



## HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM YOUTH VOICE



## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



# YOUTH COUNCIL OVERVIEW

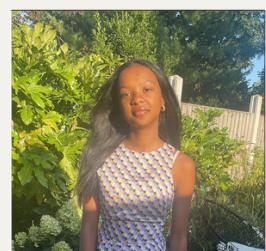
2025 has been an incredible year for the Hammersmith & Fulham Youth Council — from podcasts and billboards to speeches, interviews, and shaping real services and opportunities for young people. Capturing the views of 1000s of young people, our Youth Councillors have shown leadership, teamwork, and passion every step of the way!



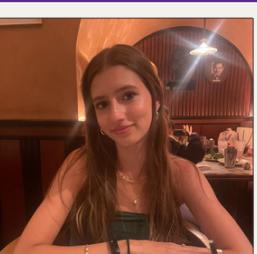
Ealaf Al-Najar, Member of Youth Parliament

**‘It’s been so amazing to see the progress we have made this year, as a result of the hard work of all the youth councillors, my fellow youth cabinet and Brenda. There have been so many accomplishments that you will get to read about within this report that we are so excited to share. We can’t wait for all the changes we will be able to make next year too with many things to look forward to!’**

**‘This year has been very incredible and exciting. The youth council has been working really hard throughout the year creating our own podcast, working with strategic leads and so much more. I am really looking forward to next year and all the things we are going to achieve together to improve the borough for our young people. I also look forward to the election of the new youth cabinet next year too.’**



Precisa Getsevich, Deputy Youth Mayor



Anushka Sharma,  
Deputy MYP

**‘This year has been an extremely successful year for the youth council. We have continued to recruit many more young people with our open recruitment sessions, and hope to continue to get as many young people active and involved. It really has been a wonderful year and I am really looking forward to even more progress and exciting events for next year!’**

# YOUTH COUNCIL NOW

40+ active members engaged in meetings and projects (and even more in the whatsapp chat!)

Reflecting the diversity and vibrancy of H&F

Rising profile through digital billboards, media features and new videos



Diverse, inclusive, and growing - with targeted outreach to schools and youth organisations

Effective collaborations with West London College, West Youth Zone, AOD youth board, Young H&F, Mencap and more

Impact across departments including transport, parks, community safety, commissioning, public health and space development



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

2025 was a vibrant year for the Youth Council locally and nationally. Youth councillors presented key priorities at Full Council, while the Youth Mayor and Deputy took part in borough Remembrance events. Our Member of Youth Parliament and Deputy represented H&F at the House of Commons and London Youth Assembly. We also championed young people's voices at the Civic Honours Awards - with our very own Rohan winning an award at the Civic Honours and in an interview with Janet Ellis for International Women's Month.



# STANDING PROUD IN THE COMMUNITY

Our Youth Mayor, Albi Fenner, and Deputy Youth Mayor, Precisa Getsevich, represented the borough at civic events alongside the Mayoress for Remembrance Day Celebrations.



Precisa at Remembrance Sunday



“It was a privilege to light the beacon. Seeing our community come together filled me with pride as Youth Mayor of this beautiful borough.” — Albi

Rohan Mehta won Young Person of the Year at the Civic Honours for his initiative In the Bag, providing cost-free hygiene kits and job-seeking support to those facing hardship.





In July, nine incredible Youth Councillors presented to Full Council, speaking directly to the Mayor, Councillors, and senior leaders about our progress and priorities.

“It was nerve-wracking, but it felt so good to share our ideas and see how valued they are.”  
— Eliza, Youth Councillor

“It’s amazing to know our work is making a difference and that councillors are really listening.”  
— Anushka, Deputy MYP

For International Women’s Month, Youth Councillors Ealaf, Annabel, and Gwen hosted an inspiring interview with presenter, actor, and author Janet Ellis at the Irish Cultural Centre.

“The Youth Council were impressive and good fun. Thank you for such a lovely evening — Team Hammersmith!”  
— Janet Ellis

“Janet spoke about living in the moment and embracing unexpected opportunities — advice that really resonated with us.”  
— Ealaf



# MYPS REPRESENTING H&F NATIONALLY



Ealaf Al-Najar, our Member of Youth Parliament, represented H&F young people in two House of Commons debates, broadcast on Parliament TV, as well as regional meetings — giving our local priorities national visibility.

Anushka, our Deputy Member of Youth Parliament, represented the borough at London Youth Assembly, flying the flag for H&F she shared the work we have been doing on vaping, food insecurity and on mental health.



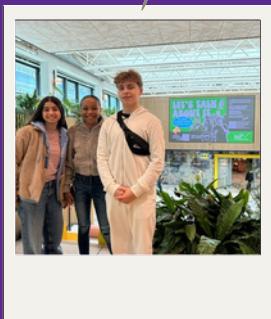
'I really like the committee they are very fun and supportive! I'm really glad I got this opportunity' - Anushka





# PROJECTS

This year we co-produced digital support platforms for young people and collaborated with Occupational Therapy, Community Safety, Public Health, Parks, the Economy and People in Talent Teams and borough wide youth organisations including WEST, Action on Disability, Let Me Play and Mencap to ensure we listen to youth perspectives and that they shape local services and opportunities. Our podcast series Let's Talk About... was promoted on digital billboards across the borough, sparking conversations about healthy relationships amongst the youth.



