YOUR VOICE
YOUR CHOICE

HAVERING YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTION
Monday 3 February – Friday 14 February 2020
Aliyyah Gbadamosi
My Manifesto
My name is Aliyyah Gbadamosi. I'm hardworking, resilient and determined to make change. I would like to be a member of Youth Parliament because I want to have a direct influence in helping young people to become aware of their voice and the power of it. As a member of Youth Parliament, I will aspire to widen the opportunities for young people, to prevent them from having to resort to carrying knives and committing other crimes. Instead of placing a plaster over our problems, I will help to heal the root of our problems. We are the future, as well as the now and we have the power to change our attitudes to life now in the hope of better days ahead. I am known to be the voice of reason amongst my peers and I hope to become the voice of reason amongst Havering youth.

My Pledges
• Widen career opportunities for young people in Havering.
• Implement citizenship education as a compulsory subject for all schools in Havering as I want to assure that young people become more aware of the world outside of school by expanding their knowledge of the climate, politics and society constructs like equality.
• Increase awareness of youth centres and facilities to assist in the reduction of knife crime in Havering.

Adam Ashour
My Manifesto
My name is Adam and I’m currently studying Government and Politics, English Literature, and I.T at Havering Sixth Form College. I’m currently the Council Leader of the College - alongside also being a Member of the Havering Local Board, and also being the Social Humanities Faculty Student Representative – where I’ve continued to show my commitment and will to make a change for the better.
Throughout my time at The Royal Liberty School, where I was vice-captain, I got to meet and get to know a variety of different people and their backstories. I’m always keen to listen and get to the bottom of what people say so that I can understand what their concerns and issue are.

My Pledges
• I’d like to see schools preparing us better for the future. Creativity is on the decline and many young people aren’t properly prepared to handle life after education. Managing finance, social cohesion, healthy relationships, physical exercise, mental health and cultural awareness are some of the things which need to be tackled better in schools – to give every young person a solid foundation for life. I pledge to push for a review of the educational system.
• Knife crime and gang culture are especially contentious issues. Too many young people have lost their lives, and it doesn’t seem to be getting better. It is an issue, which can stem from cultural and socio-economic deprivation – and it’s an issue, which needs to be properly addressed. This is why I pledge to be at the forefront of the issue, to target and assess the problems surrounding the issue, and to work with the Met Police, MPs, and other Public Service Workers – so that we can all come together to help best mitigate this dreadful anti-social behaviour.
• I pledge to introduce a local scheme within Havering, whereby we go to schools to have refreshing, forward-thinking assemblies, debates and discussion on what politics really is and how it affects you.
Jazzmine George

My Manifesto

I am Jazzmine Jada and I am looking for your support to become a member of the youth parliament. I go to Brentwood Ursuline, year 8. My main curricular activity at school is being part of the debate team. My attributes are that I am hard working with clear communication skills. I have built a foundation of knowledge on political topics. I have a strong commitment to my community and sharing the youth’s voice. My dedication can be seen in my role in the Havering Youth Council, where I contribute to every meeting and bringing new ideas. I want the voice of the youth to be heard within the borough, regionally and nationally, as my goal is to make Havering a safer and a better place.

My Pledges

• I pledge to help Havering fight for safer parks and to prevent knife crime. The youth should feel safe in their neighbourhood and we need to ensure this is happening. As a young person, growing up in Havering I want to ensure our future is as safe as possible and that we are not facing the problems of knife crime alongside the other issues. The reason I want to focus on parks and the green areas in Havering is, myself and others feel we have so many beautiful places to visit, and unfortunately, they can be where violence and youth disorder takes place. The way I will do this is by working with local charities/organisations, to see what we as a borough can do to help.

• I pledge to create more activities for young people, for example; day trips for families. This will mean that during the half-term local families can spend affordable quality time together, otherwise it can be quite costly, especially for larger families. Having a fun, relaxed day is good for your wellbeing. I will do this is by helping organisations and charities, also Havering Council, to create day trips so the whole family can join in on the fun.

• I pledge to work with local charities like Havering Mind to help young people suffering from mental health issues and problems. I want to do this, as there is an increase in mental health issues. So many young people are stressing out about exams and getting anxious about their results, which impacts on mental health.

Jacob Owsley

My Manifesto

My name is Jacob and I’m 12. I am very hard working when I am passionate about the subject. I go to Drapers Academy and I want to make a real change. The only problem is I need support. I need your support. All these pledges, all these promises, they’re meaningless without your support and it is clear that what I want for the future, for our future, is very similar to what all of you want. A future where we can walk on clean streets, vote at 16 and learn about real-life in schools. So I ask, do you want what you asked for to actually happen. If elected I will make sure that that all of the future generations have their voices heard.

My Pledges

• I pledge to campaign for votes at 16 – If 16-year-olds can get married, leave home, join the military and even have children, why can’t they vote?

• I pledge to try to change the curriculum to better suit life – The curriculum is completely unsuited to real life. How is learning algebra going to help you get a mortgage? We should be learning about taxes, managing finances and how to create a CV.

• I pledge to implement changes to try and tackle litter – I think we all should have a problem with litter. It’s slowly and silently killing the environment. We need to take measures urgently to prevent every street being covered in rubbish.
Luke DuFaur

My Manifesto
I’m Luke DuFaur, a year 10 student at Emerson Park Academy. I’d like to be a member of youth parliament so I can represent all young people in the borough and their desire for change in our community. I actively volunteer in my school and would love to give back to the wider community too. I am a reliable and punctual individual and will not neglect any of my responsibilities. While in discussion, I display good communication skills and an ability to respect the views of others.

I have the utmost confidence that I can accurately represent the views of Havering’s youth in an open and transparent manner. If I gain office, I hope to promote the voice of the youth in politics, giving us greater political influence and ensuring we are listened to by our adult representatives. I will endeavour to improve infrastructure for the teaching of life skills to youths, and help preserve the greenery we have in Havering.

My Pledges
• Preserve nature in Havering by encouraging the expansion of green spaces and through an anti-waste campaign.
• Help give 16-and-17-year-olds the vote by campaigning for it both to the young people it would empower and the adults who can give it to us.
• Promote youth services and programmes both in and outside of schools by cooperating with them and helping them get the funding they need.

Ronny Whetton

My Manifesto
The young people of Havering matter. It’s time we acted like it.

My name is Ronny Whetton, and my skills as a communicator and my commitment to Havering will allow me to represent you with loyalty and passion. I am determined to make Havering the envy of all the other boroughs.

The climate crisis should be the focus of our thinking, and we owe it to ourselves and the younger generations, to protect our environment from the dangers of fossil fuels.

The youth in the UK must be better represented and educated on things that matter in society. The voting age should be lowered to sixteen, and the school curriculum must be changed to help young people learn the skills needed to thrive post-sixteen. Concepts like tax and banking must be included, as well as an updated view on sexuality and gender expression to bring education into the modern age.

My Pledges
• It is our responsibility to protect the environment from the crippling effects of climate change not just for ourselves but also for future generations. I will help lower plastic pollution in Havering and work with schools and their suppliers to cut the use of unrecyclable materials, as well as promote recycling throughout the borough.
• We are being let down by the people who are supposed to be preparing us for our futures, and I seek to change that. We need a ‘Curriculum-For-Life’ that truly prepares us for the world outside of education and teaches us things vital for our lives post-sixteen.
• You can join the Army, are taxed, get married, drive a moped or even pilot a glider aged sixteen, but you cannot vote. The one age group that feels the effects of every vote the longest has no say in the democratic process. This is outrageous, and must be amended as soon as possible.
YOUR REPRESENTATIVE
YOUR DECISION

CHOOSE YOUR UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT MEMBERS

Havering’s Youth Parliament elections will take place between Monday 3 February – Friday 14 February 2020.

You will be able to vote at various schools, colleges and youth clubs throughout a two-week period.

Young people in Havering can vote for two candidates to become Members of Youth Parliament for 2020.

Please see the following link for candidates’ filmed manifestos: www.havering.gov.uk/hyc

This is your opportunity to decide who represents you.