



Candidate
Manifestos:

Hackney North



Raphael

Addai



I want more youth clubs to promote themselves so young people have somewhere to go. I want to change the fact there are not many places where young people can play safely. I'd like to create places in parks for people with dogs, so that when little kids are playing the area will be cleaner."



I am a great listener. I will listen to what you have to say, try to understand your problems and find out what you want.

I am a great communicator, which makes it easier to socialise with people. I can work very well with people I don't know so I can get an understanding of other people.

I am a great leader. I can work with you to make change happen."



Wesley

Baro



Tushig

Baygal



I would like your vote as I am very confident and mature and I listen to everything that young people have to say. I go to the Edge Youth Hub and I am respected by all staff members and young people there.

I believe that the youth are the backbone for the future. This is why my slogan is:
“Young tings, Run tings”



All I want is a happy, positive community. I know that's asking a lot, but a small change can make a big difference.

I want to make changes in Hackney to support future generations; changes that will help and benefit Hackney's future in the long-term. Now is the time young people should be living to their full potential, free and happy to say how they feel. I want young people to feel safe to talk about their issues, and know who they can talk to.

The most important thing for me is to make anyone in need fully aware they have someone to talk to who they can trust; that they are not alone and they can get the support they need.

You have a voice – and that is a very powerful thing.”



Nazmine
Begum

Ezra Boateng



I would like to improve the local football pitches. At the moment many are concrete and this makes it easier to hurt yourself. If I become a member of the Hackney Youth Parliament I would ask the Council to make these football pitches Astroturf.

I would like our estates to be cleaner and I would like there to be more rubbish collection.

I would also like to give young children and young people more opportunities in volunteering to gain different experiences and help more in the community.”



I strongly believe that I should be a part of the Hackney Youth Parliament. I am confident I have a way with the youth, as I am respected and have a voice that will be listened to and acknowledged. I have a vision for us as young people and want us to succeed as a generation.”



Casey
Byrne



**Lola
Cleary**



My goal is to give a voice to minority youth - to create safe places for people who never feel safe, who are scared and in danger for being who they are. People who suffer from anxiety or depression. People who struggle with self-identity and sexual orientation. The people who are going through the hardest things and don't deserve to do it alone.

I want to help them through it.”



I have been a member of Hackney Youth Parliament for two years and I feel I have been a great asset to the team.

I want to help young people with mental health problems, because I feel there aren't enough people for them to talk to about problems such as conflict, racism, or problems at home. All these things greatly affect young people and I think they should be able to open up and get advice and ideas on how to resolve issues in their lives."



**Louis
Comach**



Kristal
Delaney



I'm an independent leader, passionate about young people's voices being heard. In my role as a leader I've faced many obstacles, but I've enjoyed the challenge as it has empowered me to become who I am."



You can't complain if you don't vote. Vote for me and I guarantee your voice will be heard.

I would like children and teenagers to feel they can enjoy themselves in their area. I want to make sure that youth clubs stay open, and we are able to have more parks and football pitches.

Be bright, vote for what is right!"



Shakarah
Edwards



Skye

FitzGerald-McShane



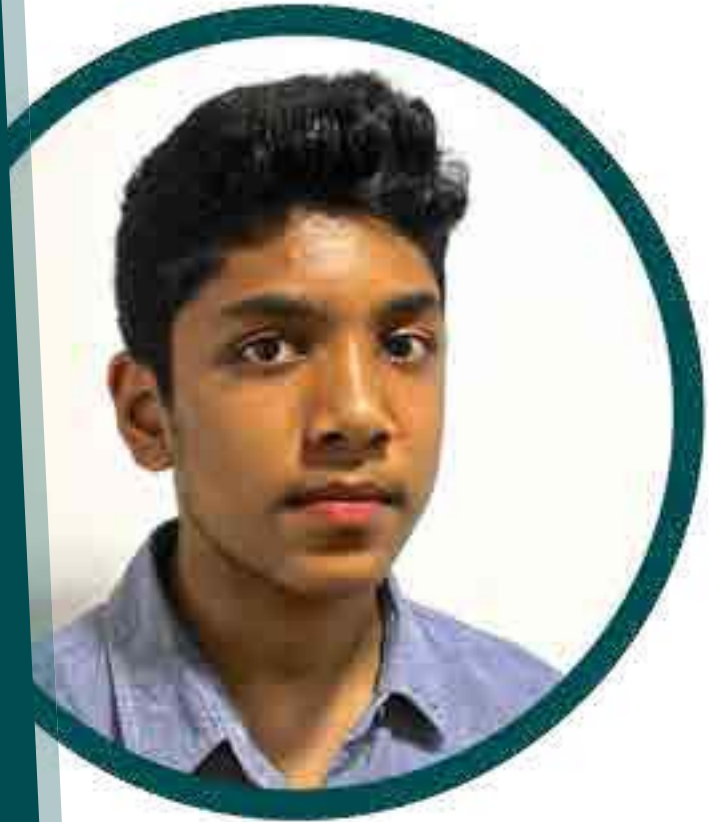
I have been a part of the Youth Parliament for the last two years, and I feel we achieved a lot – a campaign on stereotypes, a project raising awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation and a project to stop discrimination against different communities in Hackney.

