

## **Aya Elgool - Camden Youth MP Election 2020**

Hi. My name is Aya Elgool, I'm 13 years old and I'm campaigning to be your Camden Youth MP.

### **Knife crime**

There were 132 deaths in 2019. It started with rivalries. Our schools don't put this in their priorities; they turn a blind eye and associate it with competitiveness. Why can't we make the rivalries bring positivity? Should be easy. I want our Camden Council to invest in creating an inter-school community - one that brings different hobbies together for you and me. This could be an annual event. Extra-curricular activities could help bring new talents out in our unique communities.

### **Mental health**

50% of mental health disorders are diagnosed at the age of 14. Don't we have an entitlement to privacy? We have the right to express our views and feelings through any form. Talking to someone privately would help calm our emotional storms. Or we could make it fun - spray painting walls with messages of positivity could help in the long-run, building up people's self-esteem and bringing together a community.

### **Racism**

Our government doesn't want to accept this criticism. If you're black, you're five times more likely to be homeless. Fate shouldn't decide which path we take. We need to use education as a way of building communication and activities which let people speak about their experiences. Or just raising awareness could help the acceptance within. There's more to racism than Jim Crow laws and segregation - racism affects anyone and everyone. We need to speak up about experiences so that, once we leave school, we are ready for whatever the world throws at us.

If elected, I'll focus on these points and any other points you wish for me to cover. Everybody's views matter. These solutions don't require much funding.

A vote for Aya is a vote to make this community fly higher.

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