

# YOUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE YEAR 2019



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Lancaster  
3–5 April

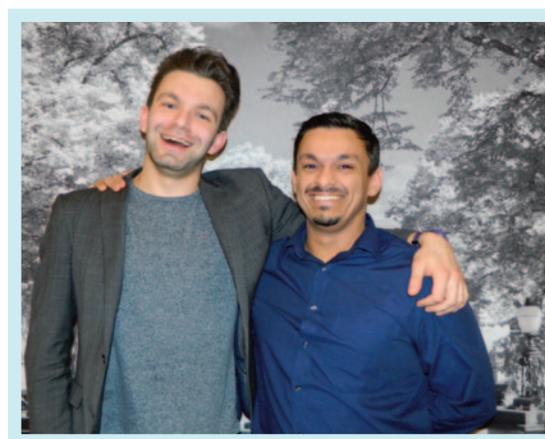
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*Developing talent in  
local government*



# YOUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE YEAR 2019

**Young Local Authority of the Year** is an annual team competition enhancing the professional development of people in the early stages of their careers. A highlight of the charity-run Young Programme's calendar, the event exists to **improve communication skills and build confidence**. It is also a valuable opportunity to meet others in similar positions across the UK, and it provides a creative and inspiring environment for the exchange of ideas and experiences away from the demands of everyday professional life.



*Front page top: Miranda Black and Sarah Tranter who won the title Young Local Authority of the Year 2018 for London Borough of Redbridge. Front page bottom row from left: runners-up Elliot Boakes and Nadia McLeod, Chelmsford City Council; Jessica Fry and Shelby Richardson, East Staffordshire Borough Council, who were highly commended. This page: Ben Cheytan and Alexey Underwood, London Borough of Southwark, who were commended in 2018.*

The dates for the 2019 event are **3 to 5 April**. Teams of two will compete to win the prestigious Young Local Authority of the Year title for their employers (see page 6 for a list of past winners). All delegates will be aged 18 or over but **all of our events are 'age-positive' so there is no upper age limit**. The requirement is that delegates are in the early years of their local government careers, irrespective of age.

In advance of the two-day residential competition, each team will research and write a paper (the 'Argument' presentation) on a subject of its own choice 'of current interest or controversy'.

## Our coaches provide useful advice – in a helpful written briefing before the event and then in rehearsal on the day of arrival.

The Argument paper should be around 900 words – six minutes when the team co-presents it at Lancaster. Rather than a balanced 'on the one hand...on the other hand' approach, we look for a strongly argued case, well-researched, well-written, and well-presented. No PowerPoint or presentational aids are allowed – delegates must rely on the power of the written and spoken word.

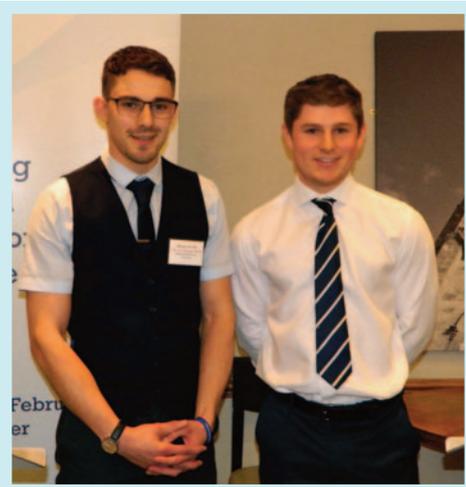


*Jessica Brittle and Katherine Windsor, Kent County Council, commended in 2018.*

In the more informal 'On the Spot' session, each team will ask itself a question of its own choice on any topic under the sun, light or serious, and then answer it without notes in as close to three minutes as possible. Sounds challenging? It is...but it can also be hugely enjoyable and rewarding as well as being a test of delegates' ability to think on their feet.

Each team will be awarded a maximum of 75 marks in the Argument session (up to 50 for content and 25 for presentation) and a maximum of 25 for On the Spot. The team with the highest mark will win the Young Local Authority of the Year title.

It all adds up to a lively and creative experience culminating in the **awards dinner** on the final evening, at which there will be a brief adjudication of each team by the chair on behalf of the judging panel. Formal written appraisals will be emailed following the event.



