

EYPUK Executive Committee Elections 2025

Position:	EurVoice Officer (2 persons)
Outgoing member:	Mercy Sanyu & Anna Herbert (eurvoice@eybuk.co.uk)
Trustee:	Molly Boulton (molly.boulton@eybuk.co.uk)

The EurVoice initiative is one of the leading outreach programmes within the international network of EYP. EurVoice aims to provide an outlet for the discussion of local, national and international issues amongst young people who have not had the opportunity to do so before.

The position of EurVoice Coordinator offers the opportunity to take a leading role in the facilitation and organisation of our EurVoice events in varying locations across the country. It differs every year, but previously we have hosted events in cities such as London, Cardiff, Liverpool and Newcastle, as well as online sessions through EurVoice Live (digital). The events are aimed at secondary school-aged students (ages 11-18), with a particular focus in recent years on the 13-15 age range, as we have found that this group tends to get the most out of the experience. That said, the age range isn't fixed and there is flexibility to adapt this in response to fresh ideas for making EurVoice events even more engaging and effective.

EurVoice has won the Charlemagne Youth Prize for the United Kingdom, an award which is organised by the European Parliament, for its incredible impact.

In previous years, EurVoice has been the host to a lot of exciting speakers over the years from MPs and Metro-Mayors to local councillors and stakeholders. Every year, students are given the opportunity to discuss thought provoking subjects and issues that impact their local area through the workshops provided. At the EurVoice London event this year, the attendees explored topics such as online hate speech, local governance and the importance of the arts in London. The officials of the session also ran the iconic EYP 'Tesla dilemma' for the first time at a EurVoice event, allowing the students to develop their debate and teamwork skills.

Now as we approach the new academic year, we hope to continue the development of EurVoice, so that more students will have the opportunity to take part in this fantastic event.

The EurVoice Coordinator role deals with:

- Managing and leading the existing Head Organisers (HOs) for EurVoice sessions and the EurVoice Workgroup by providing clear and detailed guidelines, setting deadlines and maintaining consistent lines of communication.
- Expanding EurVoice across the UK by looking for new HOs to organise events and taking an active role in producing the new events across the UK.
- Using this outreach to expand the horizons and quality of the events that EYPUK has to offer as a whole, for example raising awareness of EYPUK events to new schools.
- Maintaining strong relationships with involved schools.

- Developing links with guest panellists in order to encourage continued attendance at EurVoice events.

This role is for people who consider outreach an important part of EYP and are looking for a way to get more involved, whether you have lots of experience or are looking for something new. You will have the support of the EurVoice trustee throughout, so do not be discouraged from applying if you are new to EYP: this is a great first stepping stone to becoming involved!