

EYA

Edinburgh Youth
Action



What is EYA?

A new central forum which will represent the views, priorities and concerns of young people in Edinburgh

There will be a group in each constituency and a central forum consisting of young people and elected councillors

The local groups will be open to all young people (aged 11 to 25) and will be publicised widely through schools and youth groups.

As well as the MSYPs, the group will include young people from different backgrounds and with protected characteristics to ensure the widest representation

Each local group will meet at least four times per year
EYA aims to be an effective forum for young people's voices to be heard on a wide range of issues, chosen by young people.

EYA Local Constituency sessions:
Local venues, supported by **DOs**, quarterly meetings. YP to work on Participatory Democracy Training accreditation

CENTRAL
Tynecastle
Broughton
St Thomas

PENTLANDS
Firhill
Currie
Balerno
WHEC

NORTH & LEITH
Leith Academy
Trinity
Drummond

WESTERN
S Queensferry
St Augustine
Royal High
Craigmount
Craigroyston
Forrester

EAST
Portobello
Castlebrae
Holy Rood
Gracemount

SOUTHERN
James Gillespies
Boroughmuir
Liberton

At least 1 MSYP attend each group

EYA Citywide sessions
Central venue, supported by Andy and Lucy
Friday 19th April

2-4 YP from each group and **12 MSYPs** attend the citywide sessions
Group size 30
MSYPs chairing
Local **MPs** invited to attend

MSYP Sessions

Issues raised from the EYA citywide meetings are discussed and if required, added to agendas of quarterly SYP sittings

Our vision

EYA Project Plan- outcomes and indicators

Youth work Outcomes

- Young people are confident, resilient and optimistic for the future
- Young people manage personal, social and formal relationships
- Young people express their voice and demonstrate social commitment
- Young people broaden their perspective through new experiences and thinking

As I explore the rights to which I and others are entitled, I am able to exercise these rights appropriately and accept the responsibilities that go with them. I show respect for the rights of others. HWB 3-09a

I know that friendship, caring, sharing, fairness, equality and love are important in building positive relationships. As I develop and value relationships, I care and show respect for myself and others. HWB 3-05a

I recognise that each individual has a unique blend of abilities and needs. I contribute to making my school community one which values individuals equally and is a welcoming place for all. HWB 3-10a

EYA, UNCRC & Article 12



As a person, we all have the rights that apply to everyone in the world. Children and young people though have other rights. These are listed in the UNCRC and will be at the heart of what EYA is.

The UNCRC was drafted in 1989 and is the most widely and rapidly ratified human rights treaty in history. UNCRC bill received Royal Assent on 16th January 2024 and is therefore now an Act, with commencement date of 16th July 2024.

Article 12, I have the right to be listened to.

EYA working group (MSYPs, local elected members)- met on the 9th June

MSYPs facilitated a session for young people and councilors from across the city

They introduced 'the right way' to the attendees. The right way is a project run by SYP which aims to support and challenge officials and decision makers to ensure young people's article 12 right is respected.



Our next steps...

What will EYA look like in each constituency?

- Your local Development Officer will work with them to set the aims and objectives of the group, protocols (safe spaces, respect etc) and their roles and responsibilities
- Each local EYA will create their own charter-this will then be the focus for the March (April?) citywide meeting as will try to merge the points to make an EYA group charter
- Each local EYA will discuss how to start a co-investigation to see what needs their area has? This will be done linked to the Participatory Democracy Certificate (PDC)
- We need: Schools and local youth groups to let young people know about the EYA and how and where to join us

Your local DO will send a version of this EYA poster to promote the first meeting for your constituency area.

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Do you want to be heard?

**Do you want to make changes for
young people in your area?**

**THEN JOIN
EYA!**

Are you in S1 - S6?

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Our first meeting will be on Thursday 21st
March at 6pm. Southbridge Resource Centre,
6 Infirmary Street, EH1 1LT

Come along and join us to make a difference!

To let us know you are coming (so we know how much
pixxa we need!) or for more information, please contact:
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