

BLACKPOOL YOUTH COUNCIL

Member of Youth Parliament Notice of Election Pack 2018



Welcome

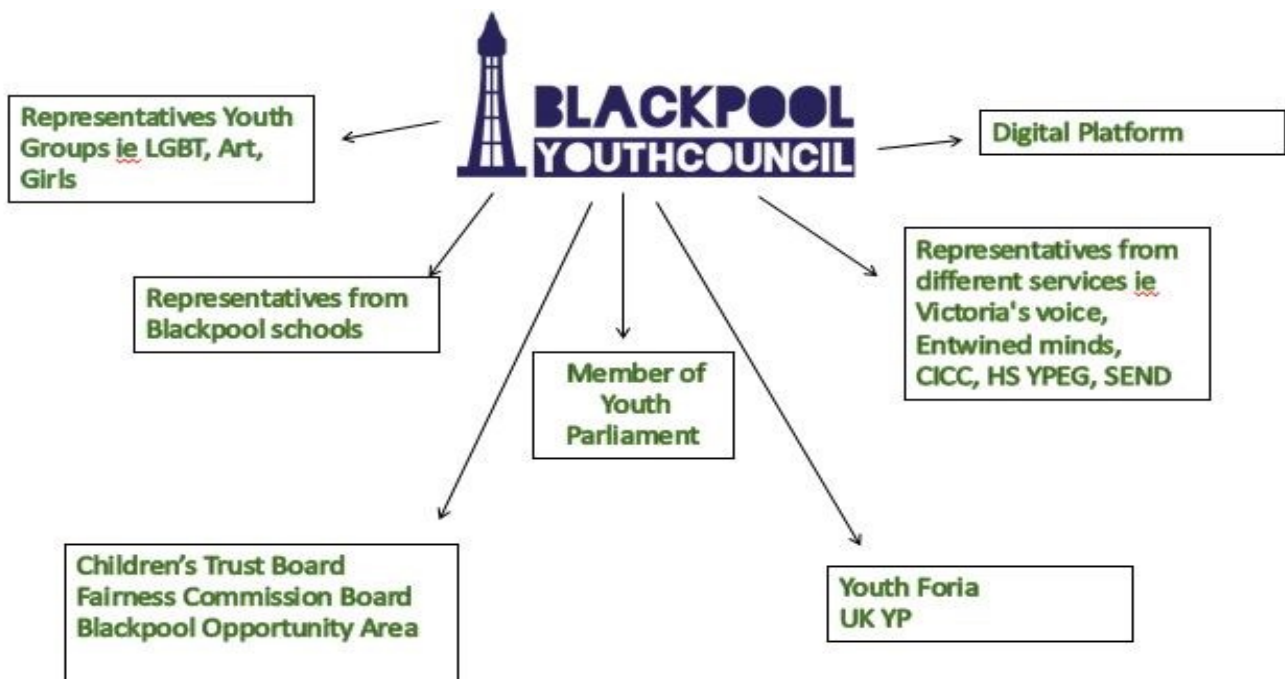
The information in this pack is for young people aged 11-18 who live or attend school/college in Blackpool and have an interest in becoming a Member of Youth Parliament representing Blackpool.

In this pack you will find out what it is all about, if this is the right role for you, how to apply and what next.

If you have any other questions please contact April Rankin at URPotential. Tel: 01253 344398 / Mob: 07411062086

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What is the UK Youth Parliament ?

The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) enables young people to use their energy and passion to change the world for the better.

Run by young people for young people, UKYP provides opportunities for young people aged 11-18 years old to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change.

Blackpool Youth Council (BYC) are members of British Youth Council and work under the UKYP objectives.



What does it mean to be a MYP?

Being an MYP is a very exciting opportunity. Throughout your term of office you will have the chance to get involved in a range of activities.

For example, MYPs meet with MPs and local councillors, organise events, run campaigns, make speeches, hold debates and ensure the views of young people are listened to by decision makers.

