

Leeds Children's Mayor Elections 2023

Voting closes at 5pm on Monday 25th September 2023

How to vote:

- Read the manifestos from the twelve finalists at www.leeds.gov.uk/childrensmayor
- Use the form below to vote for your **two favourites** - the ones that you think will most help to make Leeds an even better city for children and young people
- Check back with us later in the year to see who was elected as the 19th Children's Mayor of Leeds!

The rules:

- Voting is only open to people aged 18 or under who live or go to school in Leeds
- You can only cast your votes once
- You must leave a valid email address to vote. If you do not have your own email address you can ask to use one of your parents or carers.
- If you have any questions you can contact the team on: LeedsChildrensMayor@leeds.gov.uk

The candidates and their manifestos (in alphabetical order of Christian or first name).

Note: Jessica lives in Barwick in Elmet.

Daniel: Create a Positive Powerful Voices campaign to tackle bullying by encouraging children to develop confidence through performances, debates and school events with positive role models.

Dawud: Helping to tackle poverty through community meals for families, free and reduced cost activities and fundraising events for local charities.

Elsie: Tackle poverty by creating school allotments to grow and share food with families and hold a fundraising event to raise money for food banks.

Georgia: Supporting good mental health by creating safe spaces and pupil champions in school to encourage people to share how they feel.

Harrison: Raising awareness of visible and hidden disabilities and young carers making spaces such as nurture rooms and play areas more accessible and inclusive for all.

Islay: Give children more work volunteering experiences so they are better prepared for their future lives, helping to reduce unemployment in Leeds and mental health challenges. My ideas include 'school takeover' days where children try their dream jobs and volunteering opportunities, such as at a supermarket to develop confidence, communication and maths skills

Jaxon: Raising awareness of disability discrimination by make schools, clubs and playgrounds more fun and inclusive.

Jessica: Create dedicated wellbeing spaces with equipment, mindful activities and nature walks for children to unwind and relax as well as a website for self-help and support from therapists.

Joshua: Create a Poverty Awareness Week where children can donate, volunteer at food distribution centres, plant fruit trees and promote kindness.

Keyla: Create a Mental Health Day where we learn about the topic from professionals and families can have coffee mornings to share ideas and raise money for charities.

Lola: Lets make art, music and sport more accessible for all kids through festivals, events and workshops in schools and across Leeds.

Mohammed: Beat climate change through tree planting and community clean up events, creating a composting program and creating a community garden.