



Westmorland and Furness UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) Elections 2024

Westmorland and Furness Council has **one MYP (Member of Youth Parliament)** seat available for UK Youth Parliament and **two Deputy MYP posts**. Young people who live in Westmorland and Furness and are residents of the UK, can put themselves forward to be the voice of young people as members of the UK Youth Parliament from 1 June 2024 – February 2026

What do you need to become an MYP?

Candidates must be 11-18 years old; if a candidate is going to turn 19 during their term in office, then they must stand down. The term of office is 2 years long.

While no formal criterion is necessary to become an MYP, you should be a young person who:

- Will take their responsibilities seriously.
- Has an interest in relevant issues and a view on topical issues.
- Will listen to and respect the views of his/her peer group and those of others.
- Can speak their mind.
- Will ask for support, advice and help if required.
- Is committed, lively and outgoing.
- Must be a member of Westmorland and Furness youth council or agree to join once an application form has been submitted.

The role of an MYP requires commitment both in time and effort.

This includes attending:

- Regional conventions of the UKYP (three per year)
- Annual Sitting in UK (location varies)
- Meetings with decision makers of Westmorland and Furness Council (by arrangement and agreement)
- Monthly meetings with young people in your area (i.e. youth councils and forums)
- House of Commons event

Being an MYP is not about party politics or just for those interested in politics, it is about understanding the issues facing young people in Westmorland and Furness and trying to make improvements.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving your application form and seeing you on Wednesday 10th April 2024





2024 Westmorland and Furness UKYP election process

Candidates must either live, work, or go to school in the Westmorland and Furness constituency if they wish to stand for election. Candidates must join the Youth Council to be eligible to stand.

The elections will be held between the 7 of February 2024 and the 26 of May 2024.

Voting weeks will take place during the 6 to the 17 May 2024. Once voting has finished, votes will be counted, and the results will be announced on the **29 of May 2024 at County Hall Kendal.**

The candidate with the highest number of votes will become the MYP.

The candidate with the second and third highest number of votes will become the two Deputy MYP's.

A compulsory training workshop for young people wishing to stand for election as an MYP will be held on **Wednesday 10 April at Penrith Methodist Church Hall.** This is your opportunity to meet other candidates, find out more about the role and make your final decision about going forward to the election.

The day will commence at 1pm and finish at 4pm. Refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will:

- Explain about the UKYP
- Clarify the role of an MYP and Deputy MYP
- Answer any questions you may have
- Explain how the elections will work
- Explain what to do next if you wish to stand for election
- Provide time and support for you to complete your election manifesto
- Online security
- How to run your campaign
- Take photograph
- Complete paperwork

If you are considering standing as a candidate for the Westmorland and Furness UKYP elections, you must attend the training workshop to be able to complete your election manifesto.

Should you have any questions on any of the information provided above please do not hesitate to email lynne.murray@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Can you still be involved if you're not an MYP?

Yes absolutely. There are a range of things you can do, one of which is to join your local Youth Council.

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