But the most important aspect of any MYP's job is to make sure they represent the views of young people in their constituency.

MYP's are politically neutral.

What's it all about and how does it work?

The aims

Blackpool Youth Council & UKYP aim to give young people aged between 11-18 years of age a voice, which will be listened to by local, regional and national government, providers of services for young people and other agencies who have an interest in the views of young people.

It has an independent national identity, that has a rolling programme of activities across the year, including an Annual Sitting, a Sitting in the House of Commons and regional meetings.

Objectives

- ⇒ BYC is composed of representatives between 11-18 years old
- ⇒ BYC ensures that the young people of the UK are given a voice on any issue that affects them, as laid out in Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child,
- ⇒ BYC empowers young people to take positive action within their local communities based upon issues of shared concern.



The Role of MYP's

Time Commitment

You will need to attend a minimum of 2 Blackpool Youth Council meetings per month. These are held weekly Monday 5.30-7.30pm. You will also need to attend other events as per the calendar below:

Duration

There are two roles available, Member of Youth Parliament & Deputy Member of Youth Parliament.

These posts are for 1 year each and positions will swap after 1 year.

During their term of office MYP's will:

- ⇒ Become an active member of Blackpool Youth Council
- ⇒ Attend weekly meetings and maintain regular contact with URP worker
- ⇒ Work with their local MP's, councilors and local youth groups on the issues of greatest concern to their constituents
- ⇒ Work with MYP's across the UK work to give young people a voice
- ⇒ Listen to marginalised groups
- ⇒ Organise and attend events
- ⇒ Make films
- ⇒ Lobby for change
- ⇒ Organise and attend campaigns
- ⇒ Appear in the media to amplify the views of their peers



The role of MYP's

Below is a calendar of events that as MYP & DMYP you will be required to attend and sessions/workshops you will be required to participate in:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Elected reps	Youthforia meeting	MYP & DMYP Announcement	Youthforia meeting	Youthforia residential (BYC convention)		Youthforia meeting (BYC convention)

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Elected reps	UKYP Annual Sitting Make your mark launch Youthforia meeting		Youthforia meeting	Youthforia (BYC convention) Make Your Mark results	HoC sitting	Youthforia meeting

Support from URPotential– Blackpool Youth Council

Blackpool will be electing a MYP and a Deputy MYP (the candidate with the second most votes will become the deputy).

We will provide:

- A dedicated youth worker, to support you in your role as MYP & DMYP
- A chaperone to accompany you to meetings
- Help to develop campaigns, events & meetings
- Assistance to establish meetings with local Councilors/Officers of the Council and other youth groups

Exit policy

Not delivering your responsibilities, inappropriate behavior or not meeting expectations of what is required from an MYP could result in dismissal from UK Youth Parliament.

What Next?

If this role is of interest to you, then please complete your details in the candidate details page and return to April at URPotential. Below you will find a timeline for the process:

Register your interest	Deadline: 18th January 2019
Send in your manifesto	Deadline: 1st February 2019
Your manifesto goes live for local young people to read	4th to 15th February 2019
Voting event at Blackpool Town Hall	18th February 2019
Sign up as MYP & DMYP	25th February 2019
National announcement	28th February 2019





Youth Parliament
MAKING OUR MARK

(Please complete in CAPITALS)

Name of Candidate:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Contact number:

Contact email:

School/college (if any):

What are your 3 top priorities for Young people in Blackpool:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please return this form to April Rankin at URPotential office 296 Central Drive, Blackpool, FY1 5JW by post or email april@urpotential.co.uk

Deadline: 18th January 2019

I give my consent to URPotential/ Blackpool Youth Council to record personal information about me:(or name of child if parent/guardian/carer consent is sought) and to take photographs and share my personal information in regard to this election.

Name..... Signature

Date

If you are under the age of 16 a signature from parent /guardian is required.

Parent /guardian name.....Signature.....

Date.....