

Civic Centre,
Arnot Hill Park,
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Agenda

Date: **Monday 28 July 2025**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber**

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Gedling Youth Council

Membership

Chair Freddie Vokes

Vice-Chair Lydia Yates

Leyla Abass
Aisha Ahmed
Noor Ahmed
Sara Agabani
Jude Blakey
Stella Clarke
Finley Dunn
Alex Eggleston
Evelyn
Madina Fahim
Matilda Garland
Lexie Garratt
Poppy Greentree
Tilda Hatton
Emilioa Lane
Scarlett Macfarlane
Fatimah Malik
Alex Millar
Tish Phelps
Emma Price
Charlie Rose
Chaneedigwa Singh
Rakesh Singh
Alex Truong
Alex White
Molly Wright

Councillor Kathryn Fox – Portfolio Holder for Life Chances and Vulnerability

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- 5 **Youth Mayor updates.**
- 6 **Gedling Social Mobility Commission:**

Updates from Youth Council representative Fatimah Malik, if any are available.
- 7 **Standing Item: Opportunities for Youth Council / Youth Mayor Promotion and Communications**

Key issues, initiatives (GBC Communications).
- 8 **Discussion Workshop: Jane Ansell will lead a discussion on Digital Inclusion.**
- 9 **Proposal for a trip to Parliament at the invitation of Michael Payne, MP.**
- 10 **Guest Speaker: Jackie Wilson, Positively Empowered Kids.**
- 11 **Future guest speakers and areas of interest, upcoming Council Consultations and other developments.** 9 - 13

Next meeting: Jae Hodgson, East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) Youth Committee Lead and Liam Jackson, EMCCA Careers Hub Lead.

(Please see EMCCA Youth Committee application documents attached Appendices 1 and 2).
- 12 **Social session and refreshments in the Beeston Room at 7.00pm.**
- 13 **Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd September.**

Forward meeting dates:

2025: 3rd November

2026: 23rd February

Minutes of the Gedling Youth Council Meeting: Monday 28th April 2025

5.30 - 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre

In attendance: Lydia Yates, Stella Clarke, Freddie Vokes, Charlie Rose, Matilda Garland, Alex Truong, Aisha Ahmed, Madiha Fahim, Finley Dunn, Tish Phelps, Evelyn parker, Emma Price, Noor Ahmed, Cllrs Fox and Barnes, Jane Ansell, Amy Beckworth.

Guest speaker: Kate Lindley, GBC Director of Transformation

1. Welcome, apologies received: Apologies received from Fatimah malik

Icebreaker put forward by the Chair: Members introduced themselves with their age and their favourite crisp flavour

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 28th April 2025

Minutes were accepted as a true record by all members present

3. Items raised by members in the Youth Council Group Chat

None raised

4. Youth Mayor updates, including nomination of incoming Youth Mayor

Stella gave a review of the role, based on her year in office. She noted concerns regarding the recent lateness of notification of invitations to events, and asked that this be conveyed to the Civic Office.

Nominations for incoming Youth Mayor were made by Lydia, Alex, Jude, Matilda, Rakesh, Aisha and Noor. A secret ballot was held, with Lydia receiving a majority 11 votes.

Lydia Yates was duly nominated for Youth Mayor 2025/2026, to be formally appointed at the Annual Mayor making Ceremony on Weds 21st May.

5. Gedling Social Mobility Commission:

Deferred to next meeting due to absence of Fatimah Malik

6. Standing Item: Opportunities for Youth Council / Youth Mayor Promotion and Communications)

Jane made members aware of Refugee Week, and an event taking place in the City, to celebrate and welcome refugees. Due to a lack of signed permission forms for new

and existing members, a photocall and Youth Council press statement was not possible on this occasion.

7. Guest Speaker: Kate Lindley, GBC Director of Transformation:

Kate presented details and aims of the Council's Consultation and Engagement Strategy, currently out for formal consultation, which ends 2nd May.

Summary responses to the GBC Consultation and Engagement Strategy consultation (Kate Lindley, Director of Transformation)

All Youth Council members agreed that consultations should take place in schools, student PHSE sessions being the best setting, to maximise responses from young people and help them to understand the importance of the subject, and the need for their input, however all agreed that it is not easy for agencies to get into schools. (an action was agreed that the YC would raise this issue with the County Council as Education Authority, including the poor commitment given by teachers to content of PHSE sessions, which are supposedly scheduled to provide enrichment.)

Suggestion that workshops in schools and youth work settings are engaging, and more people can contribute/ creative, inclusive engagement.

Young people need clear background information to respond properly, and that information is best be shared using tools and techniques that young people respond to – there are lots of ways that information could be shared.

Young people respond to wider context, i.e. current Local Govt reorganisation and changes in power structures are things that young people would want to engage on, so use examples as to why consultation on the consultation strategy itself is important.

Maximise use of social media – need a consistent framework and toolkit for inclusive consultation. Tik Tok, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook were all mentioned.

