



Hi, my name is Max, and I'm running to be your Member of Youth Parliament for Cumberland. I believe young people deserve a real voice in the decisions that shape our future. Too often, our ideas are overlooked — and I want to change that.

I have experience playing rugby for Carlisle U14s, attending Young Farmers, cadets, swimming, and music. I also enjoy speaking to people of all ages and backgrounds, which has helped me build confidence, communication skills, and the ability to work well with others. My regular involvement in church each week has strengthened my reliability, sense of responsibility, and commitment to serving others. Combined with my interest in farming, agricultural politics, and current affairs, these experiences give me a broad understanding of the challenges facing young people and rural communities. I want to give a voice back to young people in the countryside.

If elected, I will focus on three key objectives:

Firstly: To encourage equal opportunities for all by supporting youth organisations that are having their funding pulled. Every young person, no matter their background, should have access to the support and resources they need to develop skills, knowledge, and confidence. Many of these organisations help underprivileged children and young people with disabilities.

Secondly: To improve access to mental health support. Lots of support is out there, but not everyone knows how to get help. I want to make sure young people have access to the help they need when they need it, with faster support, reduced stigma, and greater awareness of mental health challenges.

Thirdly: To educate young voters. Now that young people can vote from age sixteen, it's important they know their rights and responsibilities. I will ensure they understand what to expect from local government and what their local MPs should be doing to represent them effectively.

I am an all-rounder who always strives to give my best. I promise to listen, represent you honestly, and work hard to make sure young people across Cumberland are heard, respected, and empowered to succeed.

Thank you for reading my manifesto.