

The Politics Project – Youth Steering Group

ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Politics Project supports young people to use their voice by providing them with outstanding democratic education. We work with young people, teachers and politicians to help them to learn, teach and engage in politics.

We are a non-partisan organisation which means we don't support or promote any single political party, candidate or issue. We want to help all young people understand and get involved in politics and democracy. We do this through [leading projects with young people and politicians](#), creating resources, and coordinating the [Democracy Classroom network](#).

What is the Youth Steering Group?

The Youth Steering Group (YSG) is a group of 14-20 year olds from diverse backgrounds across the UK that supports The Politics Project (TPP) in effectively engaging young people in politics and democracy.

The YSG will help us to ensure we are delivering what young people want and need to achieve that aim. The group will work together along with the TPP team to:

- **Help us** shape current programmes and resources.
- **Develop** ways of engaging young people in the work of TPP.
- **Take responsibility** for the meetings and strategic direction of the YSG.
- **Act as ambassadors** for TPP at events.
- **Take a lead on one of four key areas of our work**, in our working groups.

Last year, our Youth Steering Group played a significant role in key aspects of our work including shaping our Votes at 16 strategy, speaking at Parliament at our launch event, attending and facilitating sector meetings and inspiring new ways of engaging young people in democratic education.

What are the benefits of joining the Youth Steering Group?

TPP wants the YSG to be a fun and rewarding experience for you, and we believe in ensuring you gain skills as part of being on the YSG. Through this group you'll develop leadership and communication skills, as well as a greater understanding of how to create exciting programmes that get young people engaged in politics. We want to support you to gain transferable skills that will look great on any CV or UCAS application.

Who should apply?

We are looking for young people who are:

- Aged 14-20 years old at the time of application.
- Can commit to a minimum of 4 two-hour online meetings throughout the year and also 2 in-person meetings (1st one held in London in November, 2nd one (location tbc) in June, usually on a Saturday). Travel expenses will be covered.
- From anywhere in the UK and can bring a variety of experience and perspectives to the group.
- Interested in politics and democracy and have a desire to help other young people get involved. Whether you have lots of ideas or are eager to learn, we'd love to hear from you!

We are looking for people who can commit to the group for one year, with the option to stay on for two years.

You do not need:

- Any previous experience being on a Youth Steering Group
- Any specific qualifications or grades.

We are keen to make the YSG a diverse and inclusive group. Depending on the applicants we get, priority may be given to young people from underrepresented groups.

This year we are particularly looking for young people from Wales, Northern Ireland, and young people who study in FE colleges. We also are looking to prioritise young people who haven't previously had the opportunity to be on organisation's youth steering groups or in local or national youth parliaments.

How to apply

To apply to become a Youth Steering Group member please complete [this application form](#) by 11:59 pm BST on Sunday 28th September 2025.

(<https://airtable.com/appE7YEhooYuFwMaZ/pag1qqUsrpOGh71MF/form>).

You can answer the question by writing, uploading a video or submitting a voice note.

If you are having issues submitting or uploading your application, please get in touch with us [via email](#) so that we can support you.

The application form is mainly questions about you, for example how old you are and where you live, but it also includes 3 longer questions. The longer questions are:

- Tell us a bit about yourself – who you are, what you're interested in, and anything that helps us get to know you. (250 words, or a 2minute voice note/video)
- A politician is coming into your school or college. What advice would you give the politician to help them be interesting and engaging to people your age? (250 words, or a 2minute voice note/video)
- Why do you want to join The Politics Project Youth Steering Group, and what would you hope to get out of it? (250 words, or a 2minute voice note/video)

We are most interested in your ideas, so are particularly interested in your answer to the second question! We're not looking for lots of previous experience, or how good you are at writing.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an informal chat via zoom, that will take place on the week of 13th October 2025. This is not an interview, but an opportunity to get to know each other. We are looking to have our first meeting on a Saturday in early November.

Late applications will be considered at The Politics Project's discretion.

Need extra support?

We have a limited number of online drop-in sessions available to ask any questions about the Youth Steering Group. Register, using this link here:

<https://calendly.com/pip-hvqi/youth-steering-group-chat>

Outside of these sessions, please feel free to ask any questions about our Youth Steering Group or the application process by emailing fatema@thepoliticsproject.org.uk.

We look forward to receiving your application!