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District Council

# South Cambridgeshire Youth Council

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## Information for Young People

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**South Cambridgeshire District Council are looking to recruit new Youth Councillors (yCllrs) for 2015-16.**

**We would like for our Youth Council to represent the whole of the District, and will be working with schools, young people's services, and community projects to try to represent as many young people as possible.**

If you are interested in becoming a Youth Councillor you can contact us for a chat, or simply complete the forms in this pack and return them to:

Kirstin Donaldson  
South Cambridgeshire Hall  
Cambourne Business Park  
Cambourne  
Cambridge  
CB23 6EA

Or email us at:

[youthcouncil@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:youthcouncil@scambs.gov.uk)

You can keep up-to-date with the Youth Council by following us on social media



[www.facebook.com/SCYouthCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/SCYouthCouncil)



[@southcambsyc](https://twitter.com/southcambsyc)

# **what is SCYC?**


**South Cambridgeshire Youth Council is a group of young people between the ages of 13 and 17 who live or go to school in the district.**

**South Cambs Youth Council was established in 2012 to give young people a say in decisions that directly affect them. In 2014 we became members of the British Youth Council and in 2015 we joined the UK Youth Parliament. We recognise that young people in South Cambridgeshire are keen to get involved in local and national debates, and we want to hear what you have to say!**

**You don't need to be "into politics" to be a Youth Councillor, and the Youth Council is not party affiliated. All we ask is that you are passionate about representing young people and making a difference in your community.**

**The Youth Council have a very important function in supporting the work of the senior council. It is the role of the Youth Council give young people a voice that is listened to by decision makers and to involve them in decisions about issues and services that affect young people in the district.**

# what's in it for you?

A yellow starburst shape with multiple points, containing text about CV benefits.


Gain valuable skills,  
experiences and a unique  
opportunity to add to your CV!

A blue starburst shape with multiple points, containing text about community understanding.

Learn about your community  
and develop an understanding  
of political processes,  
governance and representation

A green starburst shape with multiple points, containing text about influencing policy.

Influence future policy and decisions on  
issues affecting young people, including  
the environment, transport, antisocial  
behaviour, local leisure and health  
facilities and youth services.

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As well as representing young people, there are lots of  
opportunities open to SCYCLrs you can choose based  
upon your interests and skills. These include: chairing  
and minute taking of meetings, administration,  
publicity and fundraising, graphic design, film  
production, events management and MORE...



# British Youth Council

The British Youth Council is a UK Charity whose mission is to empower young people aged 25 and under to influence and inform the decisions that affect their lives. They support young people to get involved in their communities and democracy locally, nationally and internationally, making a difference as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders.

BYC is made up of more than 230 member organisations (including South Cambridgeshire District Council!) who support their vision for young people. Members elect their Board, determine their policies and prioritise their campaigns. They also act as the link between BYC and millions of individuals.

## Youth Parliament



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The UKYP aims to give the young people between the ages of 11 and 18 in the UK a voice which will be heard and listened to by local and national government, providers of services for young people and other agencies that have an interest in the views and needs of young people. It is a national body of democratically elected young people that has a rolling programme of activities across the year. This includes an Annual Sitting, Regional Meetings and regular dialogue with Ministers, including the Prime Minister and Opposition spokespeople, contributing to policy and programme development. Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) represent different districts or cities and with the support of UKYP, make the Government, charities, companies and other organisations take the views of their peer group to adults' councils and regional assemblies. they also lead on campaigns to improve recreation and leisure facilities and transport services, in their community.

**The MYP for Cambridgeshire is currently Eleanor Harris, who is also a yCllr!**

# how to become a yCllr


The first step to becoming a South Cambridgeshire Youth Councillor is completing the application form in this pack and returning it to :

Kirstin Donaldson  
South Cambridgeshire Hall  
Cambourne Business Park  
Cambourne  
Cambridge  
CB23 6EA

The deadline for applications is **Friday 16 October 2015!**

Please ensure that your parent or guardian also signs your application form.

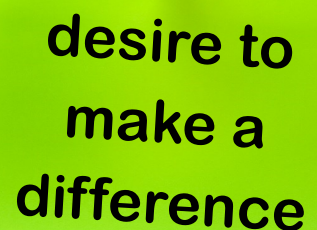
We don't expect you to have any specific experience to become a youth councillor, but there are certain qualities that are really important



drive and  
enthusiasm



commitment




desire to  
make a  
difference



ability to  
listen to  
others



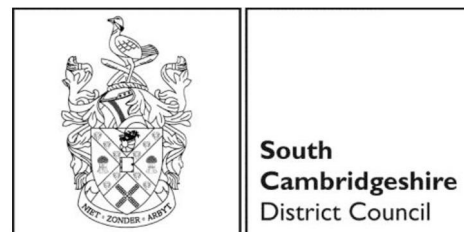
good  
communication  
skills



lots of  
ideas!



# South Cambridgeshire Youth Council Nomination Form



South Cambridgeshire District Council would like to invite any young person aged between 13 and 17 who lives or goes to school in South Cambs to nominate themselves to become a Youth Councillor.

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If you think that joining the South Cambs' Youth Council is something you would be interested in, please complete the nomination form below and return it to [Kirstin.Donaldson@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Kirstin.Donaldson@scambs.gov.uk) OR by post to South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB23 6EA before **Friday 16 October 2015**.

## About you

|   |                        |  |
|---|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Your name              |  |
| 2 | Date of Birth          |  |
| 3 | School (if applicable) |  |
| 4 | Contact address        |  |
| 5 | Home Telephone Number  |  |
| 6 | E-mail address         |  |

**Tell us a bit about yourself! What are your hobbies/ambitions/achievements?**

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**Why do you want to be a Youth Councillor? What skills and qualities will you bring to South Cambridgeshire Youth Council?**

**What are the most important issues facing young people in South Cambridgeshire today?**  
Please include local and national issues where appropriate.

**Consent**

By signing this form you give the above named young person permission to participate in South Cambridgeshire Youth Council.

|   |                          |  |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| 1 | Young Person's Name      |  |
| 2 | Your Name                |  |
| 2 | Contact address          |  |
| 3 | Contact Telephone Number |  |
| 4 | E-mail address           |  |

**Signatures**

|              |  |                   |  |
|--------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Young Person |  | Responsible Adult |  |
| Date         |  | Date              |  |