

# YOUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE YEAR 2022



9–11 March  
Lancaster



Developing new  
talent in local  
government



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**Young Local Authority of the Year** is a team competition enhancing the professional development of people in the early stages of their local government careers. A highlight of the charity-run Young Programme's annual 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.

The dates for the 2022 event are **9 to 11 March**. Teams of two will compete to win the prestigious Young Local Authority of the Year title for their employers (see page 4 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.



*Front page top: Laura Pain and George McVerry who won the title Young Local Authority of the Year 2021 for Warwickshire County Council; runners-up Fil Kamps and Amelia Kury of Kent County Council; Megan Fox and Thomas Wrench of St Albans City and District Council who were highly commended. This page: City of London Corporation's Emily Grant and Mohamed Hussain who won a special award for Best Pride of Place.*

There are two further (more informal) tasks. In 'On the Spot', 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 two 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. In 'Pride of Place' teams have two minutes (also without notes) to tell us about one thing for which their local authority area is distinguished.

Each team will be awarded a maximum of 80 marks in the Argument session (up to 60 for content and 20 for presentation) and a maximum of 20 for On the Spot and 20 for Pride of Place. 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 ceremony** on the final evening.

Each team will receive a written adjudication following the event.



The Cheshire West and Chester team (Adam Long and Beth Walton) at the lecterns in the 2021 event.

## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Lancaster House Hotel

### WHERE AND WHEN?

Teams will check-in at the four-star Lancaster House Hotel (above) on the campus of Lancaster University in the afternoon of **Wednesday 9 March 2022**. Briefing and rehearsals will take place that afternoon. A full day of lively competition on **Thursday** will be followed by the awards dinner. Check-out is after breakfast on **Friday**.

The hotel 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.

### 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.

### WHAT IS THE ENROLMENT FEE?

£1300 plus VAT (total: £1560) per team, inclusive of accommodation (single room occupancy) for two nights, plus all meals.

### HOW DO WE REGISTER?

Book online at [www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org) – see page 5 for further details. **The closing date is Tuesday 1 February 2022** – this is also the deadline for submitting the names of your delegates.

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

A delegate pack containing guidance on writing the Argument paper, information about On the Spot and Pride of Place, rules and other aspects of the event, travel details, etc, will be sent to all delegates on **Tuesday 1 February**.

### WHAT COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS WILL BE IN PLACE?

The organisers continually review Covid-19 precautions at all events to ensure compliance with government requirements. Delegates will be advised on these (eg mask wearing) before the event.

**YOUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY  
OF THE YEAR  
PAST WINNERS**

**2021**

**Warwickshire County Council**  
Runner-up: Kent County Council

**2019**

**London Borough of Brent**  
Runner-up: Doncaster Council

**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**

**London Borough of Brent**  
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

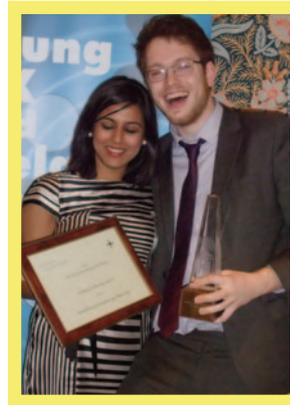
**2007**

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

**2006**

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

**Roll of Honour 2006–2021 and award  
ceremony scenes over the years\***



**\*The title was not awarded in 2020 due to  
Covid-19 restrictions.**

# HOW TO ENTER YOUR TEAM – OR TEAMS – IN YOUNG LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE YEAR 2022

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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 £1300 plus VAT (total £1560). This covers two nights' accommodation (single occupancy) and meals at the four-star Lancaster House Hotel and is inclusive of enrolment fee.

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**Final closing date for registration:  
Tuesday 1 February 2022**

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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 and Pride of Place presentations, rules, and travel information on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

We will send an invoice following the booking deadline.

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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: 9 – 11 March 2022, Lancaster!**

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