



Northamptonshire Youth Commission On Police, Fire and Crime 2019

Are you 14 -19 years old (up to 24 years if you have additional needs) and living in Northamptonshire?
Would you like to be a part of the Northamptonshire Youth Commission 2019, have your voice heard,
and Be The Change?

Please read carefully before you fill in your application

1. What is the Youth Commission on Police, Fire and Crime?

The Youth Commission encourages young people to get involved in, and express their views, on a range of issues affecting the communities where they live. The Youth Commission of Northamptonshire enables young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Mr Stephen Mold, and other services including Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS). This is an important role, as it helps the Commissioner, Police and Fire make better decisions to meet and understand the needs of local young people.

This will be Northamptonshire's first Youth Commission.

2. Who can join the Northamptonshire Youth Commission?

This role is open to anyone aged 14-19 years (up to 24 years for young people with additional needs) living in the **Northamptonshire** area. We are looking for young people who will be good team players, who will be committed to the project and willing to do all the activities involved. We're looking to ensure that the Youth Commission is made up of a diverse group of young people who broadly reflect the make-up of the local population, including those who may have direct experience of the police and justice system. In total, we are currently looking to recruit 30 young people.

On the application form you will need to provide details of a named professional who will support your application. This could be a teacher, youth worker, tutor, manager etc.

If I join, what will I have to do?

During 2019 members of the Youth Commission will:

- **Take part in Youth Commission sessions:** You will participate in a number of sessions of the Youth Commission throughout 2019.
- **Work on special topics:** You will pick a topic (from a shortlist) that interests you to work on with other members. The shortlist will include topics such as mental health, anti-social behaviour and hate crime, domestic abuse etc. that will come from the Police and Crime Plan.
- **Gather the views of other young people:** You will be given support to carry out research with other young people in a variety of youth settings.
- **Plan and get involved in events:** You will work in a team to design and plan events to engage with other young people in your area. You will work with the office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on delivering some of the recommendations that come out of the research.
- **Report back to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:** You will contribute towards the analysis of information gathered from young people in your area, and help to present back your conclusions to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and other partners in Northamptonshire.

What will I get from being part of the Youth Commission?

- **You will have the opportunity to discuss issues with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:** say what young people think about police, fire and crime in their area and find out more about policing and fire services.
- **Meet new people:** You will gain skills in social research, which you will be able to put on your CV for work or application to Further or Higher Education.
- **Be an ambassador to other young people:** Give a voice to young people in your area.
- **Volunteer certificate**
- **Help you to build up your CV**

What happens next?

When we receive your application we will then carry out some telephone conversations and invite shortlisted applicants to an informal interview on a number of dates and locations across the county. Successful applicants will be informed by **26th April 2019** at the latest. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed at this time too, and will be invited to join in as part of the wider research group.

Remember: email your form to commissioner@northantspfcc.pnn.gov.uk by **23rd March 2019**.

