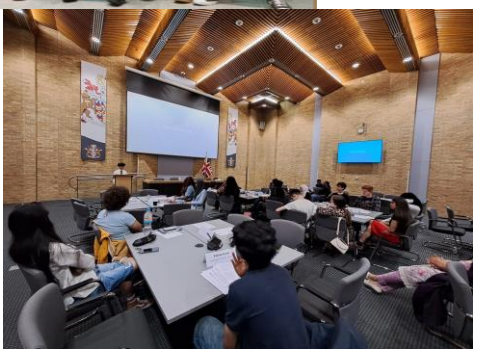
Milton Keynes Youth Council Nomination Form













This is your nomination form to stand to be a member of Milton Keynes Youth Council. You will need to complete this form and hand it to a lead teacher in your school before the deadline of **4pm on Thursday 14 January 2027.**

For more information, visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-youth-council or contact Lisa Thompson lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Be involved in your local youth led democracy program!

Milton Keynes City Council

What's it all about?

Milton Keynes Youth Council (MKYC) is a group of young people aged 11 to 18 from across the city who work together to represent the views, concerns, and ideas of young people in Milton Keynes.

Youth Councillors help ensure that young people's voices are heard by decisionmakers, campaign on issues that matter to young people, and work to bring about positive change in their communities.

As a Youth Council representative, you are elected to raise awareness of issues that matter to young people in your school and local community.

Your voice. Your city. Your chance to make a difference.

You could be part of it!

Youth Council meetings include:

- Formal meetings: Held monthly on the first Saturday of the month held in the Civic Chamber.
- Action Group meetings: Held fortnightly, on Mondays.

At these meetings, Youth Councillors discuss important issues affecting young people, develop actions to participate in consultations, provide feedback to decisionmakers, and take part in training and personal development opportunities.

As a YC representative you will have the opportunities to stand for leadership roles such as;

- Member of UK Youth Parliament (MYP)
- Youth Mayor

To be a Youth Councilor, you must be committed to attending planned meetings and willing to take part in exciting opportunities, events, and projects that arise throughout your term of office.

What do I get out of it?

Being part of Milton Keynes Youth Council is a great opportunity to develop skills and experiences that will benefit you now and, in the future, and have the chance to make a real difference to the lives of young people in Milton Keynes while meeting new people, making friends, and having fun along the way.

You will have the opportunity to gain:

- Confidence and leadership skills
- Experience of campaigning and influencing change
- Public speaking and communication skills
- Teamwork and project management experience
- New friendships and connections
- Opportunities to represent young people locally, regionally, and nationally
- Be heard. Make a difference. Develop skills for life

Youth Council election process

There are 31 elected places on MKYC, with a capped number allocated to each school based on its population. It is usually 1 or 2 places per school.

- The nomination form is at the back of this pack (paper copies are available from your lead teachers).
- All candidates need to complete a nomination form and manifesto.
- **Send your completed nomination and manifesto forms to: lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk**
- By no later than **4pm Thursday 14 January 2027**, late or incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Your manifesto will be published on the Milton Keynes City Council website and displayed in your school for those who will be voting to read and consider their candidates. All young people voting will receive a ballot paper on polling day to elect their chosen candidate(s) in their school.

Successful candidates will be invited to a ceremony and a residential stay as part of an induction to the youth council.

Election dates and results

- Nominations will commence from **2 November 2026 to Thursday 14 January 2027**
- Candidates campaign period is from **Monday 18 January to Monday 1 February 2027** (Teachers and Democratic services will support you through this process)
- Polling day is on, or around week commencing **Monday 1 February to Thursday 4 February 2007** (depending on individual school requirements)
- Election results to be announced by Democratic Services on **Friday 5 February 2027**

Come along and find out more about the Milton Keynes Youth Council.

An informative session where you can meet current youth council members and MKCC staff. This is a great opportunity to hear from members of MKYC and ask questions.

Where: Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, MK9 3EJ.
When: **Monday 16 November 2026**
Time: 5pm to 6pm

How to complete your nomination form?

Follow these three steps to complete your nomination form.

Step 1 and 2 – Candidate information and parent consent

Complete the candidate information and contact details. We will use this detail to contact you through the process, should you be elected. Your contact details and address will not be published anywhere.

Step 3 – Your Manifesto

Please answer the questions about why you should be elected to Milton Keynes Youth Council. You could add any skills and experience you think make you particularly suited for the role.

