



**YOUNG
MAYOR**

CROYDON 2020

CANDIDATE NOMINATION PACK 2020

This pack contains information for any young person interested in standing as a candidate in the Croydon Young Mayor election, and the nomination form for you to complete and return.



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Croydon Young Mayor is elected for one year to represent the views of young people and encourage them to create opportunities around issues that matter to them and their communities.

TO DO THIS THEY WILL

- Listen and act on the views of young people in Croydon
- Encourage young people to be active citizens and champion democracy
- Recognise the value and potential in young people's ideas and fund them

Young people will be invited to vote for their first and second choice of Croydon Young Mayor. The candidate with the majority of the votes when counted will be elected and the person with the second highest will become the deputy mayor.

Croydon already has three area youth forums (North, South and Central) and three specialist youth forums; a Children in Care Council, Care Leavers forum and Croydon Youth Arts Collective. Young people from these and other youth groups in Croydon meet every three months for the Croydon Youth Assembly, which is chaired by the young mayor. The Mayor also chairs the monthly meeting of all local area forums. The deputy young mayor will deputise for the young mayor when they are not able to attend. Both Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor will automatically become members of the UK Youth Parliament and be required to attend all UKYP meetings, including the annual session in the House of Commons. All candidates that stand in the elections will automatically become members of their local area youth forum.

FIVE STEPS TO COMPLETE THIS NOMINATION PACK

1. Read this pack very carefully
2. Meet all criteria to stand as Croydon Young Mayor
3. Complete all the relevant sections in the nomination pack
4. Start thinking ahead for your campaign
5. Follow the manifesto writing tips

AGE AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Young people aged 12-17 on 31 August 2020
- Young people who live in Croydon

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Data statement:

The information collected in this form is used solely to enable to Youth Service Team to work with young people; it will hold the personal details of young people on a database and use it only for Young Mayor, youth cabinet, youth forums and to let young people know about other projects the team are delivering.

KEY DETAILS WE NEED FROM YOU

OWN DETAILS

Name

Home phone number

Mobile phone number (for you)

Email address (for you)

Address

Postcode

PARENTS/CARERS DETAILS

Name

Relationship to young person

Home phone number

Mobile phone number (for parent/carer)

Email address (for parent/carer)

Address

Postcode

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MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT

Croydon Council may take photographs, video and audio recordings (media) containing young people throughout the duration of the Croydon Young Mayor elections and term of office.

This media is taken to publicise and record outcomes for Croydon Young Mayor, youth assembly, youth forums and to let young people know about other projects the Youth Service Team are delivering.

We will not include any personal information on any digital or printed material. We require permission to take any photographs, video and audio recordings from the parent/carer of the young person standing as a Young Mayor candidate.

- I agree to permit the recording of photographic images, video and audio recordings of my child which will be used for the sole purposes of promoting the Croydon Young Mayor election and Croydon Council. I understand that this media may be used in digital and printed publications (including Croydon Council's website and social media pages) or may appear in local, regional or national media.

Print name

Date

Relationship to candidate

Signature

CANDIDATE BRIEFINGS AND TRAINING

All candidates standing in the election to be the next Young Mayor of Croydon, will receive briefings and training as a group. These sessions are designed to provide you with skills that will support you through your election campaigning but that can also be used in other parts of your life.

The programme of training will aim to increase your understanding of democracy, with your election candidacy and campaigning.

You will therefore grow your skills in:

- Communication
- Networking
- Campaigning
- Presenting
- Public Speaking
- Negotiation

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SIGNATURES AND DETAILS OF YOUR CAMPAIGN TEAM

You must collect **10 signatures** from young people aged **11-18 yrs.** old who live, attend school/college or work in Croydon.

Name	Email	Age	Signature
1.			
2.			
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CODE OF CONDUCT

All candidates and their parent/carer must read and sign the code of conduct. This code is a guide to protect candidates taking part in the Croydon Young Mayor elections, it will be monitored by the Youth Service Team.

