

Laila Fraser – Camden Youth MP Election 2020

Hi, I'm Laila. I'm 16 years old and I was born and raised in Camden. I've always had a desire to help others.

Now that I've grown up and I'm having similar problems to other teenagers in the borough, I am keen to get our voices heard. There are many problems I'd like to tackle such as helping to get the youth off the streets, putting an end to knife crime and helping children with their mental health issues.

I understand that there aren't enough free opportunities for less privileged children, and I believe that we could solve this by opening more youth clubs. Within these youth clubs, I propose that the youth are provided fully-paid business opportunities, inspiring workshops and support for their mental health.

Furthermore, mental illness is increasingly common in young people – therefore, I suggest schools and youth clubs organise programmes to help children and young adults feel comfortable enough to open up and understand their emotions. Also, our society normalises traumatising issues such as suicides, homicides, racial abuse and police brutality, and I know that it's time to put that to an end.

Finally, we all know that there's a current, growing issue with knife crime and I know that by providing 100% confidential knife bins and incentives, such as vouchers, to hand over weapons, we will help decrease the rates of knife crime.

As a 16 year old, raised on council estates, I understand your struggles and want to help. Therefore, I'll always listen and negotiate suitable solutions - and that's why you should vote for me, Laila Fraser.

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