

## Youth elections 2020

Nominations for our Youth Council elections 2020 close next Friday 21 February.

Epping Forest Youth Council is a body of 25 young people aged between 12 and 17 years, elected by their peers to give young people a voice in the district.

It's a way of getting the views of the younger generation heard by Epping Forest District Council and making a difference for young people on issues that really matter to them.

Youth elections will be held in local schools from Monday 9 March to Friday 20 March and nominations are open to anyone in year 8 or above, age 12-17 years on the 24 March 2020 and living in the Epping Forest District.

Closing date for nominations is Friday 21 February 2020. You can put yourself forward by completing our online nomination form at [www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/EFYCnomination](http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/EFYCnomination)

A parent/guardian will also need to sign the nomination form.

Former Youth Councillor Samantha Halcrow said: "I wanted to create a change, to improve the community, in any way possible. I also wanted to give young people a voice at community meetings, so that they can feel more confident a part of the community."

Councillor Nigel Bedford, Cabinet Member for Community and Partnerships added: "The Youth Councillors are an asset to Epping Forest District Council and a valuable resource in bringing the views and aspirations of young people in the district into our council business.

"We particularly welcome their views on the climate emergency which was recently declared by full council and affects everyone in our district and beyond."

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