

Camden Youth MP Election 2022

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About me:

I am 15 years old and have lived in Camden my entire life. My interest in urban design, economics and politics, and a desire to do something regarding the many issues young people in Camden face, inspired me to run for election as Camden Youth MP.

If elected, I will make Camden safer, happier, and greener. This manifesto will elaborate on how I intend to achieve this.

Safer:

- ❖ To dramatically **reduce crime** in Camden through measures like better lighting and wider pavements, which make it much more difficult to commit crimes in public spaces.
- ❖ To **reduce traffic-induced casualties** across the borough. While a lot has been achieved in recent years to increase traffic safety, there is still a long way to go – we need more cycle lanes, more pedestrianised areas, more zebra crossings and more accountability for perpetrators.
- ❖ To work with local businesses to **increase opportunities** such as paid internships and mentoring for young people, reducing gang membership.
- ❖ To **end victim blaming** through education and by maintaining a clear anti-victim blaming stance in prosecution.
- ❖ To **encourage cooperation** between the police force and young people, while increasing accountability for police officers.

Happier:

- ❖ To make **public spaces** more accessible, safe, and inviting for young people, and increase involvement of young people in the consultation and design process.
- ❖ To organise **free or low-cost events** around Camden, consulting young people on the cultural programmes they want.
- ❖ To make **leisure activities** accessible to all young people in Camden.
- ❖ To **increase opportunities** for young artists and performers in Camden by providing more spaces for them to use.
- ❖ To improve availability of **mental health support** for young people in and outside schools.

Greener:

- ❖ To prioritise climate policy, given that **climate change** is the most pressing problem we face right now.
- ❖ To make **walking and cycling** in Camden easier, safer and more pleasant.
- ❖ To make it easier to request new **public transport** routes.
- ❖ To provide public **water fountains** to reduce the use of plastic water bottles.
- ❖ To work with companies to create a **deposit scheme** for glass bottles and jars, reducing waste and plastic usage.
- ❖ To increase the **energy efficiency** of homes throughout Camden.
- ❖ To cultivate more plants and wildflowers in public spaces to **increase biodiversity** and aid insects and bees.

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