

Sheffield Youth Cabinet Elections Young People's Manifestos 2024

North East
Sheffield

Candidate A

Why do I want to be a member of Sheffield Youth Cabinet?

I understand everyone has their own voice, ideas, and opinions. I will aspire to help raise the awareness and voices of all. I'm committed to taking forward our collective issues to amplify our voices. My aim is to champion the causes that matter most, addressing pivotal issues that I believe shape our lives.

Three issues that I feel are important to young people:

Social media & Youth Well-being – Social media's undeniable impact on our generation reveals its dual nature. I recognize the manipulation wielded by big tech, but also its potential as a tool for awareness. Together, let's harness its power to inform, share ideas, and access knowledge. We can turn the tables on manipulation and shape our future collaboratively.

Climate Change and Our Future – Our planet's health is non-negotiable. I will tirelessly advocate for sustainable practices, renewable energy initiatives, and educational campaigns to empower us in combating climate change. The alarming 50% chance of surpassing 1.5 degrees Celsius demands urgent action. Let's join forces to secure a greener Sheffield for generations ahead.

Diverse Activities for Mind Growth – Beyond screens and consoles lies a world waiting to be explored by newer generations. Countless workshops and events fostering intellectual growth should be available, accessible throughout our cities to all. Let's embrace a well-rounded future by actively engaging in a diverse range of activities that enrich our minds and bodies.

Why should people vote for me?

I am not merely a candidate; I am your dedicated advocate. I will be your voice, tirelessly working to shape our community, Sheffield as a city, regionally and nationally to make it a better for every young person.

Three words that sum me up:

- Responsible
- Team player
- Resilient

Candidate B

Why do I want to be a member of Sheffield Youth Cabinet?

I am a person that has experienced my voice and others going unheard. I really want for young people's voices to be heard. I would love the opportunity to represent you all and your voices.

Three issues that I feel are important to young people:

Voice of young people – I feel that adults sometimes don't allow young people to express themselves either in school to teachers or at home to parents/guardians. I would like for young people to be able to have their voices heard more and acted upon.

Safety – In schools there has been more frequent incidents of bullying, violence, and random acts of security breaches. I want all young people and parents to feel reassured that these will be dealt with appropriately and effectively.

Aspirations – I believe that many young people do not get the right support regarding what they want to achieve for themselves in their career choices. Parents often influence or choose their child's path. I want young people to have more say in the choices they make.

Why should people vote for me?

I am already a scholar ambassador and have developed many skills needed to take forward your you all and know what some of the issues you face are. I will take your voice and represent them to the best of my ability.

Three words that sum me up:

- Hard-working
- Resilient
- Good listener

Candidate C

Why do I want to be a member of Sheffield Youth Cabinet?

I am speaking as a member of the North-East community of Sheffield. Engaging in politics to tackle issues to find solutions to make a meaningful difference for young people in the local area, is a privilege as many people from similar socioeconomic backgrounds don't get opportunities like this.

Three issues that I feel are important to young people:

Cultural awareness – PSHE lessons should emphasize the cultural differences to help reduce tensions in the area. It is also crucial to educate young people about different types of special needs and sign language, reducing feelings of isolation and insecurity for those who require communication in sign language.

Public transport – Improved public transport accessibility and affordability could boost the education gap in Sheffield by enabling young people from deprived areas to easily commute to better schools.

Gang culture – I feel gang affiliation among young people has gone up in the past decade, so, highlighting the need for further education and providing more opportunities in deprived areas could help young people.

Why should people vote for me?

Growing up in a deprived area, I understand the need for improvements in this area which I'd like to speak up on and would also like to advocate for younger, underprivileged individuals like me to ensure their voices are heard.

Three words that sum me up:

- Insightful
- Conscientious
- Ambitious

Candidate D

Why do I want to be a member of Sheffield Youth Cabinet?

I want teenagers to be seen as the next generation that will be the ones to change the world for the better, not only through words but actions as well, I want to help those who want to change for the better and show those who need help that there is always a way and time to shape their future into what they want it to be.

Three issues that I feel are important to young people:

Creating opportunities for young people – I want to motivate others to be more positively outgoing and give back to the community. Teenagers need to be encouraged to get more active outside and take opportunities to do things they like.

Safety on streets – I have noticed lots of incidents and sometimes these are happening around children. I want to prevent this. We need more police in areas that are known to be dangerous and people need to know how to keep themselves safe.

School road safety – a lot of cars and children running across the road an incident can happen whenever. Cars shouldn't be able to drive around the streets when children are entering and leaving as children could easily get hit.

Why should people vote for me?

I have a goal which I'm not afraid to work for, I know I can bring much knowledge and support to the community. I can share my own experience and help protect those who are most vulnerable. My goals are not just for those my age but those much older and younger, I hope I can help everyone equally.

Three words that sum me up:

- Committed
- Determined
- Supportive

Candidate E

Why do I want to be a member of Sheffield Youth Cabinet?

My commitment to the north east drives me I have stood for the two years, and being re-elected would allow me to continue the positive work.

Electing me means empowering the north east youth to flourish I aim to elevate our community and ensure positive changes in young people's lives.

Three issues that I feel are important to young people:

Socio-economic inequalities impacting student of diverse backgrounds are found to have less of a chance of succeeding in School this needs to be addressed by electing me I would improve the chance of Performing well in school

There should be more support for children and young people in the fostering system I would break down this barrier showing that the support needs to be offered for these young people.

The last issue is about young people and how they should have safe spaces and places they can go to enjoy spending time outside of the school environment by creating this if feel it would help to reduce violence in the area.

Why should people vote for me?

If you value these causes, I am prepared to be the voice of the north east youth ensuring their concerns are acknowledged and addressed so that change happens to make our area better.

Three words that sum me up:

- Cultured
- Straight forward
- Open-minded

Voting date 29th January to 7th February 2024

Who can vote? **All young people 11 to 18 years**

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