

## **Nottinghamshire Youth Commission in: Application Guidance Notes**

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*Please read carefully before filling in your application form.*

#### **1. What is the Youth Commission on Police and Crime?**

The Youth Commission allows young people to get involved and have their say about policing and crime where they live.

The Nottinghamshire Youth Commission enables young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire, Paddy Tipping, and Nottinghamshire Police. This is a very important role, because it helps the Commissioner and the Police to make better decisions to meet the needs of young people.

#### **2. Who can join the Nottinghamshire Youth Commission?**

This year we are looking for participants aged 14-25 years from **the Nottinghamshire policing area** – including Nottingham, Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood, Ashfield, Gedling, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe. The role is open to anyone in this age group from one of these areas.

In total, we are seeking to recruit up to 15 young people. We are looking for people who are team players and willing to get involved with all the activities of the Youth Commission. We are also very keen to ensure that the Youth Commission is made up of a diverse group of young people who broadly reflect the make-up of the local population, including those who may have direct personal experience of the police and the criminal justice system.

#### **3. If I join, what will I have to do?**

Between October 2018 and May 2019, members of the Youth Commission will:

- **Take part in Youth Commission meetings:** You will participate in 4 Youth Commission meetings. (October, November, January, March). At these

events, the members of the Youth Commission will come together to discuss and set objectives for the project. In these meetings you will develop skills and come up with creative ideas for workshops. You will also reflect and review the progress of the project.

- **Work on special topics:** You will pick a topic that interests you to work on with a small group of other members. This may include topics such as: anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, reducing offending and re-offending among young people, and the relationship between young people and the police.
- **Gather the views of other young people:** You will be given support to carry out peer research with other young people in schools, colleges, universities and youth groups. Peer research means that young people are involved in carrying out research with other young people. As a peer researcher you will help with developing the questions for the research, carrying out interviews with young people, and feeding back the results of the research. As a rough guide, we would expect each member to carry out 3 days of peer research during the project.
- **Plan consultation events:** You will work in a team to design and plan consultation events to engage other young people in conversations about your special topics.
- **Report back to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Nottinghamshire Police:** You will contribute towards the analysis of information gathered from young people in your area, and help to present back your conclusions to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Nottinghamshire Police.
- **Help to host the Youth Commission Conference in 2019:** You will have the opportunity to present the Youth Commission's results and recommendations at the Nottinghamshire Youth Commission conference and be a part of discussions with the police, professionals and other young people.

#### 4. What will I get from being part of the Youth Commission?

- **Discuss issues with decision-makers:** You will meet the Police & Crime Commissioner, officials from Nottinghamshire Police and other partner agencies at Youth Commission events and help them to understand what young people in your area think about police and crime.
- **Develop your skills and experience:** You will gain valuable skills and experience, which you will be able to use for your CV or applications to Further or Higher Education.
- **Become ambassadors for other young people:** You will give a voice to young people in your area by helping them to get their views heard.
- **Meet new people:** You will meet a diverse range of other young people from the Nottinghamshire policing area, and work alongside professionals from different organisations.

#### 5. Filling in the application form

- Please fill in the enclosed application form and email it to [Gabrielle@unlocked.org](mailto:Gabrielle@unlocked.org) by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018**.
- **Section 1:** if you are under 18 you must also fill out the section regarding your Parent /Guardian /Carer. They will also have to complete and sign a Consent Form to give their permission for you to participate.
- **Privacy:** Your privacy is really important to us. By filling in the Nottinghamshire Youth Commission application form, you are consenting to Leaders Unlocked using your personal information to keep in touch with you over the course of the project. If your application is not successful, or you decide to withdraw your application, we will delete your personal data from our files. If you want to withdraw your consent at any time you can contact the Data Protection officer at [info@leaders-unlocked.org](mailto:info@leaders-unlocked.org) and if you would like to see our full Privacy Notice you can do so here <http://leaders-unlocked.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Leaders-Unlocked-Privacy-Notice-May-2018-1.pdf>

## **6. What happens next?**

Once we receive your application, we will then carry out brief telephone interviews with a shortlist of applicants. All applicants will be informed by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the latest.

**Remember: email your completed application form to [Gabrielle@leaders-unlocked.org](mailto:Gabrielle@leaders-unlocked.org) by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**