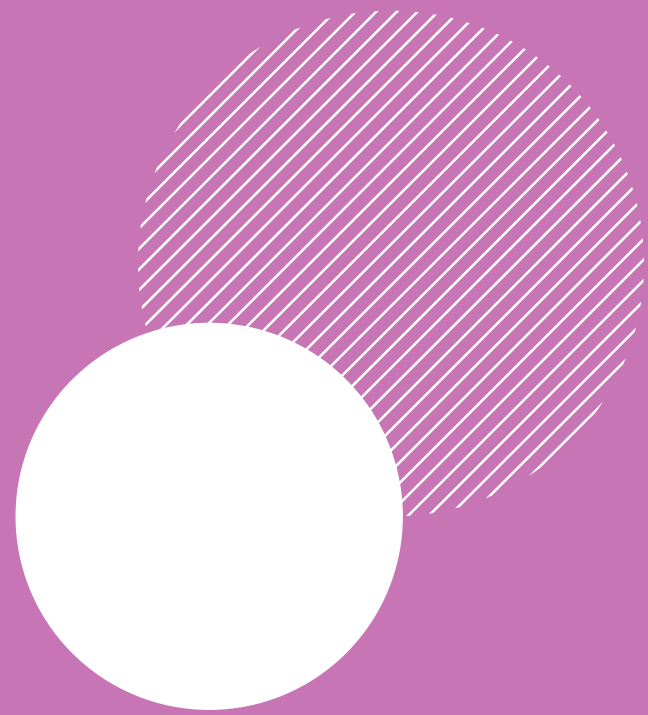




PETERBOROUGH UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2022



**GET TO KNOW YOUR
CANDIDATES.**

WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR?

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Sunday 13th February



WHAT IS UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT?

Members of UK Youth Parliament (Youth MPs) are passionate 11-18 year olds who represent the views of young people in their local communities to the people in power.

They listen, debate and campaign to help improve the lives of people in their areas.

This February, we need you to vote for the person you want to represent you in the UK Youth Parliament.

Use your voice. Have your say.

YOUR CANDIDATES..



Lucy



Matthew



Tomiwa



Rebecca



Kira



Eliza



Miriam



Ufuoma



Eva



LUCY LOAN-SHAW

"Vote Lucy for a brighter future"

I aim to create better environments for people with poor mental health

Giving people with poor mental health a safer space will ensure a brighter future for them and for you. I will do this by working with teens affected with poor mental health and asking them how mental health facilities can improve so they feel safer to open up and also ask how schools can improve their environment to be more hospitable.

I aim to improve the environment

I want to help decrease the amount of emissions that Peterborough uses and begin the the process of turning Peterborough into a more environmentally friendly city and help decrease air pollution for our health .

I aim to get more activities for teens to enjoy.

I will push to get funding to increase more places, like the lido, for the people of Peterborough to enjoy and easily access for fair prices.

I want to create a better school environment

During the time you are in education it will shape you and the person you become. I will do this by campaigning for smaller class sizes, changing exam styles to fit a range of abilities and improving student-teacher relationships.



MATTHEW CARR

**"For a fairer, more inclusive,
greener Peterborough"**

Hi, my name is Matthew Carr, and I am running for Youth MP because I want to be the voice for all young people across Peterborough, to ensure you have your voices heard, and make Peterborough a fairer, more inclusive place for us all to thrive.

First of all, I will work tirelessly to make Peterborough a supportive and accessible place for all young people. Your mental health should always be prioritised over academic stresses, and you should have a community that ensures your wellbeing, listens to and supports you. Crucially, this means schools and communities must understand students' varying needs - and as a disabled person, I am critically aware of how much change is needed here.

Second, I want to hold the council and government to account on the massive issue of climate change. Young people will be the ones who are left to deal with the damage, making climate change a young people's crisis. Right now not enough is being done, and I will ensure that this changes if I am elected.

Finally, I want to tackle issues of inequality in Peterborough and the UK as a whole, whether homophobia in schools, youth homelessness, racism, or countless other issues, and as a queer person, I know that there is more that must be done to make Peterborough a place in which all young people can thrive.



