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# Staffordshire Youth Union

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Registration to apply  
to be a member of  
the Staffordshire  
Youth Union opens  
in the Autumn term.

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Why Join SYU?

# SYU

- ▶ Staffordshire Youth Union (SYU) is a youth-led elected group of young people representing all 8 districts and boroughs of Staffordshire. We aren't a group just for student council presidents or politics experts; we have a diverse and inclusive membership able to contribute different strengths, experiences and perspectives.
- ▶ The programme helps to build young people's confidence, skills and knowledge, while developing teamwork and individual growth through discussion, debate and social action. We listen to the needs of young people and campaign, raise awareness and take action on the issues that matter. We're passionate about the difference young people can make and the power of their voice, and we're committed to making the biggest impact we can.
- ▶ We meet in person once a month, and have various sub-groups working on different projects, ideas and events in-between.



**FIND YOUR  
VOICE**



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What opportunities?

## As a member of the Staffordshire Youth Union, you will have the opportunity to:

- § **Shape Policy and Programs:** Represent the needs and real lives of young people by providing feedback on important initiatives like the Violence Reduction Strategy and Staffordshire County Council/other local policies (examples include Mental Health, Disability & Neurodiversity Strategy, Local Transport Plan).
- § **Advocate for Young People:** Campaign and raise awareness on the issues that affect young people. Help shape services to better support young people and improve accessibility and quality of services across Staffordshire.
- § **Engage with Local Leaders:** Meet with key figures such as District and County Councillors, professionals and experts from a range of organisations and charities, as well as other aspiring young leaders.
- § **Participate in Major Events:** Represent Staffordshire at events like YouthCon, where young voices from across the Midlands come together to discuss and address pressing issues.

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Who can apply?

# Who?

- ▶ Young people aged 11-18 who live, work, or study in Staffordshire.
- ▶ No previous experience or political knowledge is needed.
- ▶ You just require a strong desire to create positive change; the ability to listen and communicate effectively with a wide range of people.