

Hi, my name is George and I am running for the position of Member of Youth Parliament for Cumberland because I want to make sure that young people have a voice and that we don't get ignored just because we can't vote.

I am a member of Cumbria County Hockey Club. Being a part of this team has taught me teamwork, commitment and confidence. It has helped me learn how to support others and be part of a team. In primary school I was House Captain and I had to organise events. Doing this has given me better teamwork skills and leadership skills. I believe having these skills help make me an ideal candidate.



If I was elected to become a member of the Youth Parliament, I would want to improve a few things that affect young people in particular.

A lot of young people have to use buses to get around, especially if they live in the countryside. They don't really have any other choice. But buses aren't always reliable, and sometimes they don't run very often. This makes it hard for young people to get to school or work or sports clubs. If I was elected, I would campaign to make sure buses ran more often and on time so young people could get where they need to go and have more chances to try new things and help out in their communities.

In secondary school, Year 7 and 8 students often feel forgotten. Everyone focuses on the older years because of exams, so Year 7 and 8 just end up repeating stuff from primary school. I think these years could be more exciting and useful. I would campaign for more outdoor learning and sports so kids can build teamwork and resilience. Learning facts just for tests isn't very helpful when you can find information online. Instead, schools could teach skills and knowledge that really help prepare us for jobs and life after school.

Right now, in the UK, about 1 million young people aged 16–24 aren't in work or education. I think we should do more to help young people figure out what they want to do when they leave school. Whether it's more education or starting a job, everyone should feel ready and know what steps to take next.

Thank you for reading my manifesto.