

OYC Seasonal Recap

January & February 2023

What We've Been Doing

Meeting: 11th of January 2023

Youth councillors were welcomed back after the break, and was given training on [speech writing and delivery](#), which helps in both internal elections alongside other elements such as motions to Oldham Council.

Additionally, youth councillors debated on the MYP terms, where most youth councillors agreed that Oldham should elect 2 MYPs and 2 DMYPs, with terms lasting **2 years** from 2023/24.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/01/11/meeting-minutes-11-01-2023/>

Meeting: 25th of January 2023

Youth councillors provided advice on the [Oldham Participation Framework](#) for Children and Young People. This is a document that is given to organisations in Oldham working with young people, and how participation run.

Alongside this, a proposal was made to deliver a motion to Oldham Council, likely in July 2023, discussing implementing in-house [translation services](#) in Oldham Council. This is especially important to break the language barrier. Most youth councillors favoured this.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/01/25/oys-meeting-minutes-25-01-2023/>

Meeting: 8th of February 2023

Youth councillors were given information about what each role in the Oldham Youth Council does, for instance what each representative's responsibilities are, or what an officer's responsibilities are. This is in light of the internal elections which are now happening in March/April.

Additionally, we as Oldham Youth Council are planning to [get back on track](#) after COVID-19, and youth councillors discussed to plan the work of the youth council. This includes our campaigns, which will be the top 2 local issues on the Make your Mark vote sent to young people in Oldham, and other priorities we believe are suitable.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/02/08/oyc-meeting-minutes-08-02-2023/>

Listen to the Earth 2023

During the February half term, youth councillors and members of other associated youth organisations went to [Poland](#). This consisted of [Holocaust Memorial](#), and how millions of people were murdered during World War II.

By becoming a witness, the young people can return to Oldham and do what they can to [stop discrimination and hatred](#).

We also ask that everyone does their bit to remove hate and discrimination from society. If you witness hate, report it <https://www.stophateuk.org/report-hate-crime>.



YouthForia - Blackburn



This YouthForia was on [LGBTQ+ history](#) as it was LGBTQ+ history month, with the first section of the meeting composed of North West youth councillors learning about some LGBTQ+ people who did good in the past, and the issues they had to (and still) tackle.

The next half was where the nationwide British Youth Council campaign on free school meals was announced, where we aim to get all major parties to include “[free school meals for all people under the age of 18](#)” on their manifestos.

More: <https://twitter.com/premraghvani/status/1627272538802868224>

What We'll Be Up To

Elections

We will be electing people internally to take up some new roles, including:

- An election on Wed 08/03/2023 for Vice Chair.
- An election on Wed 22/03/2023 for GMYCA, DMYP & MYP representatives.
- An election on Wed 05/04/2023 for officers.

Stay tuned for the results, which should be announced before 9:30pm on each of these days on our website.

Get Involved!

Improve This

These monthly slideshows are a **new** concept.

Please don't hesitate to talk to a Youth Councillor at your school, if you want **more information** on these slideshows, any **additional resources**, or want to **get involved**.

Thank You.

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See You Again in June!

For a recap covering March, April & May 2023