Remember to keep within the 400-word limit and it **MUST be typed**.

Your school and Democratic Services can provide support sessions to help you complete your manifesto.

Step 4 – Approving your nomination form.

1) Your parent or guardian will need to consent to you standing for the Youth Council
2) You will also need 10 pupils from your school to endorse you; this is also done by signature.
3) Finally, your head or lead teacher will need to approve your nomination form by signing your completed form.

Candidate Nomination Form

Step 1: Candidates information and contact details (all sections must be completed).

First name:	
Surname:	
Date of Birth:	Age:

Address:	
	Postcode:
Mobile:	Home Telephone:
Email:	
Gender:	Secondary School:
Disability / Learning needs:	

Step 2: Consent

We require a parent or carers permission for you to stand as a candidate for youth council.

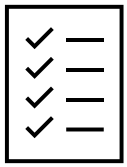
Parent or Guardian consent and information	
Name:	
Email:	
Phone number:	
Signature:	Date:

Data Protection Privacy Statement

We collect and use this information about you so that we can provide communications services under Data Protection Laws and for safeguarding purposes.

Full details about how we use this data and the rights you have around this can be found at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/privacy.







Manifesto

Step 3: What is a Manifesto

A manifesto is your chance to tell other young people why they should vote for you.

Try to answer the questions below, your manifesto should be no more than 400 words and must be typed. This is your opportunity to let young people who could vote for you know what you think and why you would be a good MKYC representative. This is what young people will read when deciding which candidate(s) to vote for.

It's important that your manifesto is an electronic document and includes your name and the name of your school. Send it with your signed nomination form.

What to include in your manifesto

Your Name: School name:

Answer these manifesto questions.

You should include as much information on the questions provided as possible**.**

1. Tell us a little about yourself
   - What are your hobbies, interests, or passions?
   - What makes you, you?

2. Why do you want to join the Youth Council?
   - What inspired you to put yourself forward?
   - What would you like to achieve as a Youth Councilor?
   - Why do you think youth voice is important?

3. How will you commit to the role?
   - Youth Councillors attend meetings, events, and consultations throughout the year. How will you balance your Youth Council responsibilities with your other commitments?
   - What skills or qualities will help you be a reliable and active member?

4. What issues matter to young people most?
   - What challenges do young people in Milton Keynes face?
   - Which issues are most important to you?
   - What changes would you like to see, and how would you help make them happen?

5. Why should young people vote for you?
   - What strengths, skills, or experiences would you bring to the Youth Council?
   - How will you make sure you listen to and represent the views of all young people?

Manifesto support sessions - MKCC Democratic Services can support with manifesto writing,
Drop-in session at Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, MK9 3EJ.
Time: 5pm to 6pm

- Monday 7 December 2026 in Room 1.25
- Wednesday 6 January 2027 in Room 1.21

Signatures

Step 4 – Approving your nomination form.

You'll need to ask people to support your nomination**.** Follow the steps below to ensure your form is completed correctly.

- Your parent or guardian will need sign the consent form.
- You will also need 10 pupils from your school to endorse you; this is also done by signature.
- Finally, your head or lead teacher will need to approve your nomination form by signing your completed form.

Name of the fellow pupil who endorse you:		**Signature**
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2		
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Name of Teacher:		

Where to send your complete form?

Completed nomination forms should be submitted (with your manifesto, either to your head teacher or emailed directly to: lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Final checks

Before submitting your nomination form, be sure you have:

- You have 10 signatures from pupils from your school, who endorse you.
- You have a teacher signature on your **complete** nomination form.
- You have a parent or guardian consent for you to stand for Milton Youth Council.
- You have **typed** and **completed** your manifesto before sending it.

For more information about the elections go to: https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-youth-council
Or email lisa.thompson2@milton-keynes.gov.uk

What if I do not get elected or I don’t want to stand, but still want to be part of MKYC?

You don't have to be an elected Youth Councillor to make a difference. If you don't want to stand for election, or if you aren't successful, there are still plenty of ways to get involved with Milton Keynes Youth Council.

You can help shape campaigns, share your views on issues affecting young people, and contribute to important discussions by attending Action Group meetings or observing formal Youth Council meetings.

These opportunities are open to all young people aged 11 to 18 who live in Milton Keynes.

Action Group meetings are held every two weeks on a Monday evening at the Civic Offices.

Formal meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month in the Council Chamber.

If you would like to attend a meeting, you will need to complete a registration and consent form, which can be found on our website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-youth-council

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