

York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission on Police, Fire and Crime: Application Guidance Notes

Please read carefully before filling in your [application form](#)

Are you 10-25 years old and living in York or North Yorkshire?

Would you like to join the York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission (Y&NYYC)?

1. What is the Youth Commission?

The Youth Commission enables young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and partners. The Youth Commission enables young people to get involved and have their say about policing, fire, and crime issues important to them.

The role of the Youth Commission is very important because it helps the York and North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime, Jo Coles and the Police, Fire and Crime Services to make more informed decisions that meet the needs of young people. We do this by conducting peer-research campaigns and speaking with other young people to gather their views and opinions on our key priority issues.

Learn more about [our priorities](#) for 2024-2025

2. Who can join the York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission?

We are looking for participants aged 10-25 years from York and North Yorkshire including **York, Harrogate, Skipton, Scarborough, Ryedale, Selby, Richmondshire and Hambleton**. The role is open to anyone in this age group from one of these areas.

We are looking for people who are **good team players** and **willing to get involved** with the activities of the Youth Commission. We are very keen to ensure that the Youth Commission is made up of a diverse group of young people who broadly reflect the make-up of the local population, **including those who may have direct personal experience of the police, fire service and the criminal justice system.**

3. If I join, what will I have to do?

Throughout the year, members of the Youth Commission will:

- **Take part in Youth Commission meetings:** You will participate in Youth Commission meetings, these usually take place on weekday evenings or Saturdays. Meetings will be a mix of in-person and virtual.
At these events, the members of the Youth Commission will come together to discuss and set objectives for the project. You will develop skills and come up with creative ideas for the project. You will also reflect and review the progress of the project.
- **Take part in Subgroups to advise North Yorkshire Police and Fire Services and other agencies:** You will have an opportunity to meet with officers and staff, advise them about key issues affecting young people and inform the development of their work, for example on the use of tasers, and approaches to tackling hate crime and antisocial behaviour.
- **Work on special projects and campaigns:** You will have the opportunity to work on peer led campaigns that focus on our key priorities. Currently they are: Gender Violence & Safer Streets, Inclusivity, Online Safety, Drugs & County Lines, Youth Rights & Police Respect and Healthy Relationships.
- **Plan and deliver events:** You will work in a team to design and plan interactive events to engage other young people and partner agencies in your area on these important topics. You will be asked to run these events wherever possible, as long as there is no clash with your school, college, work or other commitments. This will include the opportunity to involve other young people in the development of campaigns or projects and to deliver engagement activities to highlight and promote the positive work of the Youth Commission.

- **Report back to the York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority and other agencies:** You will contribute towards the analysis of information gathered from the work of the project and help to present back your conclusions.
- **Opportunity to take part in the [Good Citizen Award](#):** You will have the option to get involved in your own community action and part in the Good Citizen Award to receive recognition from the York and North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime for positive action you take in your community.

4. What will I get from being part of the Youth Commission?

- **Discuss issues with decision-makers:** You will meet the York and North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime, officials from North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and other partner agencies at Youth Commission events and help them to understand what young people in your area think about our priorities. You will have the opportunity to influence their work.
- **Develop your skills and experience:** You will gain valuable skills and experience, which you will be able to use for your CV or applications to Further or Higher Education.
- **Become ambassadors for other young people:** You will give a voice to young people in your area by helping them to get their views heard.
- **Meet new people:** You will meet a diverse range of other young people from York and North Yorkshire, and work alongside professionals from different organisations.

5. If I have a criminal record, can I still apply?

Yes absolutely. We are actively looking for applications from young people with relevant personal experience of policing and the criminal justice system.

Please be aware that all York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission members will go through a volunteer check with North Yorkshire Police once they have been selected. This process is known as 'vetting', and it is done for safeguarding reasons. The purpose of this vetting is not to put up barriers to any young person applying, but to allow us to manage any

potential risks. If you have any questions or concerns about vetting, please do get in touch with us and we'd be very happy to discuss it with you further.

6. How do I apply?

The deadline for applications is **Thursday 18th December 2025**.

Please fill in the [application form](#)

If you are under 18, your Parent/ Guardian must also fill out the section regarding consent to join the Y&NYYC.

- No Y&NYYC member will be alone with another child or young person.
- An appropriately enhanced DBS checked adult member of Leaders Unlocked staff will be present during all Youth Commission activities.

• **Privacy:** Your privacy is really important to us. By filling in the York and North Yorkshire Youth Commission application form, you are consenting to Leaders Unlocked using your personal information to keep in touch with you over the course of the project. If your application is not successful, or you decide to withdraw your application, we will delete your personal data from our files.

If you want to withdraw your consent at any time you can contact the Data Protection officer at info@leaders-unlocked.org and if you would like to see our full Privacy Notice you can do so here: [Leaders-Unlocked-Privacy-Notice](#)

7. What happens next?

Once we receive your application, we will then carry out brief telephone interviews with applicants.

If successful, the first meeting date will be **Saturday 7th February 2026**.

Please contact Emily@leaders-unlocked.org if you have any questions.

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[Apply Here](#)