Westminster Youth MP Elections 2013
Candidate Manifestos

1. Abdonour Berrah

I want to be the voice of my community. I want to ensure that young people can make their own way in life through education, training and employment.

I want to change society’s perceptions of young people.

I want to make young people feel part and belong to the community.

Promote our voice in the media to generate positive statistics about young people’s achievements.

I want to find opportunities for young people and open doors for them.

Some of my friends have criminal records and they feel because of that, they don’t have a future. They want to change their ways. But feel held back by their past.

They want a future where they can fulfill their potential.

If you vote for me, I will try and help not only those young people who face difficulties in their lives but also the young people who work hard, are planning for the future and want to make Westminster better.

So vote for me if you want me to be your voice in the community.
2. **Dan Ahern**

Nowadays, there is a large problem with young people being seen in a negative light by those who are older. This of course is a problem.

My aim, if elected as your Youth MP, is to bring the best of your achievement into public view, by making them more noticed!

On top of this, I also aim to provide extended awareness of the opportunities for young people in Westminster and to resolve the problem surrounding the lack of affective Work Experience opportunities available to young people.

I believe that the key is to create solutions, not problems and with your vote we can ensure that there are better opportunities for a better future.

A vote for Dan is a vote for THE MAN.
3. Mahda Omer

You have the power to make a difference.

In our society, Young People are seen as either a source of trouble or in trouble.

I believe that the quality of opportunities offered to young people needs to be improved; opportunities need to be promoted widely, so that every young person participates in something.

I am determined and willing to take risks; by voting for me, we can overcome our problems. I would like to change the way young people are seen in society.

By voting for me I will include more positive stories about young people in the press, I will provide young people with opportunities that will counter stereotypes and I will create activities that bring young people and adults together, but I can only do this with your help, by voting for me we can make this happen.
4. **Rinora Jaha**

We’re not the 1%, We’re the 99% of young people who work hard, don’t get involved in serious crime and are planning for our future.

If you vote for me I will:

Increase levels of opportunities to help and add skills for young people in Westminster

Ensure that young people feel that they important in their community

Make sure that your voice is heard

I will work to make a difference in perceptions of young people and help with their lives

Vote for me, I will work towards making your voice heard.
5. Lirak Krasniqi

How can a generation be inspired when there are not enough ways for them to get involved?

The youth of today are the politicians, business people, advisers of tomorrow, and Westminster’s youth must be able to stand up to the role they will be given and a world riddled by the problems of the past.

I myself am twelve years old, one of the younger candidates in this election, but if last year’s youth MP could do it, I believe I can as well.

My position in office will be for the benefit of the youth of Westminster and for the youth of Westminster only, not for my personal gains.

I will stand up for you, be your voice, and change on the things that you believe need changing.

But this manifesto is not just about what I say I will do, I will take action on the streets and beyond. Actions do speak louder than words!

I will aim to introduce safety patrols within dangerous neighbourhoods so that you feel more comfortable going outside and don’t feel threatened, I will work to promote the leisure centres there are for teenagers today.

I will publicise bonus cards such as the Active Westminster Passport, so you can better enjoy the facilities we have and I will publicise the facilities themselves.

We need to get youths off the streets and make sure they lead lives to their maximum potential! If you want change, you can look to me to get it.

Vote for me and we will unite as a single community, we will stand tall and firm against the unjust publications against our youth, which make us look like thieves and gangsters, and we, as a generation will be inspired!
6. Sayedul Islam

I am passionate in the belief that every one of us students should be given maximum opportunities living in such a well equipped and business thriving area of London.

But I lay my focus on the large variety businesses across Westminster which would soon employ the students attending schools across Westminster.

I would like to make the most of thousands of businesses across Westminster to start a project were by students would be given a larger variety of work experiences with local businesses as well as many public sector jobs such as the hospitals and gyms.

Also giving a weekly work experience that gives students across something to do away from trouble.

I hope to give many students a feel for jobs available in the area for future careers. Promote sports activities across Westminster.

We have a lot of activities available in Westminster but still young people don’t know enough about them.

The issue as I have experienced being handed a very confusing booklet which is usually thrown away.

I will look to improve the booklet and look into other ways of promote particularly popular events though other methods e.g. Posters. Work towards promoting holiday activities for young people across the green area such as Regents Park and Paddington Recreation.

As a working city it’s so easy to forget to exercise.

But if I was elected I would get children it parks with lots of actives such as sports or family picnics.

So vote for me and make the most of your teenage life in cosmopolitan city of Westminster.
7. Blerta Berisha

I’m not going to raise your expectations by making promises I cannot keep. What I can promise you is that I’ll listen and put in practice what you, the people, are asking for.

I’ve seen and felt the extent of inequality in Westminster and how young people, lacking in opportunities, can feel that their dreams are unattainable. Talent is not given the chance to flourish.

That is not the way it should be; no child should be given up on because of their background. This can be changed both locally and nationally. I want the youth to be supported by someone from a profession that they aspire to be in and have advice available to them.

Secondly, our relationship with the police can be improved but it has to be worked on from both sides.

Lastly, I think it’s important for the youth to be consulted on changes to services that directly affect us and for us to have some input into how our communities are run. We’ve been neglected by politicians for too long and that’s not because we’re voiceless; we just haven’t had the chance to use our voices.
8. Zohra Dost Mohammed

I’m dedicated, trustworthy and a passionate 15 years old who would like to campaign on the following issues:

1. Socialising Club
2. Young education Centre
3. Developed parks

The Socializing Club will help young people to out less on the street and reduce the percentage of crime.

The Young Education Centre will help young people to focus more on education and achieve better.

Developed parks, this would attract young people to enjoy themselves.

I will achieve my focuses by campaigning, having meeting with young people to hear their ideas and also meeting with local decision makers to lobby for changes.

E lecting me is your opportunity, for your voice, ideas and feelings to be known by the decision makers

If I’m elected, your voice is going to be 100% heard!