

Press Release

Hailsham Youth Council Are Recruiting Again!

Get involved! That's the message Hailsham Town Council is giving out to young people as part of its latest drive to recruit new Youth Council members.

Young people aged 11 to 16 years (16 to 21 years for those with special needs) who live or go to school in Hailsham are being asked to consider joining Hailsham Youth Council.

Launched in September 2009, Hailsham Youth Council works in partnership with local authorities, schools, voluntary organisations, youth clubs and other community-focused organisations. It aims to represent young people in Hailsham and surrounding villages, ensure that they have their say on what goes on in the town and give them the opportunity to influence key decisions.

The Youth Council has organised a number of outings this year including a day trip to the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, and is currently working on an active campaign to seek funding and planning permission for the construction of an outdoor gym in Hailsham.

"We are currently recruiting additional members to serve on the Council," said Hailsham Youth Council Chair Mark Joyes, "Members are able to connect and collaborate with other young people to help address the issues that affect the youth of Hailsham."

"Being a member also offers a great opportunity to make new friends, learn more about how local government works and have their voice heard in the community."

Rowena Cole, youth project worker at Hailsham Town Council, said: "Hailsham youth Council prides itself in being proactive by getting involved with local issues raised by younger people within the town. Youth councillors can take part in regular meetings, get involved in campaigns or projects and meet with local councillors and other key decision makers."

"In a nutshell, your role as Youth Councillor will be a highly rewarding experience as not only will you be able to make a difference to the lives of other young people in the area, but you can learn new skills, gain more confidence, and be involved in lots of exciting projects in aid of young people in the community."

Hailsham Youth Council meets fortnightly on Friday afternoons at the Town Council Offices in Market Street on an informal basis. Members may occasionally be asked to attend formal Town Council meetings to discuss some issues or provide updates on project activities.

Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Andy Joyes (Youth Project Coordinator) on 01323 841702 or send an email to andy.joyes@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

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