



**ENGAGE
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THE YOUNG
PEOPLE OF
MANCHESTER**



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

**Manchester Youth Council is
part of the City Council structure.**

What is Manchester Youth Council?

We are a group of young people who are passionate about giving a voice to the youth of Manchester, raising awareness of issues for young people and having our say about the decisions that affect our lives.

How Does it Work?

Our membership model offers young people more ways to get involved in the activities of Manchester Youth Council (MYC)

MYC Members

School/College councils, youth groups and special interest groups can join the MYC network as member organisations. Any young people from these organisations (aged 11-18) involved in representing the views of other young people, will automatically become MYC members and have access to information, campaign materials, training, awards and volunteering opportunities.

Young People can also apply to be Solo Members but must demonstrate who they will represent or how they will feed work back into the community, to be elected into The Hive.

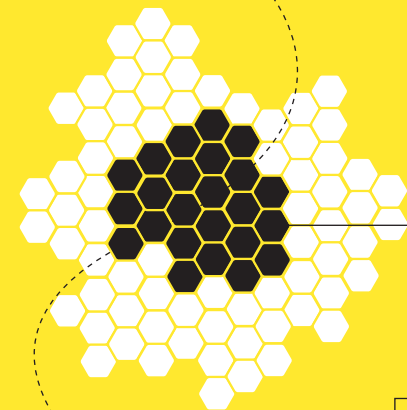
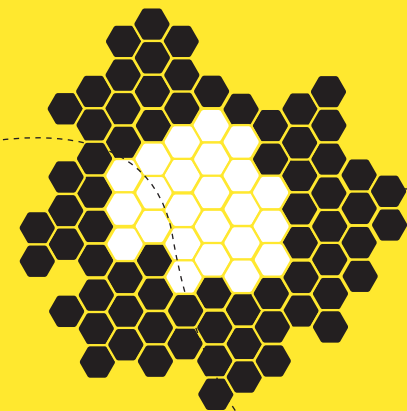
The Hive

For those young people who want to be more involved in the running of the youth council, they can be elected into The Hive.

The Hive are responsible for communicating with all parts of the wider youth council.

19+ Leaders

Any young people 19-25 who have served within the youth council or are interested in developing their social action or politics work are invited to join the Leaders groups, who will act as mentors, design training sessions and assist in the smooth running of the MYC programme.