# EMBEDDING CO-PRODUCTION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Over 3,000 young people shared their voices in our borough-wide research on mental health and wellbeing, life skills and getting ready for work and independence.

We've seen a major increase in the accessibility of online information and support for young people - co-producing:



We co-developed clear priorities and actions with relevant professionals, identified to support us so we can hold them to account and ensure real outcomes.



Best For You, the 'one-stop' platform for mental health and wellbeing



The new H&F Youth Hub



The Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership – Staying Safe page



# WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

Throughout 2024-25, the Youth Council has been a key partner in shaping real local services, helping to directly influence policy and service design in H&F.

We collaborated with the Occupational Therapy Team to make their online Support Hub more engaging for young people. Our ideas influenced its design, visuals, and youth-friendly resources.

“Working with the Youth Council provided valuable insight into how proposed Public Space Protection Orders could impact young people in H&F.” — Community Safety Team



“The Youth Council’s feedback helped us make our website more accessible and engaging for young people.”

— Melissa Miller,  
Occupational Therapy  
Programme Lead

! We worked with the Community Safety Team to share young people’s views on proposed rules around public spaces. Our feedback is now part of the borough-wide consultation report.

“We’re creating real change through co-production — working with young people, not just for them.”  
— Brenda Whinnett, Youth Voice Coordinator



# YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES ON THE BIG SCREEN



Our podcast series 'Let's Talk About... Healthy Relationships' took centre stage this year and so did our members!



Developed in response to our research showing young people wanted more honest conversations about healthy relationships, we produced the series with professionals and launched it at West Youth Zone.

"Seeing the podcast promoted on screens means young people can access it easily — it's such a meaningful moment for us." — Ealaf

"It felt like such a privilege to see our work shared across the borough. It makes me proud and grateful to be part of something that lifts barriers for young people." — Albi



We've also created a discussion card pack for PSHE and youth work sessions on Healthy Relationships, launching in 2026, alongside a video series produced in partnership with Fearless.



Youth Councillors appeared on digital billboards across Westfield and Livat to promote the podcast.

We have reached over 1,000 young listeners via Spotify and SoundCloud and you can listen here:





# YOUTH VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY

We strengthened youth voice through a mural workshop at the Macbeth Centre, and by partnering with schools to share our research on young people's priorities and support political education.



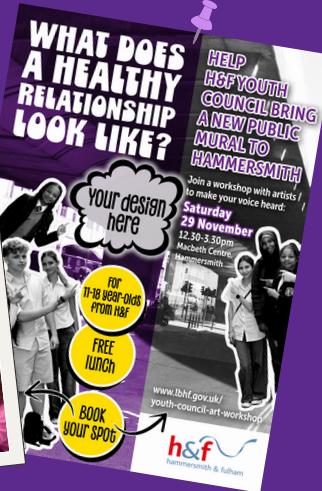
# HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS MURAL WORKSHOP

In November, we held a workshop at the Macbeth Centre together with the Community Safety Team to help shape a new public mural for Hammersmith.

23 young people from across the borough explored the theme 'What does a healthy relationship look like?' through art, discussion and collaboration.

'It was really inclusive, enjoyable and engaging - I can't wait to see it finished!' - Aleysha

Filming also took place for the 'Fearless' social media campaign videos set to be released on 16th January



'We discussed red and green flags on certain topics and drew our own ideas and symbols in a piece of art representing certain aspects of relationships.' - Michael Dean



Individual artworks were collated together to create a collage design to help influence artists designing the mural.

# GETTING INVOLVED & GROWING STRONG

We've hosted multiple open outreach sessions at the Irish Centre, schools, youth projects, and West London College.

"The session was full of energy and passion! Everyone got involved, shared opinions, and showed real Youth Council spirit." — Aaliyah, Youth Councillor



On 14th October, 44 young people joined our session at WLC to share their ideas and priorities.

## BUILDING YOUTH VOICE INTO THE CURRICULUM AND CREATIVE COLLABORATIONS

At Thomas's Academy, we introduced Year 6 pupils to youth voice, the Youth Council, and voting in the UK Youth Parliament and Youth Mayor Elections.

At West London College, we collaborated on a student voice celebration and creative competition, including poetry, spoken word, and "vox pops" capturing students' thoughts on preparing for work.



We're embedding youth voice in the curriculum through evidence-based work with the Foundation Learning Unit.

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2025-26

Launch of  
youth podcast  
YouTube  
channel and  
PSHE classroom  
resources

Youth  
Achievement  
Awards & Youth  
Mayor/MYP  
Elections -  
March 2026



New youth  
research  
project  
shaping 2026-  
27 priorities

More open  
sessions and  
borough-wide  
outreach

Continued co-  
production with  
council teams to  
deliver young  
people's  
priorities

“Being part of the Youth  
Council means making  
change happen — not just  
for ourselves, but for every  
young person in H&F.” -  
Precisa



# A HUGE THANK YOU!

To every Youth Councillor, partner, school,  
and service who worked with us this year

- thank you for helping make

**Hammersmith & Fulham a borough where  
young voices lead the way.**

Find out more on our H&F Youth Hub, a dedicated section on  
the Family Hub website, with information, advice and  
opportunities for young people on their identified priorities.

