

# Constituency Youth Council

Your MP wants to hear from youth in the community and is inviting all students and youth aged 14-24 to apply to the new Constituency Youth Council. As a part of a commitment to meaningful youth engagement in Canada's government, we have already received the first wave of applications for the Prime Minister's youth council, and now we are making it easier for young Canadians to have their say, closer to home, with their Member of Parliament.

The Constituency Youth Council is open for applications until September 30<sup>th</sup> and will include youth from different schools, neighborhoods and local associations. Once selected, the council will meet several times, through the year, to discuss important issues that matter to you, your community and your country. Following the example of our Prime Minister and Minister of Youth, Justin Trudeau, the feedback gathered in our discussions will be used to understand the perspective of youth in the decisions the government makes.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **WHO can apply?**

Anyone from the age of 14-24 who lives in the constituency or goes to school here. Your MP is seeking youth with different interests, experiences and takes on the world. All voices are welcome!

### **HOW can you apply?**

Fill out this application form before September 30th.

### **How much TIME do you have to commit to the council?**

The council will meet several times per year to discuss different topics and organize community projects. The expected time commitment is roughly 2 to 5 hours per month and the council will conduct its work from October until June.

### **WHAT does the council do?**

Members of the council will share their ideas, opinions and concerns on a selection of topics with each other and their MP. The notes from these discussions will be reported back to government to help inform decision making. The council will also partake in a community project starting in the winter.

**WHY** should you apply for the CYC?

1. You get valuable face-to-face time with your Member of Parliament and your ideas are shared to help shape choices on policies and the direction of government.
2. Your time on the council is volunteer experience! Check with your school counsellor before starting to see how they would like you to track your hours.
3. Your MP will provide you with an official House of Commons Certificate as a member of the Youth Council for the constituency which you can include in applications for work or post-secondary.

**Who is your MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT?**

The Member of Parliament for Beaches-East York is Nathaniel Erskine-Smith.

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Or contact your MP by email, [Nathaniel.Erskine-Smith@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Nathaniel.Erskine-Smith@parl.gc.ca).

*Apply and share your voice on the issues that matter most to you!*