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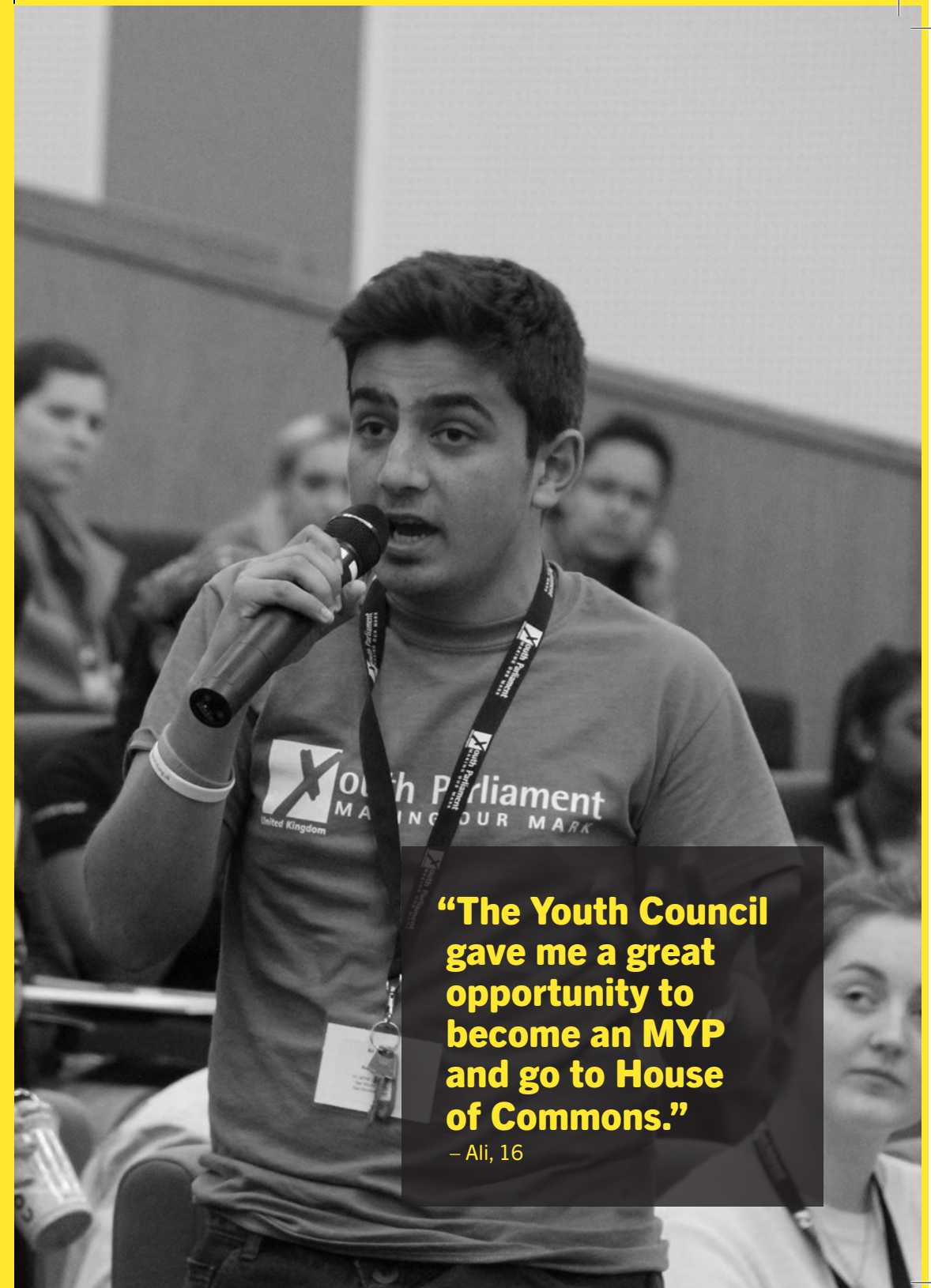
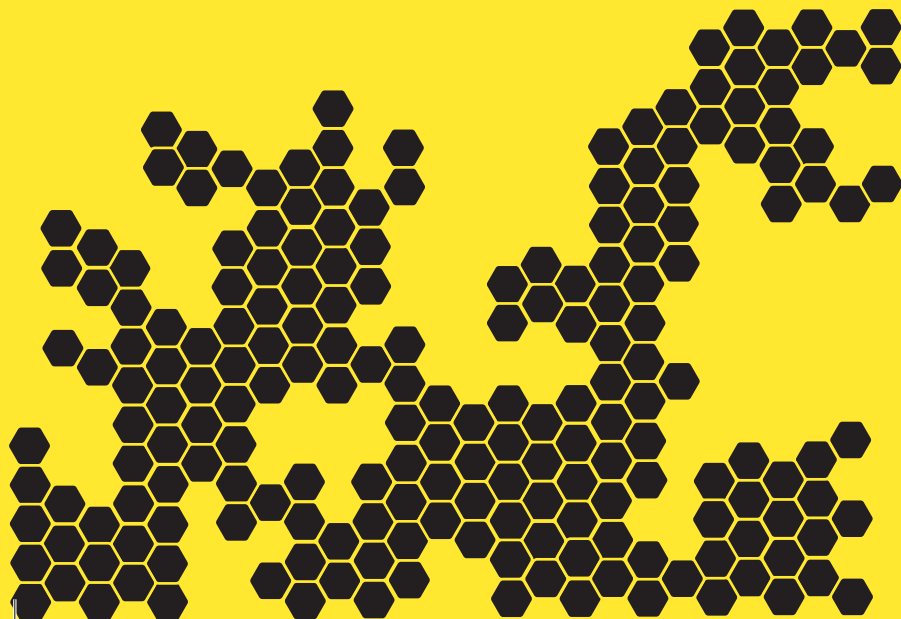
As part of the youth council, members will be connected in to a network of enthusiastic young people who share their desire to make real change within their communities on the issues that affect them and to represent the voice of young people.

They'll have the opportunity to link with other young people, via our online tools, to develop campaigns, share their successful work or to suggest new ideas for how to make our city a better place to grow up.

We will also bring representatives together 3 times a year at a large sitting in the council chambers. Here, members will have the opportunity to challenge decision makers, debate issues, access development workshops and have a say on how the youth council is run.

Members will also have the opportunity to:

- Take part in Citywide and area consultations or campaigns
- Attend training sessions or access training resources and support
- Receive and share information via web and social media platforms
- Nominate members to join The Hive and participate in elections for the regional youth council forums and National Youth Parliament
- Promote Opportunities for Young People
- Receive awards and celebrate your achievements and the positive contribution young people make to the city



“The Youth Council gave me a great opportunity to become an MYP and go to House of Commons.”

– Ali, 16

The Hive

The Hive is the centre of the MYC network. It is made up of young people, elected from the membership, who are responsible for planning and co-ordinating the work of Manchester Youth Council.

They represent the voice of the wider members within the City Council and at meetings locally and nationally. Any MYC member can stand for election and nominations will be live online for young people across the city to take part and vote for their Hive Members.

