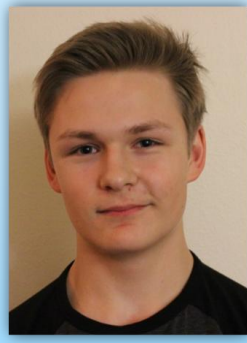


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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Maisy Barnett

I have good communication skills, meaning I can deliver, I am confident, a problem solver and a people person, this allows me to talk about problems and resolve them. Also I have acting skills meaning I can put myself in other people's positions.

I believe the most important issue for young people in Dudley is discrimination between everyone from young and old, black or white, male or female, gay, lesbian or straight, etc. To deal with this life skill lessons should be held at a young age (10,11) to show 'different' is okay and normal.

To promote UKYP, I would speak to different schools, so they know of it and about it and how everyone can make a difference, young or old.

People should vote for me because I am a confident, easy to talk to girl who wants the best for everyone. I would listen to everyone and take ideas forward that I am passionate and others are passionate about. This is why I should be your Youth Council Representative.

School: Dormston School

Age:



James Callaghan



Hardworking and Committed
Works well in a group
Good team leadership skills
Works well under pressure
Previously worked closely with local council to reduce speed limit outside Belle Vue Primary School.

Bullying is a serious issue that affects so many young people and can hamper their development in adulthood. An anti-bullying campaign that is led by young people, for young people, that tackles the issues head on would have a greater impact and give young people who suffer, a purpose and a change in attitude.

Social media can be a great way to reach out to large numbers of people but the best way of promoting is by the human voice - by talking to young people and putting their views and concerns forward - they need to know that "all young people matter". This is shown through sharing the UKYP message clearly, and being a voice for change locally and nationally. As a young person myself I experienced, and am still experiencing, the same difficulties and problems that frustrate us all. I can be your voice, and I can assure you - It will be heard!!

School: Summerhill School

Age: 15

Facebook/Twitter/web page details:

Facebook James Callaghan

Twitter James_EADG

Jake Cooper

I have effectively acquired and used many main key skills needed for such a prestigious role, my involvement in the NCS youth board and Take 2 programmes has helped me gain leadership and team building techniques. Furthermore my enrolment in the debating and student voice societies at college means that I can project the opinions of my constituents effectively so they get the best deal in society.

All though the 'Votes at 16' predicament is a very important issue, I feel the main obstacle to overcome is the wage gap between 14 and 25 year olds - I feel it should be a flat rate of £7.50 for everyone aged 14 and above. This would entice more students to seek part time employment – gaining crucial life knowledge linked with finances and independence.

I would initiate a social network campaign informing the constituents of the work me and my colleagues get up to. Alongside this I would set up events at schools and colleges to inform the students what UKYP has achieved.

I am the perfect candidate to fight for the voice of the youth in our society; it's not a secret that the opinions of students are so heavily undermined, leading to many teens feeling socially excluded from the community. I will bring positive change and make sure that the voice of the younger generations are heard and not suppressed.

School: King Edward VI College

Facebook/Twitter/web page details:

Twitter- @CooperJ28

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/JCforMYP> or @JCforMYP



Jack Downes



The skills and experience I have, such as being Vice-Chair of my Student Union and being a Charities Co-ordinator at High School and the roles and responsibilities of my job give me the right skills and experience to be MYP for Dudley

One of the most important issues for young people in Dudley is Youth Services and their voice. If I was elected as MYP I would work to give young people a voice, and work to try to bring a great provision of Youth Services and Activities to Dudley.

I would have a Facebook, Twitter and Instagram page which I would then use to share all the work I am doing with the community, as it happens, so that people are aware of the work I am doing with UKYP. I would promote UKYP using these social channels also.

Vote for me, as I want to make a change to young people's lives in Dudley. I'm really passionate about making a change for the better, for as many young people as possible. I want to represent young people across Dudley, their voice and their opinions.

Facebook/Twitter/web page details:

Twitter: @JackDownesMYP

Facebook is not set yet/neither is any other social network

Jade Durnall



I am on the school council. I am currently applying for the school leadership team. I have also volunteered in a local youth club. I take part, regularly in debates about issues effecting young people.

I believe that the lack of local youth clubs and events for young people should be taken in to account and more should be done in order to give young people the best opportunities. I would like to speak to children and teens around the area to open a club which would include a high street café. This could be open to other people in the day and young people in the evenings and holidays.

I would go to schools nearby and speak to those concerned to discuss my ideas and issues they may have. I would also set up face book pages in hope that we could gain publicity and get our matters heard.

I am out going and have a lot of new ideas which I would love to share with everybody. This is a chance to share with me your ideas about Dudley and I can assure you I will mention them and try my very best to make our area a better place.

Jordan Edwards

I have done quite a bit of charitable work so I know how to give back to a community who is in need. I am also part of the DYK and have counted the votes for UKYP before for my area.

I think that the most important issue for young people in Dudley is being able to find their feet in a changing work environment to make sure that they then are able to have a future career.

The best way to get through to young people I feel is to speak to them directly so the best idea would be to visit schools and educate them on the work that the UKYP does to help them.

I think that people should vote for me because I can appreciate the views of young people and get those messages across to the best of my ability.

