

Breckland Youth Council

- Formation:** Established in 2009 following consultation with all secondary schools and higher education establishments in the District NCC Children's Services, Connexions, Pupil referral units and extended school advisors, existing youth councils and town councils
- Size:** 15 young people – 3 youth councillors from each market town area
- Age range:** 11 – 19 years old, those living or studying in Breckland
- How is it formed:** Democratically elected (20% of young people in the District participated in the voting process)
- Meetings:** Monthly
- Budget:** £10,000 pa
- Joint working:** Yes with the Breckland Youth Advisory Board on a programme of mental health support
- Decision making:** The Youth Council is divided into three sub-groups made up of 5 members (supported by 2 officers and 1 District member)

Sub groups:

Green Agenda / local pride

- After school skills workshop – basic mechanics
- Energy Saving Monitors
- Job Centre signs in schools
- Disused shop front improvements

Participatory Budgeting

- Promoting the PB Funding to peers, schools and groups
- Writing a press release for the funding
- Attend training to learn how to assess applications/Shortlist applications
- Hold a presentation evening
- Allocate the £10,000 funding

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- Plan and organise an Under 18's event for February 2010
- Work in partnership with Kiss FM and other statutory and voluntary agencies
- Promote and run event

Examples of projects worked on by Breckland Youth Council to date:

- Each youth councillor has been given the opportunity to work towards an ASDAN Award in community involvement and volunteering <https://www.asdan.org.uk/>
- Pride in Breckland Awards
- Toftwood Youth Street Brief
- Town and Parish Council Forum
- Youth Engagement: A Rural Approach Conference
- Watton Carnival
- Housing Interviews
- Dereham Youth Event
- Thetford Youth Festival
- Participatory Budgeting Training
- CAG Meeting
- Teambuilding at Eaton Vale
- Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital survey
- Pride in Breckland campaign
- Designing a logo for the Breckland Youth Council
- Workshop with Active Citizenship Youth Worker from NCC

Broadland Youth Advisory Board

No formal Youth Council in place, but the District Council works with the Broadland YAB and 'Young Commissioners' from the PCC and representatives have attended Council meetings to present reports and respond to questions.

They have also contributed to the following:

- Policy development to address bullying
- Support in designing projects/ using funding from Public Health
- Work with Leeway to support young people affected by domestic violence.
- YAB advising on communication how to use social media to support/promote youth focused projects and how it be effective.

Waveney Youth Council

Formation:	Established in 2009
Size:	Membership of the youth council is open to all young people and it prides itself on being an equal opportunities group Currently there are representatives from 13 schools, colleges and youth groups
Age range:	Not specified
How is it formed:	Not specified
Meetings:	Held once every half term with venues rotating across the Waveney area. The Annual General Meeting (AGM), takes place in November/December each year. Officers will hold their position on the Youth Council for 1 year, with re-elections taking place at each AGM. Officers can be re-elected to the same role for a maximum of 2 consecutive years. The meetings will not be used for political purposes or be aligned to any political party.
Budget:	Not specified
Joint working:	Yes – with <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Waveney District Council- Suffolk County Council- Police- Health Providers- MP for Waveney- UK Youth Parliament- Lowestoft Rising- Lowestoft Vision- Access Community Trust- The Suffolk Assembly of Youth (SAY)- Community Action Suffolk.

Decision making: The Waveney Youth Council has its own Constitution: [Waveney Youth Council Constitution \(eastsoffolk.gov.uk\)](http://eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

Examples of projects:

- Taking a lead on events to mark the annual [National Youth Take Over Days](#)
- Looking at current PSHE provision in schools and seeing where potential changes could be made to meet the needs of young people
- Working with appropriate organisations to address issues in schools with academic attainment, low aspirations and work preparation

- Working with UK Youth Parliament to give young people a voice at a local and National level
- Shadowing the MP for Waveney as he meets local people, organisations and businesses
- Worked with the District Council to organise and deliver an anniversary event as part of Holocaust Memorial Day
- Assisting the District Council with the development of local projects to improve the area (East of England Park, local play area developments)
- Being involved in consultation around budget setting for the District and County Councils
- Forming part of the consultation and campaigning around cheaper transport for young people in Suffolk
- The Chair of the WYC presenting Councillors