

Please sign below and hand it back to the Chair or Youth Worker to show that you understand and abide by the principles of the Code of Conduct:

I (name) agree to abide by the Youth Council's Code of Conduct, as set out above.

Signed: Date:
Thank You!

Gedling Youth Council



Youth Council Meeting Dates 2024 – 2025

All Mondays 5.30 – 7.30pm

2024

22nd April
22nd July
23rd September
11th November

2025

17th February
28th April

All meetings take place at Gedling Borough Council, Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottm. NG5 6LU

For further information please contact:

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Gedling Borough Council
Community Relations Team
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If you want to know more, want to attend a meeting or share your thoughts, feelings, ideas or opinions, please let us know. Contact details can be found on the back page of this leaflet. It is important to have your say, we can't do this without you!

What is Gedling Youth Council?

The Gedling Youth Council is a group of young people, aged between 11 and 19, who are committed to making a difference for the young people of the Borough. Each Youth Councillor is elected by their school or Youth Club to represent them and serves for a term of 3 years, after which a further election takes place to choose the next set of Youth Councillors.

The Youth Council is supported by a youth worker and Council Officers who have the skills, knowledge and commitment to young people to give them a say on things that are important to them.

The Gedling Youth Council is chaired by the Member of Youth Parliament for Gedling



What does Gedling Youth Council do?

- They investigate local issues and concerns
- They look at how local authorities spend their money and ask questions
- They try to tackle big issues, such as bullying and careers advice in schools
- They look at the quality of local youth services
- They can fundraise for activities for young people, or issues that matter to them
- They may be involved in finding people to run activities
- Question the quality of services and their value for money, and suggest improvements
- Work with Councillors, MPs and local organisations to improve the area for young people

Gedling Youth Council Code of Conduct

Young people and adults are expected to:

- Welcome and support each other at all times
- Respect everyone's views
- Listen to others
- Let other people speak, some people may need time to talk
- Be aware that age does not matter
- Be careful about the language that they use
- Have the minutes and the agenda well in advance
- Keep phones on silent whenever possible
- Take part in the meetings and evaluate them afterwards
- Consider the views of other young people
- Keep confidentiality, don't share private things outside of the meeting
- Leave the room if they are feeling overwhelmed, need refreshment, etc
- Commit to attending meetings

If you have a problem:

Please speak to the Chair Person and/or the Youth Worker. If you are the victim of an incident, you will be fully supported. If you are deemed to be the instigator of a serious incident you could be asked to step down as a member and might not be able to attend future meetings.

The above principles form a contract for all Youth Councillors.