

Are you aged 14-25 years old and living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland?

Would you like to be part of the Youth Commission in 2016-2017?

Please read carefully before filling in your application form.

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

The Youth Commission allows young people to get involved in and express their views on policing and crime where they live. The Youth Commission of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland enables young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner Lord Willy Bach and Leicestershire Police. This is an important role, as it helps the Commissioner and Police make better decisions to meet and understand the needs of local young people.

For more information about what the Youth Commission are doing across the country please go to www.youthcommission.co.uk

2. Who can join the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Youth Commission

This role is open to anyone aged 14-25 years living in the **Leicestershire policing area**. We are looking for 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 between 30-40 young people.

If I join, what will I have to do?

During 2017, 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 the coming 12 months.
- **Work on special topics:** You will pick a topic (from a shortlist) that interests you to work on with a small group of other members. The shortlist will include topics such as stop and search, preventing re-offending, drug crime etc.
- **Gather the views of other young people:** You will be given support to carry out peer research with other young people in schools, colleges, universities and youth groups.
- **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. There will also be the opportunity to get involved in community Policing events.
- **Report back to the Police 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 and Crime Commissioner in your area

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

- **You will have the opportunity to discuss issues with the Police and Crime Commissioner:** say what young people think about police and crime in their area.
- **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**

4. Filling in the application form

- Please fill in the enclosed application form and email it to youth.commission@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk by **Friday 25th November 2016**.
- **Section 1:** if you are under 18 you must also fill out the section regarding your Parent /Guardian /Carer. All Youth Commission members will be asked to bring along a signed consent form to an induction day in the New Year.

- **Section 4:** Please complete the self-declaration statement. Tell us if you have ever committed any offences or had any difficulties that we should be aware of (behavioural offences? anti-social behaviour? criminal offences? other?). This will not necessarily affect your application to the Youth Commission; however, we may ask you more about it. If you have any questions about this, please e-mail youth.commission@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

5. What happens next?

Once we receive your application we will then carry out some informal interviews with a shortlist of applicants on a number of dates and locations across the county. **(Please select the most convenient location on the application form)**

Successful applicants will be informed by Friday 16th December 2016 at the latest. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed at this time too, and invited to join in as part of the wider research group.

Remember: email your form to youth.commission@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk by Friday 25th November 2016

Visit: www.leics.pcc.police.uk to read more about volunteering and how to apply.



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