








Want to have your say,
make a difference,
have fun & meet new people?




Then join us at Hereford City Youth Council!

The Youth Council is a group of young people from a diverse range of backgrounds, faiths, ages and genders, who are passionate about getting young people's voices heard. By engaging with the City Council and other service providers on issues important to the young people of the City, we strive to ensure that every young person can have a say in decisions that affect them.

We...





-  support young people to get their voices heard
-  work on creative campaigns and projects through consultation, awareness raising, working with the local service provision etc
-  create sustainable projects which could be continued by local groups
-  engage and encourage young people in participation activities
-  develop youth ambassadors and future leaders

Our priorities...

-  social and cultural scene – the lack of feeling safe, more youth participation, more youth facilities/activities
-  climate/environment – green spaces, recycling, tree planting
-  transport – buses, improved cycle routes, safer routes for walking and cycling












Becoming a Youth Councillor gives you the chance to make your mark. You will be able to air your views, meet other young people, and tell decision makers what should really be happening for young people in your area.

As a Youth Councillor you can...







-  represent and talk to local young people
-  meet local councillors and other decision-makers to talk about issues affecting young people
-  be involved in events celebrating the work that you do and get involved in special projects
-  be involved with the process of electing new members and junior mayors

Youth Councillors are usually 11 - 19 who live, work or study in Hereford, but exceptions can be made (24 if you have a disability/additional needs). Once you have applied, we will invite you to a meeting to see if you think it's for you.





What you'll get out of it...

-  confidence
-  leadership skills
-  experience of campaigns, consultations and conferences, involving communications and public speaking
-  friendships, links and networks
-  the opportunity to have your voice and the voices of others in your community heard
-  impact positive change
-  lots of fun including activities
-  the chance to find out more about your local community
-  shape future Youth Councils and guide new Youth Councillors
-  the opportunity to take on responsibilities (e.g. become Chair, Treasurer, Social Media Officer etc)
-  a reference for school/ college/ university/ employment

We're looking for someone who...

-  is committed, lively and outgoing
-  is able to listen to and respect the views of others but also speak their mind
-  can work as part of a team
-  is prepared to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours per month (outside of school/college/work hours)
-  takes their responsibilities seriously
-  asks for support, advice and help if needed

Help you can expect...


-  support and friendship from other youth councillors
-  experienced youth workers and council officers present at meetings and events
-  support from nominated City Councillors
-  a team who will help you get the most out of your experience


(Should a Youth Councillor at the age of 18 be elected as a Councillor to sit on Hereford City (Parish) Council or on the Unitary Authority Herefordshire Council, then they will cease to sit as a member on Hereford City Youth Council).

Interested or have questions?

Then contact us or fill out the next few pages and return to us by email or post:

 theyouthcouncil@herefordcitycouncil.gov.uk

 01432 260454

 Hereford City Council, Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, St Owen Street, Hereford, HR1 2PJ

First name:

Surname:

Address & postcode:

Home number:

Mobile number:

Email:

Date of birth:

Are you a member of any of the following groups (please tick all that apply)?

- UK Youth Parliament
- School/Youth Council
- County Hospital Young Ambassadors
- Uniformed Group
- Y-Team
- Community/Voluntary Group

Do you attend any other groups not listed above?

Do you go to school or college in Hereford City? If so, which one?

Have you been involved in anything like a Youth Council before? If so, please tell us about it:

When answering the following questions, think about what we are looking for and try to include this...

Why do you want to be a Youth Councillor?

What skills and qualities would you bring to the role?

What do you want to achieve for young people of the City of Hereford?

Signed:
Print Name:
Date:

Name and signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian endorsing your application:

Signed:
Print Name:
Date: