

OYC Seasonal Recap

March, April & May 2023

What We've Been Doing

Meeting: 8th of March 2023

During this meeting, we elected our vice chair for the youth council, with Penelope Spencer-Simpson being successful. This also meant Isaac Quinn stepped up as chair, and Charlotte Clasby as youth mayor elect.

Additionally, it was agreed in this meeting that the Member of Youth Parliament representatives will have 2 year terms, to align with every other youth council.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/03/08/oyc-meeting-minutes-08-03-2023/>

Meeting: 22nd of March 2023

In this meeting, Ms Widdowson (of Oldham's Cultural Partnership Board) consulted youth councillors about constructing a [new programme](#) where young people can get paid part-time contracts to support [Oldham's Cultural organisations](#) (e.g. Gallery Oldham), whilst also training them.

We also elected our representatives at a regional level (Greater Manchester) and national level (Youth Parliament), with information on [your](#) new representatives on [slide 6](#).

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/03/22/oyc-meeting-minutes-22-03-2023/>

Meeting: 5th of April 2023

In this meeting, Ms Armitage, who works with the [Integrated Care](#) in Oldham (those who commission GPs, hospitals, community services and more) came to talk to youth councillors about their views on the current health provision and health inequalities.

After this, we elected our officers, who do internal tasks in the youth council such as leading on the planning of campaigns and getting the meeting minutes up. More on the officers for the next year on the [next slide](#).

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/04/05/oyc-meeting-minutes-05-04-2023/>

Leadership Team, 2023-24

	Role	Person / People	Notes
Leaders	Youth Mayor	Hamra Hanif-Ali (till July 2023) Charlotte Clasby (from July 2023)	Remains in Post Stepped Up
	Chair	Isaac Quinn	Stepped Up
	Vice Chair	Penelope Spencer-Simpson	Elected (08/03/2023)
Representatives	Member of Youth Parliament	Prem Raghvani Tom Penketh	Remained Stepped Up
	Deputy Member of Youth Parliament	Ying Shi Louie Wild	Elected (22/03/2023) Remained
	GMYCA Representatives	Leo Nicholson Aaliyah Ahmed	Both elected (22/03/2023)

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Leadership Team, 2023-24

	Role	Person / People	Notes
Officers	Communications	Prem Raghvani	Re-elected (05/04/2023)
	Wellbeings	Jennifer Whitcombe	Elected (05/04/2023)
	Campaigns	Aaliyah Ahmed	Elected (05/04/2023)
	Priorities	Tom Penketh	Re-elected (05/04/2023)
	Inclusivity	Aaliyah Ahmed	Elected (05/04/2023)
Officers (Trial Roles)	Content Managers	Zaynab Ikram Hamza Iqbal	New Role; on Trial

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Meeting: 19th of April 2023

In this meeting, we got consulted on how the **mayor's charity events** can be more appealing and inclusive to a younger audience.

Alongside this, youth councillors received **training** by the youth workers on how to plan and manage projects, in preparation for our campaigns, which will be based on what people vote for in the Making your Mark Oldham vote.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/04/19/oyc-meeting-minutes-19-04-2023/>

Mahdlo: 26th of April 2023

Youth councillors visited [Mahdlo Youth Zone](#), and came up with a new notice board, so young people know what the youth council is about. Alongside this, youth councillors talked to young people in Mahdlo, where they could ask questions or even ask us to tackle issues important to you.



(Above) Our new notice board at Mahdlo.

Meeting: 3rd of May 2023

At this meeting, youth councillors went through the constitution again (where the amendments were already discussed in October 2022) and agreed on the final draft. The new constitution will be released in the coming days.

Alongside this, youth councillors discussed redesigning the youth charter completely from scratch. The youth charter is a document which helps organisations in Oldham know how to include young people.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/05/07/oyc-meeting-minutes-03-05-2023/>

Councillor Induction: 10th & 11th of May 2023

After the recent elections for councillors, Oldham Council hosted an event for councillors to see what different departments of the council do, including a stall for the Oldham Youth Service & Oldham Youth Family.



(Above) the Oldham Youth Service stall

Meeting: 17th of May 2023

At this meeting, youth councillors discussed the results from Making Your Mark Oldham, what the top issues were, and how we can find out precisely what the issue is, and potential ways we can tackle / campaign about them. The results from the Making Your Mark Oldham will be released publicly in the coming weeks.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/05/17/oyc-meeting-minutes-17-05-2023/>

Meeting: 31st of May 2023

At this meeting, youth councillors discussed the [Good Employment Week](#) (lead by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority), and hosting an event for young people in June. This event may involve telling people what good employment is, some information about work (e.g. income tax) and involving local employers.

Alongside this, youth councillors discussed what questions we can ask on vaping to young people, so we can figure out why people vape, and potential solutions to reduce or stop it, as vaping and smoking came up high on the Making Your Mark Oldham.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/05/31/oyc-meeting-minutes-31-05-2023/>

What We'll Be Up To

Campaigns

At a local scale, we have begun discussing potential campaign ideas on [smoking & vaping](#), as well as [mental health](#), based off Making Your Mark Oldham.

At a national scale, the UK Youth Parliament have been campaigning for [free school meals](#) for everyone under the age of 18. This is because the current system excludes those homeschooled, and those above a certain age in a household earning above a certain income (which is low). Hence, the campaign will attempt to get all the major political parties to put free school meals in their manifestos, for the 2024 general election.

Get Involved!

Thank You

Thanks for participating in the recent Making Your Mark Oldham survey, where you highlighted the issues you feel are present on a local and a regional level.

We shall be releasing the results in the coming weeks!

Elections

In December 2023, there will be elections held to elect new youth councillors, hence an opportunity for **you** to join the youth council!

Information will be sent out to schools and on our website around October and November.

Improve This

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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For a recap covering June, July, August & September 2023