Engage via citizens assemblies, face to face engagement works best.

School newsletters were proposed as vehicles for promoting consultations

Important to say why you want to consult and pitch it to young people's future concerns, i.e. you may wish to raise a family in the Borough in the future, and this will help to shape their environment – get young people to think of the consultation in terms of their long- term future.

Young People can be negative / switch off from Council 'things', so it's important to show that any consultation will have an impact, use hooks that young people are likely to respond to.

Feedback loops are important – reinforce what people are saying in the outcome/report back, so that young people/others can see they've contributed to visible change.

8. Future guest speakers and areas of interest, upcoming Council Consultations and other developments

Proposed:

- Claire ward – Notts Police (already attended)
- Youth Crime Commission (already attended)
- Leisure representative (future meeting - Leisure Transformation)
- Positively empowered kids (already attended, invited to next meeting)
- Phenomenal futures (already attended and held a separate workshop)

9. Amy Beckworth: Youth Parliament, NCC Youth Services updates

Amy asked members aged 16 and over to give feedback on the Focus Group with Hilary Brown of Phenomenal Futures, and Stella provided an overview of the meeting to wider members.

10. A social session and refreshments were held in the Beeston Room at 7.00pm

11. Date of next meeting: Monday 28th July. Forward meeting dates are overleaf.

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2025: 22nd September; 3rd November

2026: 23rd February

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EMCCA Youth Committee – Application Form

Want to make a difference in your area?

Join the **Youth Committee for the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)** and help shape the future of the region for young people like you!

If you're aged **15 to 18** (up to 25 with SEND), live in the East Midlands, and want your voice heard – this is your chance!

About You

Full Name:

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):

Age:

What are your pronouns? (e.g. she/her, he/him, they/them)

Email Address:

Phone Number (optional):

Where do you live in the East Midlands?

(Town/City or County)

What Are You Up To?

Are you currently:

- ☐ In school or college
- ☐ In training or doing an apprenticeship
- ☐ Working
- ☐ Something else: _____

If you're studying, where do you go to complete your learning/studies?
(School/college/training provider)

What year are you in or what are you studying?

Why You?

1. **Why do you want to be on the Youth Committee?**

(What makes you excited about it?)

2. **What do you care about when it comes to young people in the East Midlands? Is there a particular focus that you think the EMCCA Youth Committee should look at?**
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3. **Have you ever spoken up, helped others, or made a difference in your school or community?**

(It's OK if you haven't – just be honest!)

4. **What skills or ideas would you bring to the group?**

(Think about things like teamwork, creativity, listening, speaking up, etc.)

Time & Commitment

Can you come to one meeting every couple of months and join in with other activities sometimes (in-person or online)?

- ☐ Yes, sounds good!
 - ☐ I'll try my best, but might need some flexibility
 - ☐ I'm interested but not sure I can commit regularly
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Support

Do you need any support to take part?

(This could be help with travel, accessibility, or anything else.)

- ☐ Yes – please tell us what you need: _____
- ☐ No – I'm good, thanks!
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Anything Else?

Is there anything else you'd like us to know about you?

Your Agreement

- ☐ I confirm the info I've given is true
- ☐ I agree to EMCCA using my info for this application (we won't share your details without your permission)
- ☐ I understand being on the Youth Committee means being supported to get involved and speak up for young people in the East Midlands

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parents/Carers/Guardian Consent

(For applicants under 18 or up to 25 with SEND)

I confirm that I am the parent/carer of the applicant named above and give my consent for them to take part in the EMCCA Youth Committee. I understand what the Youth Committee involves and agree to support their participation.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

- ☐ I give my consent for my child/young person to participate in the Youth Committee

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Frequently Asked Questions - EMCCA Youth Committee Application

1. Who can apply to be on the Youth Committee?

Anyone aged roughly 15 to 18 (or up to 25 for those with additional needs) and be based in either Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire, as this comprises the EMCCA region and are passionate about making a difference in their community.

2. What is the purpose of the Youth Committee?

The Youth Committee will help shape decisions that affect young people across the East Midlands. You'll have the chance to share your views, influence policy, and work with local leaders to create positive change.

3. How do I apply?

You can apply in one of the following ways:

- Fill in the attached Word document and email it back to us.
- Complete the online form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/J7qG6hHsnu?origin=IprLink>
- Send us a video or voice recording answering the questions in the application.

4. What should I include in a video or voice application?

Just answer the same questions listed in the application form. Be yourself - we want to hear your ideas, experiences, and why you're interested in joining the committee.

5. When is the deadline to apply?

Please submit your application as soon as possible or by the **20th of August** so that we can plan our first meeting for the end of September.

6. What happens after I apply?

We'll review all applications and get in touch with shortlisted candidates for the next steps. This may include a short informal chat or group session.

7. Who can I contact if I have questions or need help?

Feel free to reach out to Jae Hodgson at jae.hodgson@eastmidlands-cca.org.uk – I'm happy to help!

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