

The Borough of Rochdale
Children's Champions and Deputy
Children's Champions 2023

Candidate
Application Pack

For children in Years 4 & 5 and living in
Rochdale Borough.



EARLY HELP & SCHOOLS



Children's Champion & Deputy Children's Champion

2 Children's Champions and Deputies!!!

The Rochdale Borough Youth population has now reached the level where the British Youth Council has allowed us to have not just 1, but 2 Members of UK Youth Parliament and we think it is only fair to also allow this for the Children's Champion post. We will have 1 Children's Champion and Deputy for Heywood and Middleton, and another Children's Champion and Deputy to cover Rochdale and Pennines (Wardle, Milnrow, Littleborough, Smallbridge, Firgrove, Bellfield etc.) You have to live in and/or attend school in the area you are applying for.

Role & Responsibilities

The Children's Champion and Deputy Children's Champion is a fantastic chance for **FOUR** young people to represent the children and young people of Rochdale Borough.

You will need to have lots of energy, enthusiasm and time to work hard in getting children and young people's voices heard.

The list below describes the role of the Champions and Deputy Champions (the Deputies will be the two young people who will work with the two champions) and shows some of the things they will be involved in:

1. Support and speak for Rochdale Borough Children's Council, making sure all children in Rochdale Borough have a say and get answers to any questions they may have.
2. Work with the Members of Youth Parliament to help improve the lives of children and young people in Rochdale Borough.
3. Attend and chair (take lead) meetings for Rochdale Children's Council. The meetings are held once a month on the 'teenth' Saturday morning 10:00 – 12:00.
4. Have enthusiasm, energy and take an interest in the rights of children and young people and work in getting this message to all children of Rochdale Borough.

Guidance to help fill in your application form

Parent / Carer Consent

Before you consider applying for a post of CHILDREN'S CHAMPION / DEPUTY, you must first ask for your parents / carers permission and ask them to fill in the consent form and send it with your application form.

Applications

Your application will only be accepted on the application form enclosed and extra sheets (if needed). Please write clearly (in capital letters if you wish).

Job Role

Before you start to complete the application you should read the job role. The information will help you to tell us what skills and qualities you have to become a Children's Champion. Remember the more you tell us the more of a chance you will have of being selected for an interview

A teacher or adult to recommend you

Can anybody else tell us about you and why you would be a good Children's Champion? This should be a teacher at your school or an adult who is not related to you.

Giving everyone an opportunity

The position of Children's Champion and Deputy is open to all children who live in the Borough of Rochdale and are aged between 8 and 10 years. Every attempt will be made to accommodate the needs of young people who want to get involved and become the Borough's next Children's Champion or Deputy.

Difficulties in completing this form

If you have any questions about the completing of this form please telephone:

01706-924295 Text: 07527 385 759 or email: angela.mccormack@rochdale.gov.uk

Completed application forms should be sent to:

Rochdale Youth Service
Matthew Moss Youth Centre
Matthew Moss Lane
Rochdale.
OL11 3LU

Please take note of the closing date for applications is:

5th May 2023

Make sure your application form is sent in plenty of time as
APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE

Interview Process

If we receive a lot of applications; they will be looked at and the applications with the most relevant information will be successful. If you are successful you will be contacted and asked to attend an interview day at Moss Street Youth Centre, Newbold, OL16 5NL.

At the interview day you will meet lots of other children who have applied to be Children's Champion. During the day you will play lots of games and complete some group tasks. You will need to do a short presentation and you will be asked some questions about the things you tell us in your application.

The Interview day will be 23th May 2023 starting at 10am until 1pm. This will be a fun day so don't be worried about this part of the process!!!!

Application Form

Application for the post of: (please circle)	Children's Champion & Deputy for Rochdale and Pennines	Children's Champion & Deputy for Heywood and Middleton
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<u>Personal Details</u>	
Last Name	
First Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Daytime Telephone	
Age	
Date of Birth	
Email Address	
Gender	

Name of School	
Address	
Form / Year	

If successful would you be willing to attend an interview?	
Are you able to attend Children's Council Meetings on Saturday Mornings 10:00 - 12:00?	

