**Role Description – Overview of the Youth Commissioners**

The Youth Commissioner programme aims to help build understanding of the issues affecting young people so the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Police can create change for them. In total, there are 16 Youth Commissioners across the 7 local policing areas which make up the West Midlands region.

As a Youth Commissioner, you’ll aim to make sure young people are heard and ensure they are a priority within decision-making. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, develop your CV, and to learn about West Midlands Police.

As a Youth Commissioner, part of your role will include the following:

* Consult with young people on the Commissioner’s Police and Crime Plan.
* Speak directly with the Police and Crime Commissioner, police officers and decision makers, raising issues affecting young people including community safety, youth justice, victim services and crime prevention.
* Engage and consult with other young people in your local communities and listen to their views.
* Collaborate and work with other youth groups to address issues that young people face and work together to ensure agencies are finding solutions to these issues.
* Hold West Midlands Police to account for the service they provide for young people.
* Build relationships with police and break down barriers that exist between officers and young people.

The Youth Commissioners are elected into their post by other young people and will serve a 2-year term.If you are selected to be a Youth Commissioner, you’ll have the opportunity to:

* Learn more about policing – you’ll meet your local police commanders, visit the different units of operational policing and go out on a ride with the response teams.
* Build your skills – get training to develop your skills in public speaking, communication, and build your confidence.
* Become a campaigner – you’ll work with your other Youth Commissioners to develop a campaign on an issue impacting young people.
* Advocate for young people – you’ll get to share your views and represent for others in youth-led spaces.