estimate that the Chairperson will spend approximately 15 hours of school time and five hours of personal time on the role in total.

As a minimum, the Chairperson will:

- Attend an induction and chair skills training session (during school time)
- Meet with their Youth Advisors from other schools to share ideas and learn from each other
- Run an annual Malvern Youth Forum as part of Local Democracy Day with representatives from our five high schools, to focus on active consultations (during school time)
- Offer a visit to each of the five high school's youth councils (during school time)
- Meet with the Leader; Portfolio Holder for Communities and Youth Champion of Malvern Hills District Council periodically (during school time)
- Hold an annual budget pitch session with the Youth Advisors for applicants to the youth chair budget scheme (during school time)

In addition the Chairperson will be asked to attend or send video or written updates to:

- Worcestershire's Youth Cabinet twice a year
- MHDC's council meeting twice a year

## How do I apply?

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## What else should I know?

The Youth Chairperson 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)

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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