



## UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) Elections 2022

We are looking for young people who want to make a difference to get involved with the UK Youth Parliament. If that sounds like you, read on and find out more about it below...

- UK Youth Parliament is a parliament of young people aged between 11-18
- It was set up so that young people can use their elected voice to bring about change through action and campaigns
- Telford and Wrekin has 1 Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) and a Deputy. The Member and Deputy are voted in by the young people of Telford & Wrekin (you can vote age 11-18)
- Any young person living or going to school in Telford and Wrekin can stand for election as an MYP
- The next elections are taking place in February 2022 and the MYP will have the role for 2 years
- Being an MYP gives you a lot of opportunities to meet other young people and work together to make changes locally and nationally. Some of the events that MYPs can attend include:
  - Regional meetings with other Members (3 per year Covid permitting)
  - A 2 night residential experience (Covid permitting)
  - Attending the visit to the House of Commons
  - Plus taking part in national campaigns for young people

### ***What do MYP's do?***

- In the past two years, Members and Deputy Members have been working on campaigns
- They have written to MPs asking them to support targets to reduce plastic pollution, as well as investing in services to support young people's mental health

- They ran the #sayhello campaign during the first lock down to reduce social isolation and help with mental health
- They are taking part in consultation on public transport for young people on a regional level
- They have been involved in the Knife Angel project to reduce knife crime, training as peer researchers

### ***Why get involved????***

- Great experience
- Meet lots of new people from all over the country
- Looks great on your CV and college/university applications
- Visit new places in the country- youth clubs, community centres, universities
- It's FREE- everything is paid for and there is support from a worker to attend



### ***Interested??***

- Attend training day on 27 November –
- For information on the training day, or if you have any questions, please contact Sarah Underhill (Community Support Worker) 07970038287
- For further information on UKYP <http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/>