



Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council

YOUTH REPS INFO 2024



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INTRODUCTION



Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council currently has vacancies for 2 Youth Representatives (Youth Reps).

Who Can Apply?

- Youth Reps must be aged between 15 – 25.
- You must be able to represent the interests of people under the age of 26 who live, work, train or receive education in the area.

Why Apply?

- Share your ideas and have your say.
- Help make a difference in your area.
- Take part in meetings and projects.
- Gain free training and support.
- Develop skills and experience.
- Learn about local democracy & how the Council works.
- Looks great on your CV.

How To Apply

- Read this document to find out more about being a Youth Rep.
- Complete the application form & email it to clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk
- If you have any questions or need extra help with your application, please contact us.



What Happens Next?

- The application deadline is October 23rd 2024.
- 2 Youth Reps will be selected at the Full Council meeting on October 30th 2024.
- We will contact the successful applicants shortly after they have been selected.
- All the important documents, next steps and info will be sent to the new Youth Reps.
- A Council email will also be set up for each Youth Rep.
- These appointments will be for a period of 12 months, but Youth Reps are welcome to re-apply next year.

Meeting Info

Council typically meets on the last Wednesday each month, at 7pm. There is no August meeting, and the December meeting is usually earlier in the month. There may sometimes be additional meetings.

Meetings are held in the Council Offices (Mitre Street, Abertillery, NP13 1AE), but are also accessible via Zoom. Notice of meetings, and any accompanying papers, will be sent via email within three clear days of the meeting.

Youth Reps are not able to vote during meetings, but you can still present topics for discussion and participate in debates.

RESPONSIBILITIES



1. To represent young people under the age of 26 who live, work or receive education/training in our community, and give them a voice on Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council.
2. To attend Council meetings on a regular basis.
3. To attend other designated community meetings to discuss issues which have an impact on young people.
4. To liaise with established local youth groups.
5. To listen and respect the views of other young people. You must be prepared to listen to what other young people are saying about issues that affect them and feed these views onto the Community Council for consideration and action, if appropriate. Your views are important but you must be prepared to feedback the views of other young people – even if you don't agree with them.
6. To report any issues to the officers.
7. To act responsibly and within the code of conduct when representing Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council.
8. To not be party political within the role.
9. To not be afraid to ask for help, support & advice.

ABOUT US



There are 19 seats on the Council, split across 5 wards. These are Abertillery, Cwmtillery, Six Bells, Aberbeeg & Llanhilleth.

Abertillery & Llanhilleth Council uses a committee structure, meaning a lot of decisions are made within smaller committees. For example, the Leisure & Tourism Committee handles planning for events like Party in the Park and the Viaduct Run. Youth Reps are welcome to attend committee meetings.

There are 735 community & town councils in Wales. They are responsible for the most local matters in an area. Abertillery & Llanhilleth Community Council represents people of the local area at the grass roots level, from Swffryd in the South, through Llanhilleth, Brynithel, Aberbeeg, Six Bells, Abertillery and Cwmtillery, to Bournville in the North.





Some of Our Work:

- Providing and maintaining life-saving defibrillators.
- Funding detached youth workers in Abertillery, via Blaenau Gwent Youth Service, and youth work by Off The Streets in Swffryd, Llanhilleth & Brynithel.
- Maintaining the Abertillery War Memorial.
- Hosting an annual Party in the Park.
- Providing floral displays as part of our Town in Bloom project.
- Hosting Senedd ALC (Abertillery Learning Community Pupil Parliament) meetings in the Council Chambers.
- Helping fund local community events, like the Llanhilleth Summer Fete & Abertillery Rock and Blues.
- Organising an annual Viaduct Run event, with a 5k and family race.
- Holding a Christmas Carol Concert and St. David's Day concert to fundraise for charity.
- Running a Summer Cinema programme showing free films during the Summer holidays.
- Providing grant funding to a variety of charities, community groups/organisations and sports clubs.

