

Youth Council – Senior Councillors

What is the Youth Council?

The PDMC Youth Council is a new and exciting way for young people to have their say about the activities that PDMC offer and to give their ideas on how to improve what we do. This group will give young people real opportunities to make changes to PDMC as well as represent all the members and ensembles at events such as our Annual General Meeting. It will work similarly to a school council.

What will the structure of the Youth Council look like?

The Youth Council will be made up of two tiers of Councillors. If you are a current Student Ambassador, you can expand your role to include being on the Youth Council, but we will also be inviting everyone who plays or sings with one of our Intermediate or Senior ensembles to apply as well. Senior Councillors will collect feedback and ideas from young people and feed these back in half termly Youth Council meetings. You will be responsible for finding out about issues 'on the ground' as well as holding larger scale discussions with ensembles about issues that require student input.

There will also be a selection of Junior Councillors who are in our beginner and training ensembles. Senior Councillors will also be responsible for working with the Junior Councillors to gather feedback from their groups and making notes, and feed these back at the meetings.

When will the Youth Council meet?

The Senior Councillors will meet on one Friday of each half term for 20-30mins at 6.30pm at one of the Buxton centres. You will be excused from your ensemble for this time if you are meant to be in a rehearsal. You will also be invited to attend the Annual General Meeting with trustees and parents in March to feedback on any progress or new ideas to the whole of PDMC.

Why should I join the Youth Council?

If you are interested in how organisations and charities run, or in music education or working with children, we think that joining the Youth Council will give you valuable experience and opportunities to learn about how we operate and help us improve. We also think this is a great opportunity for anyone who has ideas about how to improve our offering to children and young people or wants to have the opportunity to change young people's lives.

What will I get out of it?

Not only will you get valuable experience and have the chance to shape and improve PDMC, we can also write up details of your experience and achievements to use towards Duke of Edinburgh awards, College or University applications and references. You will also get a certificate of achievement and a badge to wear at concerts and events.

How do I apply?

Go to <https://forms.gle/5PUkVKY4A4iyETax8> and fill out the application form. You will be asked about why you want to be on our Youth Council. Please use this as an opportunity to tell us about why you would be a great representative for PDMC and skills and traits you have that will be useful in this role. If we have too many applications for the Youth Council, we will use this to help us decide who we should offer the roles to so please tell us as much information as you can.

We really look forward to reading your applications. If you have any questions, please email admin@pdmc.org.uk with the subject 'Youth Council applications'.

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