



Think you can...

Change something about your area?

Make sure young people get their voices heard?

Influence decision-makers?

If so, you could

be the next...

Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets

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MAYOR
2009**

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Becoming the Young Mayor for Tower Hamlets gives you the chance to make your mark. You will be able to air your views; meet other young people from across Tower Hamlets and beyond; and tell politicians what should really be happening for young people.

As the Young Mayor you can:

- Meet local Councilors and other decision-makers in Tower Hamlets to talk about issues affecting young people
- Represent young people in Tower Hamlets regionally in London and nationally across the UK
- Get involved in the Tower Hamlets Youth Partnership and Youth Opportunity Fund
- Go to events and get involved in special projects like the 2012 Olympics
- Represent young people positively to the media

Anyone aged 11-18 who lives; works or studies in Tower Hamlets can stand to be elected as the Young Mayor. Young people will vote in their schools, youth projects and Idea Stores to decide who they want to represent them.

We're looking for someone who:

- Is committed, lively and outgoing
- Is prepared to volunteer 6 hours of their time a month
- Has an interest in issues affecting young people
- Is able to listen to and respect the views of young people
- Takes their responsibilities seriously
- Isn't afraid to speak their mind
- Isn't afraid to ask for support, advice and help if needed
- Has a sense of humour

If you're aged between 11 and 18 and think this could be for you, please fill in the form on the next page and return it by **Monday 16 November 2009**.

You need to be available to come to two all day workshops at the Town Hall, **Saturday November 21** and **Sunday 22 November 2009** as well as the Young Mayor Inauguration event **Thursday 21 January 2010**. If you are unable to attend either day, your application to be Young Mayor will be automatically withdrawn.

If you have any questions about standing in the Young Mayor elections please contact:

Antonia Dixey on 020 7364 3092 or antonia.dixey@towerhamlets.gov.uk
or ask the Young Mayor youngmayor@towerhamlets.gov.uk text 07931 271519
or click – www.amp.uk.net

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Nomination Form

Young Mayor for Tower Hamlets

Once complete, please return to Antonia Dixey, Children and Young People's Participation Officer, Youth and Connexions Services, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG by **Monday 16 November 2009**.

You need to get 10 people aged 11-18 to support your nomination as well as a Parent/ Legal Guardian/ Teacher.

Please answer the following questions.

Your answers will be used in publicity material and used for your manifesto.

Please give three reasons about why you want to be Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets?

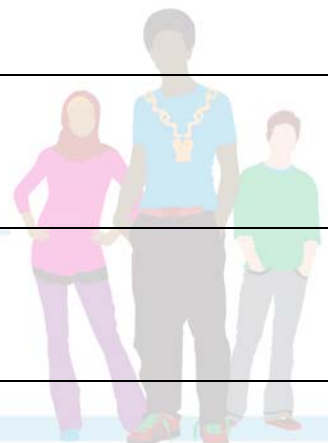
What three skills and qualities would you bring to the role?

What three things do you want to achieve for young people of Tower Hamlets?

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Name: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Mobile:

Home Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of birth: _____

I am available to attend to two all day workshops at the Town Hall (10am – 4pm) Saturday November 21 and Sunday 22 November 2009.

I am also available Thursday 21 January 6pm – 7pm to hear the results of the count at the Young Mayor's Inauguration Ceremony.

I understand that if I am unable to attend any of the events listed above, my application to be Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets will be automatically withdrawn.

In this application, I have attached:

- ✓ Recent photo
- ✓ Parental consent form
- ✓ Questionnaire

Signed: _____

Print:

Date:

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Election team

In order for you to stand as a candidate you must be nominated by 10 young people. These nominations must be genuine, and those who are nominating you must be willing to make up your campaign team and fully support you in the election process. If you do not have 10 nominations you cannot stand as a candidate in the Young Mayor elections.

“The following people have agreed to make up my campaign team, and have been made aware that this means they are supporting my standing as a candidate for election as the Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets.”

All of the people listed in the table below are aged 11-18, and none are members of my immediate family.

	Name	Address	Contact number
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Name of Parent/ Legal Guardian endorsing your campaign:

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

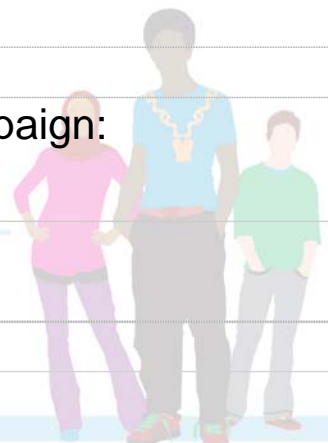
Date: _____

Name of Teacher/ Youth Worker endorsing your campaign:

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____



Role Description

Role Title: Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayors of Tower Hamlets

Number of representatives: 2

Start Date: 21 January 2010

End Date: 20 January 2011

The Young Mayor is elected annually by young people aged 11-18 living, working or studying in Tower Hamlets. The Young Mayor belongs to and has links with a number of groups, and has responsibility for chairing some of them.

These groups are:

- The Tower Hamlets Youth Partnership – a borough-wide forum for young people to (a) give their views about issues of concern to them, (b) act as a consultative group for services and organisations within the Tower Hamlets Partnership, (c) steer projects being undertaken in Local Youth Partnerships and (d) meet with borough decision-makers
- The Youth Opportunity Fund Grants Panels – these panels comprise of young people trained in grant-making who assess funding applications and are responsible for distributing approximately £600,000 of funding to young people wishing to start their own projects or improve their buildings.
- The UK Youth Parliament, British Youth Council and Young Mayor Network – these meetings encourage young people to share good practice across London and Nationally. It is vital that we have strong representation to these groups.

The Young Mayor has a budget to deliver specific projects s/he wants to work on, taking advice from the Deputy Young Mayors and the Tower Hamlets Youth Partnership on how this funding should be used.

Purpose of role:

The Young Mayor's role is to represent young people in Tower Hamlets. This includes finding out what young people think about a variety of issues and representing these views to local, borough-wide and national decision-makers. He/She does this by:

- Undertaking consultation with young people – visiting schools, youth projects and young people in other services and organisations and facilitating workshops as necessary
- Being the main spokesperson for young people – speaking at conferences and events and responding to media enquiries
- Representing young people on some of the borough's key decision-making bodies
- Representing young people in regional and national young people's groups