Can anybody else tell us about you?

(This could be either a teacher at your school or an adult who is not related to you)

Full Name	
Home Address or School Address	
Postcode	
Daytime Telephone No.	
Mobile Telephone No.	
Email	
We may contact this person before interview	

ABOUT ME

Please write below ABOUT YOURSELF, tell us if you are a member of any clubs, school councils, forums etc. Do you have any hobbies? What kind of things you do in your spare time?

Why I think I would make a good Children's Champion....

For example: What skills or experience do you have that would help you be a good Children's Champion? Have you been involved in projects in your community or at school that have helped other children? What would you like to campaign to change in your area?

What I would like to change in Rochdale Borough...

Please write below **what 3** different things you would like to campaign to change in Rochdale Borough. You need to tell us **why** you would change them and **how** you think you could make this happen? Remember to include 3 things!

Parent's/Carer's Information and Consent Form

This section gives parents and carers further information about how the chosen Children's Champion or Deputy will work with Rochdale Youth Service in their role. It is important the consent form is completed and sent with the application form. Any application form sent without a consent form will not be accepted.

Rochdale Youth Service is committed to providing support to the elected children and providing diverse opportunities to enable the children to confidently carry out their role.

We will be working in partnership with parents / carers to provide accessible and appropriate tools and resources for the Champion and Deputy Champion to develop their skills and knowledge. The Children's Champion and Deputy Champion require commitment from the young person and their parents / carers. On average, the young person would require to give a couple of days per month to their role to take part in training, attend events and be available to attend monthly Children's Council meetings on Saturday mornings. We will ensure necessary resources are in place to give parents / carers and young people to manage their time and job commitments.

We would be grateful if you could complete the consent form and fill in all the relevant sections.

We are required, under GDPR, to inform you that details of your child's name will be held on computer to provide information of recruitment monitoring. However you can withdraw consent at any time if you wish to do so.

Children's Champion & Deputy Champion Consent Form

Child's Name(Print full name)	
Child's Email Address	
Address.....	
Postcode	Telephone Number
School.....	
Date of Birth	Age
Please state any medical conditions/allergies/special needs	
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(Any medication required would have to be self-administered)	

Parent/Carer Name and Emergency contact

Parent's/Carer's Name	
Parent's/Carer's Email Address	
Parent's/Carer's Contacts Number	
Additional Emergency Contact Name	
Additional emergency contact number	

Please state names of adults who would be either dropping off or picking up your child from meetings / events:

1. Name
 Relationship

2. Name
 Relationship

3. Name
 Relationship

4. Name
 Relationship

(Please note for your child's safety we are unable to let your child leave with an adult who has not been listed above unless agreed on the day.)

Please read carefully before signing the agreement

1. I give consent for my child to participate and become a Rochdale Borough Children's Champion or Deputy Children's Champion.
2. I give/don't give (please delete as appropriate) consent for my child to use transport arrangements provided by Rochdale Youth Service, if needed.
3. I understand my child will be invited to attend meetings and events throughout the membership period and receive regular email or texts informing of planned meetings/events, updates on sessions and literature or publicity relevant for children and young people.
4. I understand Rochdale Youth Service may communicate with my child via telephone / email / text / letter.
5. I understand if my child is not using transport arrangements by Rochdale Youth Service it is my responsibility to ensure that my child arrives and departs meetings or events with a nominated responsible adult.
6. I understand that Rochdale Borough Council will not forward my child's details to any other party without my prior consent.
7. I understand the commitment required for my child's membership and agree to support my child's participation and involvement.
8. I understand that photography or video of my child may be taken during their involvement in meetings or events and this may be used for the council's publicity and marketing materials including the internet.
9. I understand if any details change with regards to the consent form that I will inform Rochdale Youth Service immediately.

Parent/Carer signature

Print name Date

Signature of child applying for membership

Print Name of child applying for membership

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