

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 North Yorkshire?

Would you like to join North Yorkshire Youth Commission (NYYC) in 2025?

1. What is the NYYC?

NYYC enables young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the York and North Yorkshire Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning. 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 Mayor, 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.

To read more about the Youth Commissions current priorities visit:

<https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/youthcommission>

2. Who can join the North Yorkshire Youth Commission?

We are looking for participants aged 10-25 years from the **North Yorkshire policing area** – 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 Office for Policing, Fire, Crime and Commissioning 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.

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

- **Discuss issues with decision-makers:** You will meet the North Yorkshire Mayor, 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 the North Yorkshire policing area, 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 North Yorkshire Youth Commission 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?

Please fill in the application form and email it to emily@leaders-unlocked.org

- **Section 1:** If you are under 18, you must also fill out the section regarding your Parent /Guardian /Carer. All Youth Commission members under the age of 18 will be asked to send a consent form signed by a Parent /Guardian /Carer.
- **Privacy:** Your privacy is really important to us. By filling in the 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.

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