- I will treat all candidates, supporters, Youth Service Team and council officers and members of the public with respect.
- I will carry out training, campaigning and Croydon Young Mayor events as part of the election process to the best of my ability.
- I will not deliberately disadvantage other candidates by removing their publicity, defacing it or using negative campaigning against them.
- I agree I will not behave in a sexist, racist, homophobic or other offensive manner that may offend or discriminate individuals or groups of people. I will report any other candidates behaving in this way to the Youth Service Team staff.
- Being Croydon Young Mayor is a commitment and I understand that if I do not attend training, meetings and events I will be unable to fulfil my role and could be removed from office.
- I am independent and will not encourage, endorse nor accept support from political parties, community, faith or other adult groups and I will represent all young people in Croydon.
- I understand if I or any member of my campaign team, or anyone on behalf of my campaign team or me, breaks this code of conduct, that I will bring the office of Croydon Young Mayor into disrepute and may be disqualified from being nominated, being a candidate and taking part in the Croydon Young Mayor Election and role.

I have read and understood this code of conduct.

Name (young person)

Signature

I have read and understood this code of conduct and agree to support my child/ward in their nomination, election journey and role.

Name (parent/carer)

Signature

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MANIFESTO STATEMENT

Please use this space to write a 250 maximum word statement about why you want to be Croydon Young Mayor. This will be your manifesto and what you will campaign on through the election process.

This statement should include information such as; how you would represent young people in Croydon, why you love Croydon, what you think will make you a good Croydon Young Mayor. Continue on separate sheet if required.

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CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

Please use this space to write 30 words about the one priority issue you want to campaign on through your term in office as Croydon Young Mayor.

This could be about a local issue in your area or community or a borough wide issue that affects young people.

Top tips for writing a manifesto and choosing your priority issue

- talk to other young people before writing your manifesto to get an idea of what they would like Croydon Young Mayor to do
- research your ideas and make sure that any facts you state are true and accurate
- make sure your aims are well stated and relevant to young people
- make it about you and avoid making statements about other people, organisations or candidates
- write about the skills, knowledge and experiences you have that you feel make you an ideal candidate
- ask a parent/carer, teacher or colleague to proof-read it to make sure there are no spelling or grammatical mistakes

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SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

You can submit your nomination in three ways:

by email

to youngmayor@croydon.gov.uk

by post

to Croydon Young Mayor c/o Boris Rupnik
Croydon Council, Bernard Weatherill House
4th Floor, Zone C, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA

in person

c/o Boris Rupnik
Corporate Reception, Croydon Council
Bernard Weatherill House
8 Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA

or

c/o Boris Rupnik
Croydon Town Hall
Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

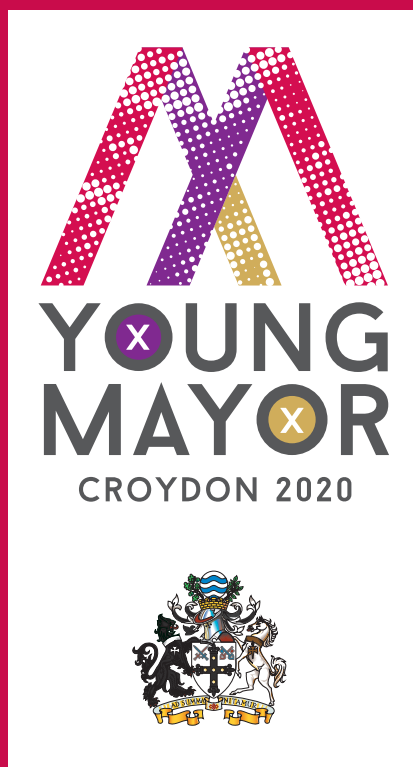
Please check your nomination carefully. You must complete all sections of this pack before submitting it, any missing pieces of information will mean we can't continue with your nomination. If you are sending your nomination by email please ensure that you have access to a scanner.

Regardless how you decide to submit your nomination, it must reach us by **5pm on Saturday 29 February**. We won't be accepting any applications after that time.

KEY CONTACTS

Should you have any additional questions not answered in this booklet please contact the Youth Service Team who support the Croydon Young Mayor at youngmayor@croydon.gov.uk (we aim to reply to your email within 48 hrs.)

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone who takes part in this candidate nomination process **GOOD LUCK!**



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You can register to vote in local and general elections.

www.croydon.gov.uk/vote
<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>