



Entrants Task Information Sheet



Leeds Children's Mayor 2020/21

Leeds Children's Mayors is an annual citizenship project that has been running for 15 years. It is run in partnership between Democratic Services and the Voice and Influence Team at Leeds City Council.

The Leeds Children's Mayor serves a one year term, which is for the duration they are in year 6. During their term they will attend lots of different events with the Lord Mayor of Leeds as well as work with council offers to make their manifesto idea into a reality.

Each Primary School in Leeds is encouraged to enter three entries written by their year 5 pupils, the entries will then be longlisted by a panel of council officers before being shortlisted by a group of Leeds Youth Councillors. The final 12 will then campaign for votes before being invited to the finalist reception in October 2020, where the 2020/21 Leeds Children's Mayor will be announced.

Voting will be open from Monday 13th July to Friday 16th October, more information will be sent out to the final 12 candidates on Friday 3rd July.

Cllr Eileen Taylor
Lord Mayor of Leeds

Cllr Fiona Venner
Executive Member for Children and Families

A message from Wania, Leeds Children's Mayor 2020/21

Wania, your current Leeds Children's Mayor, has recorded a message for you. View her message at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUBosq2XwQY>

Top tip from Wania when writing your manifesto:

To write a manifesto I would suggest if you don't have an idea what to write about you should watch or read some current news about what is going on around us and that may help you to pick an issue you are passionate about or something you think should be addressed. Believe in your manifesto.

Wania highlights as Children's Mayor

The Children's Mayor Role is 100% interesting and fun because the Children's Mayor Team give you a range of opportunities that include presenting awards, meeting celebrities and many other important people that you can inform about your manifesto.

How to enter

Entrants are asked to think about a low cost / no cost idea that could make their school, community and Leeds more child friendly. Once entrants have come up with an idea they complete the entry proforma and return this to your teacher by **Thursday 11th June** along with a photo of yourself (passport style).

What makes a good entry?

Key points to consider when writing a manifesto:

- What is the main idea of the manifesto and what will it improve for children and young people in Leeds?
- How will the idea make a difference? – Explain what would need to happen for the idea to truly make a difference
- Is the idea achievable and affordable? - Entrants should consider all the practical elements of their manifesto
- Are the ideas practical and realistic? – If a child becomes Children's Mayor they will be asking our 99 city councillors to consider their ideas. It is therefore important that they are both practical and realistic (a swimming pool for every child in Leeds may be a great idea, but practically, it is unlikely to ever happen!)
- Who will benefit? – Explain what difference the improvements would make to the lives of other children in the city, the more people who would benefit from the campaign the better!