School: Royal Wolverhampton School
Age: 16



Louise Lakin



Listening and communication skills ensure I can confidently deliver and represent the youth's requirements. My persuasive nature means I can support the opinions of my peers, whilst respecting opposing views, and placing myself in another person's position. This enables me to fully gain understanding.

An important issue for young people is a lack of leisure and creative outlets for youth. We have few places that are local and encourage youth to socialise. To deal with this I'd gather views from the youth, make petitions, create leaflets and inform the government about our concerns.

To promote UKYP, I would make posters, leaflets, web pages, speeches explaining how they co-operate with the community and the changes they have already made, this ensures that UKYP are creating a better future for the youth.

I'm easily approachable and I wish to hear the concerns of the youth, so that our opinions and views are shared and acted on, to provide a brighter future. I am passionate in supporting ideas put forward by the youth, and will confidently support these ideas.

Steffied Mushore

I am a part of my school council so, I know how to contribute in groups and put forward ideas to make changes that benefit everyone. I am experienced in listening to contributions and taking in a point of view from more than 1 person.

Discrimination, self-esteem and a lack of understanding what young people need/want are important issues. Making young people understand that it is okay to be who you are is important to help them understand that, there are people you can talk to and will not feel judged. Talking to students and young people about the effects it can cause is how I would deal with it.

People should vote for me because unlike others in the similar position I will work so very hard to get what I want. I am not afraid to lose because I know that I am a hard worker and I have the determination to defeat the obstacles in my way. I am very lucky to not have had things handed to me because in a way it makes me work hard for things that I want.

School: Dormston School



Louise Pardoe



I have two years of experience with Dudley Youth Council, a lifetime's worth of public speaking experience, I am a Youth Commissioner for Dudley and I have led a debate club for the last six months.

Discrimination in all its forms is an issue at the forefront of the agenda. I would tackle this issue by educating young people in order to raise awareness using drama and role play workshops.

I would create social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and others and ensure I am active in promoting UKYP and their activities on those pages. I would also talk frequently with decision makers within the council and schools to ensure young people's voice is heard.

Because I have more experience than any other candidate and my passion is immeasurable. I am committed, hardworking and above all, I would put the good cause of the youth voice before my own needs and wishes.

School: Pedmore Technology College and Community School

Facebook/Twitter/web page details:

Facebook: - Louise Pardoe youth councillor for Stourbridge

Twitter- LouisePardoeDYC

Lucy Price

I am good at talking to people and I am approachable. I am also good at listening to others, as well as this I am not biased and can also see other people's perspectives.

The lack of youth leisure facilities for people to go to - facilities are not open regularly enough to allow young people to actually use them. To deal with this I would say that opening hours would need to be extended and more outdoor youth activities organised.

Set up social media pages providing easy access to information. I would also go around and talk to schools and other places to let people know how they can share their opinions because the UKYP is all about young people sharing opinions on issues that matter to them.

Vote for me because I am a good listener and I am respectful of other people's opinions as everyone's thoughts matter. I also believe that as young people in the Dudley area we should have a say about matters that affect us and I would make a good spokesperson for this.

Facebook/Twitter/web page details:-

Twitter: Lucyprice1479



Ethan Stringer



I've been a member of Dudley Youth Council for one term. I've gained great leadership qualities from shadowing some of Dudley Council's Chief Officers. I've been involved in numerous events, such as a health and wellbeing workshop. From my time in public speaking I have become an extremely charismatic leader.

One of Dudley's fatal flaws is its poor PSHE education. Through my already launched campaign 'Teach the Teens' I have found that many young people in Dudley don't receive satisfactory PSHE education. I plan to amend this by being active in my community to encourage schools to revamp their curriculum.

All of my UKYP work would be actively promoted through my various social media accounts and through my campaign, which is centered on curriculum for life. I would also promote my work across the borough by visiting schools to deliver informative and interesting presentations on the great work UKYP do.

My charisma is immeasurable, my passion is unfathomable and my commitment is indescribable. I would be the most hard-working, diligent and dedicated MYP Dudley has ever seen. My leadership skills are unrivalled, and I am prepared to put my UKYP work at the forefront of my life to benefit Dudley!

Facebook/Twitter/web page details:

Facebook: Ethan Stringer, Youth Councillor
(facebook.com/EthanStringerYC)

Twitter - @ethanpstringer (twitter.com/ethanpstringer)

Jacob West

I'm a leader at a community church youth club at which I participate weekly. I have won awards at my colleges debating society; have spoke in a Rotary Club speaking competition; and been a candidate in a college mock election, all showing my ability as a proficient communicator.

Many international studies have shown homework as having a negative impact on student's grades and depression and stress levels amongst students, in high schools. It must be stopped.

Political correctness amongst places of education has gone too far, and young people with different opinions are being silenced. I will fight against any safe spaces that are set up and a trigger warning culture which is damaging the mental health of students and suppressing the diversity of opinion in our glorious educational institutions.

I will promote UKYP on social media, do school assemblies, run stalls at community events promoting its work etc.

I'll let the voters assess my character; I don't need to tell them how charismatic I am etc. I was born and bred in Dudley, I love the place. I have genuine political polices to tackle a huge issue amongst young people in Dudley. I have the passion and the ability to do this job, and to do it well.

Facebook/Twitter/web page details:

Facebook – Jacob West for MYP

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