



YOUTH VOICE HACKATHON

As part of our BIG YOUTH CONVERSATION we are looking for 12 local young people, aged 14 – 24 to join us for 3 DAYS WORK EXPERIENCE within our Strategy & Change Department. This opportunity would particularly suit young people who are pursuing a career in politics, public service or the charity sector, or who have an interest in activism and community engagement.

The BIG YOUTH CONVERSATION collects the thoughts, ideas and opinions of young people aged 11 – 25 who live, work, play or study in Waltham Forest. The results from our survey and focus groups are published in our annual YOUTH VOICE REPORT which you will be working alongside Council Officers, Directors and Members to co-produce.

As part of a team of young people you will be responsible for reviewing the report and offering recommendations as well as producing a youth-friendly version and intro video, both of which will be published alongside the full report.

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

We are looking for young people who:

- » want to make a difference in their community
- » can advocate for other young people
- » are passionate about local issues
- » have ideas and opinions they are willing to share
- » are confident at speaking in public
- » can work with a team to achieve set goals
- » have a good level of written & spoken English

Skills in video production, content creation, copywriting or graphic design are desirable, but not required.

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

ANYONE AGED 14 – 24 WHO LIVES IN WALTHAM FOREST can apply. You must be available for the duration of the programme and be willing to travel to Waltham Forest Town Hall each day. Bursaries for travel expenses are available.

We actively encourage young people who identify as or have lived experience of any of the following to apply:

Global Majority | SEND | Neurodiverse | LGBTQIA+ | Care Experienced / Looked After Child | Young Carer | Non-native speaker of English

WHEN & WHERE IS IT?

WALTHAM FOREST TOWN HALL WED 12TH – FRI 14TH APRIL 1:00 – 6:00^{PM}

HOW TO APPLY

To apply please submit either a video (max 2 minutes) OR letter (1 side of A4) OR a PowerPoint slide deck (max. 4 slides) outlining:

- » why you would like this opportunity
- » your top skills
- » a local issue you are passionate about

Applications should be sent to lifechances@walthamforest.gov.uk by 10:00^{AM} on TUES 28TH MARCH.

Successful applicants will be contacted by our team before FRI 31ST MARCH for an informal chat before a place is confirmed.