



Newham's School Council Network 2023-2024

School
Council

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Claire, as an advisory teacher, has over 20 years' experience, working in Essex, Redbridge, Newham, Barking and Dagenham as well as nationally for DfE, QCDA, TDA and RE Today services. She is passionate about children and young people being given the tools to be able to articulate and understand their beliefs and motivations. With Marie Hardie, she has run termly school council network meetings, in Newham, for the last five years.

Marie has taught for over 20 years in Newham schools and in her career has taught all key stages, as well as being an advanced skills teacher in PSHE and deputy head teacher in her primary school. She is an outstanding teacher, inspiring to watch and learn from.

Catriona has been involved in education for the last 30 years and has taught across all Key Stages within primary and secondary schools. She has developed and run national programmes, creating curriculum resources for schools. Catriona has had school leadership responsibility for the wellbeing of pupils, parents and staff. Catriona is passionate about helping young people to work together to become the best versions of themselves.

These network meetings will support the staff in your school, who have responsibility for pupil voice and the school council, in their management responsibilities, as well as being an opportunity for sharing good practice between Newham schools.

The network meetings will be held at Ranelagh Primary School, Ranelagh Road, London E15 3DP and where appropriate on zoom.

After experiencing our **KS1 Conference**, Newham School Council leaders said;

*'A really enjoyable day that made the **children feel very special and excited about their role** as school councillors. Throughout the whole day, all the **children were engaged** and really got on with children from other schools.'*

*'I thought all activities were **very relevant and helped the children develop**, as well as enjoy themselves.'*

Feedback from pupils following our **KS2 Conference**:

'Today has helped me to learn how to organise and put on an effective event or campaign. It is going to help us this year so much – thank you.'

'Thank you for helping to us discuss how we can help others with their mental health today – I have learnt lots of now things I am going to use back in my school.'

Feedback from Students following our **KS3 Conference**:

*'I enjoyed **sharing our ideas**, and **being heard** by others.*

*We should **value each other equally** because we all have great ideas to bring to the table.'* The importance of **mental wellbeing** and event **planning** 'We can now plan an event **efficiently**'

The Programme 2023-2024

Autumn Term Network Meetings

Wednesday 4th October: 2-5pm

Spring Term Network Meetings

Wednesday 13th March: 2-5pm

Summer Term Network Meetings

Wednesday 19th June: 2-5pm

Network meetings will be held at Ranelagh Primary training rooms and will provide those who facilitate and help lead school council in their schools the opportunity to network with others in the same role. The network meetings will provide schools with access to speakers who are expert in developing schools councils and pupils voice in your school.

Newham School Council Annual Conference

Bringing together pupils who are school council representatives from different schools to attend a one-day school council conference to explore and learn more about becoming effective agents of change in their schools and in their local communities.

KS1	KS2	KS3
Wednesday 17 th April 2024	Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Tuesday 9 th January 2024

*The conferences will be held at Stratford Youth Zone
Stratford Circus, Theatre Square, E15 1BX*

Due to additional funding this year from the LA, the cost to join the network for 2023-2024 is **£300 FOR EVERYTHING if you sign up before the end of June**. After this time, the price will be £400 for the year. To sign up to Newham's School Council Network, go to:

<https://forms.gle/XnB21aie3t1xEYMu7>

If you have any questions or queries regarding the signing up process, please contact georgina.neil@rematters.co.uk