# BECOME A WELSH YOUTH PARLIAMENT PARTNER ORGANISATION

The third Welsh Youth Parliament (WYP) elections will be held in November 2024, that will give 60 Welsh Youth Parliament Members (WYPMs) between the ages of 11 and 17 years old an opportunity to make themselves heard at a national level. It will enable them to raise awareness of, and debate the issues important to young people in Wales.

20 of the 60 WYPMs will be returned by partner organisations to ensure the representation of diverse groups of young people. This is your opportunity to become an official WYP partner!

## Application timetable

The timetable for the application process is outlined in the table below:

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| **Date** | **Action** |
| 27 May 2024 | Application process opens |
| 24 June 2024 | Deadline for applications |
| July 2024 | Bidding organisations informed on result of application process following sift process |
| July 2024 | Partner organisations announced |
| July –November 2024 | Organisations to speak with its membership and arrange elections to return members by 20 November 2024 |
| December 2024 | All 60 Welsh Youth Parliament Members announced |
| January 2025 | Start of term |
| March 2027 | End of term |

The organisations who are successful in their application to become an official WYP partner, will be an official WYP partner for the duration of the two year term, and is expected to support their member(s) for the duration of that two year term. The selection process for official WYP partner organisations will start again at the beginning of each new term.

Please note that organisations will still be considered even if they are unable to fulfil/evidence every single criteria listed below. The information applicants provide will be considered and weighed against other applicants. Partner organisations will be chosen on the basis of providing the Senedd Commission the confidence that the 20 young people returned by official WYP partner organisations will be effectively supported, and be diverse in terms of their geography, age and background.

Please read the full partner organisation guidance before completing this application form. You can find the guidance on our website [www.youthparliament.wales](http://www.youthparliament.wales).

## How do I submit our application?

Applications should answer each criteria separately, and be returned via the online form: [Partner Organisation Application Form](https://forms.office.com/e/51NqXnz21x) by 12.00 on 24 June, 2024.

If you have any queries please send them to: [hello@youthparliament.wales](mailto:hello@youthparliament.wales)

# Please provide an answer to each question in the boxes below

**Name of organisation:**

**Organisation website:**

**Your name (Please print):**

Contact details (phone/e-mail):

**Date:**

1. Please provide us with information on the types of groups of young people your organisation works with, and are most likely to elect as Welsh Youth Parliament Members, specifically in relation to:

Young people who face barriers to participation because of one or more of the protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act 2010:

* Disability;
* Sexual Orientation;
* Gender Reassignment;
* Race;
* Gender;
* Religion and Belief.

Young people who face barriers to participation because of their status or personal circumstances. Examples are not limited to, but could include:

* young carers;
* young people with an experience of care;
* young people who speak Welsh or another language as a first language;
* young parents;
* refugees/asylum seekers/migrants;
* young people not in education, employment, or training;
* former youth offenders;
* young people with experience of the criminal justice system;
* young people experiencing poverty or from lower income families/eligible for free school meals;
* young people excluded from society because of their remote or rural locations.

1. Please describe your organisations previous experience in supporting and engaging young people, and how your organisation would support a Welsh Youth Parliament Member through this process.
2. Please describe your organisation’s ability to run an election to elect your Welsh Youth Parliament Member (the model chosen to elect young people will be at the discretion of the partner organisation).
3. Please describe your organisation’s ability to elect Welsh Youth Parliament Members from different parts of Wales (if your organisation doesn’t have a pan-Wales remit, please outline which specific part(s) of Wales you are most active).
4. Please describe your organisation’s ability to provide support for Welsh Youth Parliament Members (please see role of partner organisation in the guidance provided).
5. 6. Please state how many young people your organisation would be looking to elect as a Welsh Youth Parliament Member and support through this process? (Minimum of one, maximum of three). Please also confirm that you can secure a reserve candidate.
6. Please outline how your organisation would enable the participation of young people from a wide range of circumstances, including those with no previous experience of being a representative for youth participation.
7. Please explain how your organisation complies with relevant legislation in working with young people in respect of public liability insurance, GDPR, etc.
8. Please explain how your organisation effectively safeguards children and young people- including compliance with relevant legislation and guidance, staff code of conduct, effective management of concerns, complaints, whistleblowing and allegations relating to child protection, DBS requirements and a commitment to working effectively with the Welsh Youth Parliament to share all relevant safeguarding information.