

Youth Advisor role description

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 working alongside other Youth Advisors in the district to:

- Raise awareness of the positive contribution young people make to the district and ensuring their voices are heard by meeting monthly with the Youth Chairperson, Youth Champion and Community Engagement Officer to discuss key issues.
- Be an ambassador for your school and working with the council to consult your peers about what it is like to live, work and study in the area.
- Champion those interests that are of specific importance to you at the district council. For instance, in 2020/21 our Youth Chair and Advisors chose to champion environmental issues and mental health awareness and support in schools.
- Support 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 2021-22 to 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 or go to school 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/guardian 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 1st June 2021 to end of May 2022.

We estimate that in one year, an Advisor will spend approximately two school days and twenty hours of personal time (early evening meetings) on the role in total.

As a minimum, an Advisor will:

- Attend a welcome day with their support officer, Chief Executive and Leader of the Council (during school time)
- Meet the Youth Chairperson, Youth Champion, their support officer and other Advisors on a monthly basis (during personal time – early evening)
- Support the Youth Chair in an annual budget pitch session for applicants to the youth chair budget scheme (during personal time – early evening)

- Attend a team building day approximately six months into their role, with the Youth Chairperson, other Youth Advisors and their support officer

In addition the Advisor will be invited 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 mileage costs incurred in carrying out the role
- 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 youth@malvern hills.gov.uk

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