**See pages 4 and 5 for all you need to know about the 2019 event...**

*Henry Ascoli and Killian Rosato-Dooey, Waverley Borough Council, commended in 2018.*

# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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## WHERE AND WHEN?

Teams will check-in at the four-star Lancaster House Hotel on the campus of Lancaster University in the afternoon of **Wednesday 3 April 2019** for briefing and rehearsals. A full day of lively competition on **Thursday** will be followed by the awards dinner. Check-out is after breakfast on **Friday**.



The venue is strategically placed for most parts of the country. It is just 10 minutes by taxi from Lancaster railway station on the main west coast line. For delegates coming by car, the hotel is very close to the M6.

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## WHO'S ELIGIBLE?



Each team must consist of two people aged 18 or over who are considered by their employers to be in the early years of a career in local government in the UK.

There is no upper age limit and no limit on the number of teams a council may enter.

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## WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT FEE?

£1250 plus VAT (total: £1500) per team, inclusive of accommodation (single room occupancy) for two nights, plus all meals.

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## HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Book online at [www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org) – see page 7 for further details. **The final closing date is Friday 22 February 2019** – this is also the deadline for submitting the names of your delegates.



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## WHAT ADVICE AND INFORMATION DO YOU PROVIDE FOR TEAMS IN ADVANCE?

A delegate pack containing guidance on writing the Argument paper, information about On the Spot, rules and other aspects of the event, travel details, etc, will be sent to all delegates on Friday 22 February.

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## ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?



If so, call us on

**01292 478510**

or email

**[enquiries@youngprogramme.org](mailto:enquiries@youngprogramme.org)**

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**See pages 6 and 7 for past winners, gallery, and a summary of how to book...**

**Young Local Authority  
of the Year Winners  
2006–2018**

**More scenes from  
Young Local Authority of the Year  
2018**

**2018**  
**London Borough of Redbridge**  
Runner-up:  
Chelmsford City Council

**2017**  
**Royal Borough of  
Kingston upon Thames**  
Runner-up:  
Wigan Council

**2016**  
**Kent County Council**  
Runner-up:  
London Borough of Southwark

**2015**  
**Brent Council**  
Runner-up:  
Wigan Council

**2014**  
**Wiltshire Council**  
Runner-up:  
Leeds City Council

**2013**  
**Leeds City Council**  
Runner-up:  
Aberdeenshire Council

**2012**  
**South Oxfordshire and Vale of White  
Horse District Councils**  
Runner-up:  
Bury Council

**2011**  
**Warwickshire County Council**  
Runner-up:  
North East Lincolnshire Council

**2010**  
**London Borough of Newham**  
Runner-up:  
East Staffordshire Borough Council

**2009**  
**East Sussex County Council**  
Runner-up:  
London Borough of Hillingdon

**2008**  
**Hampshire County Council**  
Runner-up:  
East Sussex County Council

**2007**  
**Wokingham Borough Council**  
Runner-up:  
Hertfordshire County Council

**2006**  
**Newcastle City Council**  
Runner-up:  
Cornwall County Council



# A SUMMARY OF HOW TO ENTER YOUR TEAM – OR TEAMS – IN YOUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE YEAR 2019

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Go to our website – [www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org) – and complete the booking form. This brochure is also available on the website. **See the Young Local Authority of the Year page for both.**



There is no limit on the number of teams each local authority may enter.

The cost per team (i.e. two delegates) is £1250 plus VAT (total £1500). This covers two nights' accommodation (single occupancy) and all meals at the four-star Lancaster House Hotel and is inclusive of enrolment fee.

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**Final closing date for registration:  
Friday 22 February 2019**

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Names of your delegates must be received no later than the above closing date. All delegates will receive an information pack including advice on preparing the Argument paper and On the Spot presentations, rules, and travel information on Friday 22 February 2019.

An invoice will be raised following receipt of your booking.

All local authorities represented are entitled to send an observer to be in the audience. You will receive details on how you can attend following receipt of your booking.

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If you have a question on any aspect of the event, please call us on 01292 478510 or email [enquiries@youngprogramme.org](mailto:enquiries@youngprogramme.org)

**Book now for Lancaster: 3–5 April 2019!**

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