“Being part of The Hive gives me the opportunity to represent and change my community”

– KaityInn, 16

Hive Members are responsible for:

- Communicating with the MYC Membership.
- Maintaining the website and social media platforms.
- Organising and running sittings & award ceremonies.
- Meeting and communicating with the Leader of the council and other elected members.
- Representing MYC at meetings and forums.
- Running elections for The Hive, North West Steering Groups and Members of Youth Parliament.
- Lead and influence the Annual National Ballot “Make Your Mark”



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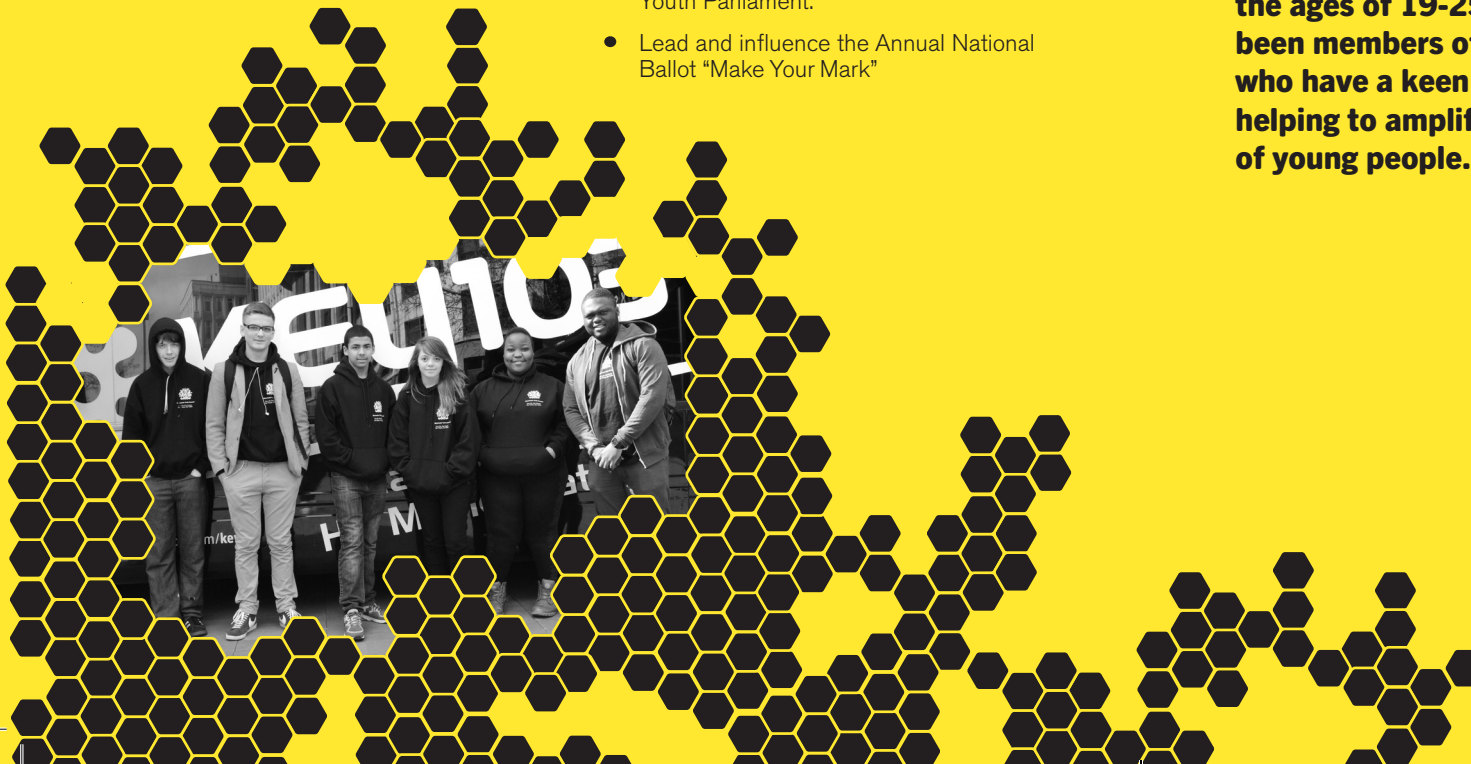
The leaders group is made up of young people between the ages of 19-25 who have been members of The Hive or who have a keen interest in helping to amplify the voice of young people.

There role is to:

- Support the work of The Hive and membership.
- Mentor young Hive members and develop their skills.
- Lead on local, city-wide and national campaigns.
- Design and deliver training.
- Help to analyse the progress of The Hive & Manchester Youth Council, to monitor communication between groups and to supervise the MYC Budget.

“The Leaders group is there to help, inspire, shape and lead the direction of the Youth Council.”

– Michelle, 19



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Sound like something you want to 'bee a part of'? We would love to hear from you!

If you want to know more about the Youth Council, want to sign up or want to let us know about what's happening in your area, please get in touch.

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