**Mayoral Hustings Priorities**

Over the next following months, in the lead up to London’s mayoral election in May, we will be bringing together organisations and young Londoners to think about how we go forward as a city.

We are looking to coordinate a cross-sector approach and look at the challenges and solutions for young Londoners across several different topics and from a variety of perspectives. This will be done in two stage process.

**Stage 1: Labour Manifesto Submissions (End of January)**

* We have been told that the Labour team will be accepted submissions to help shape Sadiq’s manifesto up until the end of January.
* It would be good to get as many organisations together as possible to submit a collective response to this.
* There are several topics which we have provisionally come up with, but please let us know what’s missing, that organisations can coalesce around.
* We would try and bring organisations from each topic area together before the end of January to discuss collectively the submissions.

**Stage 2: Manifesto for Young Londoners (Post-election)**

 **Young people approach**

* We have several topic areas that we will be engaging young Londoners on over the following months. This is initially guided by previous data like Make Your Mark.
* This will aim to understand their priorities for the election, and will go into Manifesto for Young Londoners post-election.
* It will also be used to inform the way in which we think of the priorities and strategic asks collectively as a sector.

**Youth sector approach**

* Building on from the end of January, we will continue to look at the different solutions by topic area from the youth sector.
* We will aim to include youth sector specific issues, such as workforce development, in this phase and concrete examples of good practice.
* These practical asks and solutions will be combined with the youth voice outreach to bring together a Manifesto for Young Londoners.

Both lists of areas to work on are subject to change, depending on what we hear from the sector, and the outreach work we’re conducting with young people.

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| These are the areas we want to collect ideas for Labour manifesto **End of January**  | These are areas we want to continue to build on to contribute to a post-election manifesto. **End of March**  | These areas will be focused on at the hustings and that we will engage young people **Start of April** |
| ***Manifesto submission areas*** | ***Youth sector focus areas*** | ***Young people’s focus areas*** |
| Arts and culture | Arts and culture | Skills for life  |
| Business and economy | Business and economy | Environment |
| Environment | Environment | Transport |
| Transport  | Transport  | Mental health |
| Physical health | Physical health | Housing and homelessness |
| Mental health  | Mental health  | Policing and crime |
| Sport | Sport | Votes at 16 |
| Volunteering | Volunteering | Economic inequality  |
| Housing and homelessness | Housing and homelessness |  |
| Planning | Planning |  |
| Regeneration | Regeneration |  |
| Policing and crime | Policing and crime |  |
| Education | Education |  |
| Political engagement | Adult education budget |  |
| Poverty and inequality  | Political engagement  |  |
|  | Workforce development |  |
|  | Data and evaluations |  |
|  | The research agenda  |  |
|  | Wider youth sector priorities and values  |  |
|  | Poverty and inequality  |  |

**Youth Advisory Board**

We are also looking to recruit members to a youth advisory board that will meet regularly between January and May to help steer this work. We want a range of young people aged 16 – 25, who are interested in working in a group to think about the range of issues facing young Londoners.

They will be involved with:

* Meeting twice a month to advise and strategize on the Manifesto for Young Londoners, the Mayoral hustings, and our youth outreach work.
* Helping plan, organize, and run the Mayoral hustings event in April.
* Speaking about the Manifesto post-hustings in any meetings or events.

They will be provided with relevant training and given vouchers for their participation. There will be more opportunities outside of the board meetings closer to the hustings. For more information please contact matthew.walsham@cityoflondon.gov.uk