We fulfilled many of our aims, but I believe we can do so much more in the next two years. This term, I would like to focus on education for and about the LGBTQ+ community, to create understanding and acceptance. Ignorance on subjects like this leads to hate and discrimination – we can help to dispel this ignorance. In addition, I would like to focus on mental health awareness and work to tackle stereotypes.

I will strive to listen to what the youth of Hackney have to say, and get their voices heard in Parliament. A vote for me is a vote for education, awareness and a say in your own future in your community. A vote for me is a vote for your voice.”



I want to focus on education and make sure we keep high standards in schools, so more students can be successful and achieve. I want to make sure young people can get the information they need about opportunities and career pathways, so they can become what they want to be in the future. I would also like to see more Police on the streets to make people feel safe and happy.”



Zubair
Jauffurally



Billie-Jo

Moorton-Elderton



I like Hackney because it's fun – there are things to do and places for young people to go. There are lots of events where anyone can go and take part.

But not everywhere is as pleasant as you think, and we can still make things better. If you go out, we can still make things safer. For example, I would like to make sure bus drivers allow you on the bus late at night, if you've lost your Oyster."



I'd like to start a campaign to stop sexist attitudes to stop the harassment you get on the street. I would like to be able to walk around my area and be able to feel safe – sometimes it can feel dangerous when you are on your way home. I would like to start a campaign so that bus drivers would let young women on the buses at night, even if they don't have their zip cards. Vote for me and I'll make things change!"



Tarah
Norris



Justyna

Nowak



I think that Hackney is a very good borough but there are some things that we can improve. I think sharing our ideas is really important.

I am a very talkative person and I have lots of ideas how to make Hackney and this world a better place.”



How many of you want a voice to speak out for the needs of young people? How many of you are sick of adults making our decisions, for our lives, the kids of the 21st century?

Young people are the future leaders of this world. We need a strong, powerful voice.

I have got lots of ideas from you guys about what the Youth Parliament should campaign on – from the environment, social pressures, to changing the negative stereotypes of young people and Hackney. With your vote and support we can make Hackney the best borough in London, if not the whole country!

I am your voice - but **TOGETHER** we can change the world.”



Maariyah
Patel



**Aisha
Pirbhai**



I will stand for all young people, particularly young people who struggle to present their views or opinions, and for young people who have no interest in Politics.

In the light of recent events, discrimination has become more widespread. I believe educating young people to oppose all discrimination is the way forward. Racism is learnt from an early age – and if it's not eradicated at an early age, our future does not look bright.

Now is the time for young people to step up and show their beliefs and opinions. Now is the time to take action and voice our beliefs. Young people must set the future, because they are the future."



I want to change the way that society views young people. I want to stop young people being discriminated against because of the way they choose to dress.

I would like to stand for Hackney Youth Parliament, because I want to make a difference. If I was elected, I would put all my time and effort into this role. There is an empty hole in this society and I feel like that it is my duty to take charge and make a difference!“



**Safaa
Pirbhai**



Khalia

Reid



Everyone should be comfortable in their own space. We should make Hackney safer, with no place for gangs and racism. Sometimes when I walk down the street, I witness older people talking to younger people in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable. I'd like there to be more community safety wardens so we feel safer.

Everyone should feel warm in their space. We should help the homeless so they don't have to beg for money.

Our voices can be heard, so let's succeed in making a change. Let's make Hackney a safer and better place."



I have realised a lot young people are kicked out of education, and left out of school for quite a while. I know what it feels like, because I have experienced this myself.

Often students get excluded from schools and put into provisional Referral Units and left there. They are made to feel they're not important. I would like to see changes to the way mainstream schools exclude students.

It's how I see it, and I want to make a change."



Teejan
Samba

Jonathan Senessie



I am a student at a local unit called New Regents College. You might be thinking why should I listen to a word I have to say? I will tell you why. It's because I know how it feels to hit rock bottom and get back up. If I'm elected, I'll express my views in a respectful way and be ready to answer any questions.

I see gang crime in Hackney and I want to prevent it. I love my city, but we need to help it grow and the only way to do that is to take on the views of the next generation.

As the greatest, Muhammad Ali once said: 'No life is worth living, if the fire inside of you is not burning. Fight for your place in life.'



I am of Sudanese blood, however I was born and raised in Syria. Not long ago I was a seven year old with no English, no GCSEs or qualifications and above all no friends. Now I am fluent in English and Spanish, thanks to my studies, and I have more friends than ever before. This country, my school, and this borough have helped sculpt me into what I am today and I could not be any more grateful. Being voted into Hackney Youth Parliament will help me exert my efforts and show gratitude to the community that has shaped me into someone my parents are proud of.

The current state of our borough frustrates us all. How can half of the borough be better than the other half? Is it a problem of equality or profit? With your help and commitment, together we can shape our community into one of the best ever, because we all know our potential. I believe I can help change this borough, that we can change this borough.”



Answer
Siddig



Lottie
Thornborrow



I believe that young people in Hackney are not given the training or opportunities they need for the future. Although we have said this on many occasions, we have been overlooked because of our age. When we leave school, we need skills that we are not being given. I think schools need to provide young people with more opportunities to help them in their future lives and careers.

My goal is to give the youth of Hackney a voice that cannot be ignored.”



There are several reasons why you should vote for me, but you should vote.

The point of Hackney Youth Parliament is to get youth involved in politics. Why? If you get involved it gives you a voice and you can use that voice to make a change.”



Daniel
Williams