TOMIWA ALABI

**"Where a vote for me, is a vote for
you, for change and for
your future"**

I am a year 12 student studying Mathematics, Economics and Geography. As an active member within the community, shown through my volunteering at a local event, having a published poem on the PREC, and as a member of a debate team, I take great interest in the various issues that occur within our city, and so will present any issues that you may raise.

Pledge #1. DIVERSITY WITHIN THE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

My main objective, is to advocate to the DfE, for our Black and Asian British historical figures to be included within the KS1-KS5 syllabus. This is not only within history, but through other subjects; Science, English, Art etc. We should celebrate our diversity, through an acknowledgement of our rich, British heritage, so we can ensure acceptance and inclusion within Peterborough.

Pledge #2. THE VOICE OF THE YOUTH

I am advocating for the youth to have a collective voice, we shouldn't just leave these socio-economic and political issues to the adults to discuss, it's our future after all. As your Youth MP, I will ensure that every primary and secondary school has a debate club; which provides the youth, the knowledge and freedom to express their ideas, respectively, on various issues that will affect our future. Your voice is the future, so you must use it!



REBECCA AU

"I will work for you to create opportunities that support your aspirations. The 2020s is our decade, together we will make it a golden decade."

Building your academic success

- Working in partnership with ARU, Peterborough's new university, to bring inspiring lectures to young people.
- Re-establish Peterborough and national inter-school academic challenges, such as coding, chess and arts.

Strengthening our community

- Clean the Nene – working with our community, starting in schools, to give Peterborough the river it deserves.
- Fundraising together to buy textbooks to be stocked at Peterborough libraries.

Improving your mental wellbeing

- Introduction to relaxation techniques in schools - mindfulness meditation and yoga.
- Fun events with opportunities to meet other young people in Peterborough, such as barbecues, music festivals and sports.



KIRA BIANKA BALOGH

**"Our future depends on how we
become responsible."**

My main programme is improving the educational system, exploring the opportunities provided by education and passing the information and opportunities to the students by colouring school life with awareness and motivational programmes. These would involve parents, students, and school teachers.


I had the idea of informing all students and anyone who sees their future in further learning at a higher education. I would like to have inter-school dialogues here in Peterborough for career guidance days that will cover graduation, admission requirements and scoring, which could be important information for all. For example, we need to know what's going on in universities and what we need to do to get in, and how to prepare for it, and to have informal transmission of opportunities. I have many more ideas besides this. I can't promise you exactly three issues that I will work on as I believe that you must be open to the world.

Every moment of every day there is always something new happening and coming out. We need to live with this and seize the opportunities for the challenges. Therefore, I think we need to be ready for the new challenges and be prepared to tackle them the right way. Although we must be open to everything, even those which may come in the future, we must not forget about the ones which are currently happening and the older issues as they can also come up in a new aspect every time. I don't want to promise something I can't accomplish. But I believe in teamwork, and I am and will be open to the issues raised by the future colleagues.



ELIZA GREENWOOD

"I pledge to help you have a voice, and be able to communicate between students and administration fluently to make changes."

I promise to show young people easy ways to find opportunities and have a voice in the following topics: 

HIGHER EDUCATION CLIMATE CHANGE SCHOOL RULES

You may be asking 'What can I make easy for you?'

Firstly, higher education is something many people will strive for, but eventually lose interest. This is typically not from caring less, but rather being in a situation where you believe it's not possible. In Peterborough, only 1 in 6 go onto higher education, and only 32% have university degrees. I want to help people regain their aspirations in achieving higher by introducing more programmes and courses that help people get an insight into university, as well as what they look for in applicants. I also am going to extend it to options outside of university.

Climate change is one of the most daunting challenges to our future, and yet there are many ways we are limited in saving our environment. Now I'm not asking you to change your entire lifestyle. Instead I will show small, cost-effective ways to save our environment, as many people making small changes can facilitate big differences.

Finally, many students view particular school rules and governance as unfair and discriminatory, and yet feel they have no power to change these.

In conclusion, my main wish is to make things easy for you. Thank you.



