

OYC Seasonal Recap

October, November & December 2023

What We've Been Doing

Meeting: 4th of October 2023

This meeting involved [planning for a motion](#) to Oldham Council regarding the [cost of living](#), in particular focusing on 3 separate components; free school meals, affordable places to go and free school stationary.

In the end, youth councillors came up with a motion for [free school stationary](#), which was delivered on the 13th of December (see [slide 14](#)).

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/10/04/oyc-meeting-minutes-04-10-2023/>

YouthForia: 7th of October 2023

October's Youthforia was led in Oldham based on **Black History month** with '**Saluting our sisters**'. Youth councillors Penelope and Aaliyah led a session on behalf of Oldham Youth Council with a focus on the historic importance of black women to modern society such as through science! This information was presented through an interactive walk through of history & a treasure hunt of influential women.



Penelope (L) and Aaliyah (R) stood at the front of a room hosting the event.

Meeting: 18th of October 2023

This meeting involved discussion about the “Me, Myself and I” event alongside the White Ribbon movement, with Catherine from Oldham Council. This included youth councillors learning more about the white ribbon, and what the youth council could do if we decided to get involved.

Alongside this, youth councillors were introduced to existing posters to discourage young people from vaping, and giving feedback behind them, so we can make our own Oldham version of it.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/10/19/oyc-meeting-minutes-18-10-2023/>

Meeting: 1st of November 2023

This meeting involved a discussion with the [Oldham Central Primary Care network](#). Youth councillors emphasised the current issues on the health system in Oldham.

Alongside this, youth councillors learnt about how patient-doctor confidentiality can exist from age 13, but how there is a lack of information on this to young people.

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

Meeting: 15th of November 2023

In this meeting, youth councillors learnt about the **Greater Manchester**-wide initiative for **alternative pathways** into further education, and providing the information to young people. Youth councillors gave feedback on the prototype website.

Afterwards, youth councillors helped to review the **First Choice Homes Oldham Anti Social Behaviour** (ASB) policy, which will be implemented. This included youth councillors learning what the perceived issue is, and getting to say what should and shouldn't be constituted as ASB (e.g. groups of young people walking around should not be seen as ASB unless there is an issue).

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/11/15/oym-meeting-minutes-15-11-2023/>

Parliament: 17th of November 2023

On this day, our **Member of Youth Parliaments** (MYPs) Prem and Tom went to London to represent Oldham at a debate, on what should be a priority for the Food for Learning campaign: holiday hunger, quality of food, standardisation, finance & funding and additional pricing.

Both MYPs managed to speak, and you can listen to their speeches on Twitter:

- Prem: [@premraghvani](https://twitter.com/premraghvani)
- Tom: [@tompenk11](https://twitter.com/tompenk11)

Tom (L) and Prem (R) on Westminster Bridge with the Houses of Parliament in the background.



Awards: 23rd of November 2023

Vice-chair Penelope & Children in Care Council Representatives were nominated as finalists for the **Children & Young People Now Award**.

This was after their motion in March 2023, asking for a protected characteristic for **Care Experience**.



Board saying "Children & Young People Now Awards 2023"

Group photo of the young people attending the nomination.

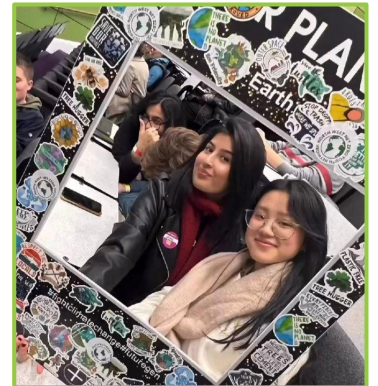


North West Net Zero: 25th of November 2023

Four youth councillors attended the **Net Zero** conference, held at the University of Salford, alongside one youth councillor helping facilitating the event.

The four youth councillors attending met with other young people from the North West, and learnt about the different aspects and routes to Net Zero, including active travel, green jobs & economy, energy and green spaces.

(L-R) Ali, Dylan, Leah and Ying
behind a "For Planet Earth"
picture frame.



Meeting: 29th of November 2023

This meeting involved [Greater Manchester Mental Health](#) coming into the meeting, to talk about the ongoing trials of new therapies they are using, alongside the feedback surveys they send out, and how to get more young people to fill them out.

Additionally, this meeting involved taking the list of [20+ potential local issues](#) to be included in the [Make Your Mark ballot in 2024](#), and writing concise descriptions on what the issue is.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/11/29/oymc-meeting-minutes-29-11-2023/>

YouthForia: 2nd of December 2023

At this [YouthForia](#) held at [Liverpool Hope University](#), the three youth councillors attending got opportunity to:

- Develop mental-health related poetry
- Discuss disability rights
- Having conversations about what campaigns they would like to do in thier local area

Meeting: 13th of December 2023

In this meeting, youth councillors voted and debated to cut down a long list of twenty local issues down to ten local issues, which will appear on the **Make Your Mark** ballot in February.

After this, youth councillors discussed the **inaugural meeting** for new youth councillors, alongside the amendments in the meeting cycle for January, February and March.

More: <https://oldhamyc.com/blog/2023/12/13/oyc-meeting-minutes-13-12-2023/>

Motion: School Stationery

A motion was made to Oldham Council by us on the 13th of December 2023, asking the council to **donate their spare office supplies** to schools, as stationary for school students to use if needed.

You can view the motion being delivered at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/kSdNjSyKb0M?feature=shared&t=1225>

(Timestamp: 20 minutes & 25 seconds).



Joey (L) and Demi (R) in the Oldham Council chambers, addressing the councillors.

Elections

In December, we held elections to [elect 40 new youth councillors](#), who will work alongside the 25 existing youth councillors continuing their term of office, to bring new ideas along to the youth council.

Usually, 8 new youth councillors are to be elected from each of the 5 districts; North, East, South, West and Central, although only 3 youth councillors ran and got elected within the Central district.

The successful 35 candidates are named on the next slides.

North District

LISSY
GARRITY

NICOLE
GRIFFEB

POPPY
JASTRZEBSKI

PHOEBE
KIERNAN

AVA
L'AMIE

KATIE
PRINCE

KAYA
READ

RAPHAEL
NGONGANG TONKA

East District

IRENE
IYOHA

TAHREEM
IRFAN

ISABELLE
MORGAN-FOX

SAFARI
QUMAR

AMPERAGE
RASHID

JAKE
RILEY

PETER
STEELE

RAMSHACKLE
TANVEER

South District

MUHYMIN
AHMED

DANIEL
CROMPTON

HASSAN
GHAFOOR

HASSAN
JABBAR

IBRAHIM
KHAN

ANAYAH
NAZ

AHMED
RAZA

HANISGAA
SREESKANTHAN

West District

MARYAM
RUQAYAH

MAHFUJA
AKHTER

JESSICA
HAMER

CHARLOTTE
MARTIN

SHEIKH
MUHAMMED NURU

FAITH
OLAWUYI

ASAD
RANJHA

MADALYNNE
WRIGHT-HAYES

Central District

LUCY
RICHMOND

NIAMH
ROBERTS

AARON
SAJED

Only 3 candidates originally ran in this district

What We'll Be Up To

Make Your Mark

In February, we will be running Make Your Mark votes across all schools and colleges in Oldham.

The vote will allow you to vote 1 local issue and 1 national issue which matters most to you, in order to allow the UK Youth Parliament and Oldham Youth Council to know what the top issues are, and what to campaign on for young people.

Get Involved!

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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See You Again in March!

For a recap covering January & February!