MIRIAM SELLICK

**"Make a difference for you, for
Peterborough and for our planet"**

I'm Miriam Sellick and I'd love to be your Youth MP. I want to represent you by making your voices heard and improving life for all of us.

I'm passionate about the main Youth Parliament priorities and they match my beliefs and skills:

1. The Environment. Climate change is threatening us all. Rising sea levels are predicted to flood most of Peterborough by 2050 and there are disasters all around the world already. I currently lead the Peterborough Youth Council environment group: as your Youth MP, I will enable us to do more. I will increase recycling, building on my community litter picks, engaging young people. I will cut car use and air pollution, building on my fight for safer cycling in Peterborough.

2. Mental health. 1 in 6 young people in the UK have a mental health problem – this is appalling. I will prioritise shorter waiting times and holistic support, through empowerment and inclusion.

3. Education. As students, we all know about exam stress. So, I want to reform GCSEs and A-levels to assess people's ability better, and with less stress. I will campaign for the curriculum to be more inclusive to reflect our society. And I think Life Skills should be included, for example political awareness to support votes at 16 – I've fought for this for years.

If you share my passion and priorities, vote for me. Your vote for me, Miriam Sellick, will make a difference for you, for Peterborough and for our planet.



UFUOMA EHWERHEMUEPHA

**"Creative YOUth Centers, made for
YOU and with YOU"**

My name is Ufuoma Ehwerhemuepha, and I am running for the position to be your Peterborough Youth MP in order to create significant improvements for our city.

As your Youth MP, my main goal is to create more accessible Safe Spaces for youth, along with increasing mental health support both in and outside of school.

I would be increasing the visibility of our currently declining Youth Centers and generating more with up-to-date entertainment tools. My goals will make a positive impact, by giving today's youth the option of a free, safe entertainment spot away from the struggles of school/personal life, more friendships and long-lasting community bonds.

There is much speculation on the grand promises made during campaigns. However, with my collective experience as a member of a campaign organisation (advocating for Mental Health services in schools/reducing crime hotspots) and my published written piece, researching the law and proposing reforms, I assure you that I will do all within my power to keep the promises I make.

Thank you for the time you took reading this, hopefully I'll be able to thank you for your vote.



EVA WOODS

“Change comes from questioning the things others accept. I will not just perform: I will interrogate.”

My Name is Eva Woods.

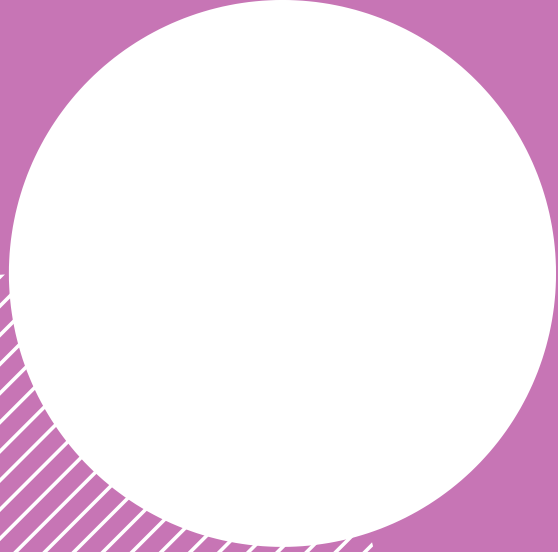
No matter how powerful our movements become, young people are always painted as victims. Last year, young people cried out about the sexual harassment they experience in school every day. The media may have been shocked, but what changed? I will ensure schools stop normalising this behaviour and create adults with boundaries and respect.

One in 16 people in the UK show signs of an eating disorder, yet the issue remains branded as banter. I will develop curriculums that acknowledge eating disorders, remove stigma and stop their normalisation.

There is hope that we won't be the lost generation, our education ruined by COVID: I will campaign central government to remove university fees.

Young people are sick of people using our protests to paint us as victims. I speak for a world where we are seen as more than our bodies, our incomes and our ages. I pledge to run workshops and interviews that accurately capture our opinions and protests - as displays of bravery and strength. I will not only make our voices heard: I will ensure we receive replies.

On youth issues, we know best, and we are tired of being ignored. As your Youth MP, I won't just perform, I'll interrogate.



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