

Manifesto of Isaac Lethbridge

I am standing as a candidate for:

- 1) Youth Council / Sandown and Shanklin
- 2) Youth MP / Isle Of Wight



Introducing myself

Hello everyone! My name is Isaac Lethbridge and I'm proud to be running as a candidate for your next Member of Youth Parliament for the Isle of Wight. I'm 15 years old and I'm currently studying for my GCSEs at the Bay CE School. I've lived in Shanklin for as long as I can remember and I'm pleased to have had such a great childhood on this beautiful island.

Over the past couple of years I've become incredibly passionate about politics and have wanted to be involved in creating real change for the whole of our community. But I can't do it alone, we can only make sure our voices are heard by working together. Young people have a unique role in politics, the changes made now will affect our generation the most, so it's our responsibility to make sure that those changes are positive for everyone.

I hope you'll join and support me in our shared goal of building a great future for all young people on the island!

What is important to young people on the Island?

I believe that there are three key values which should always act as guiding principles for anyone in any sort of leadership position. I promise to consider each of these values for every action that I'll take as your Youth MP.

1. Democracy - I believe democracy is the most important thing to consider for leadership. As your Youth MP the first question I will always ask about any sort of change is 'How does this strengthen the voice of Young People on the Island?' We must make sure that every young person feels they have a place to go to share their opinions, a good start would be to guarantee that every school has a strong, effective student council
2. Wellbeing - As your Youth MP I promise to ensure that your wellbeing is of paramount importance and is always considered carefully. I'll always ask 'How does this make young people happier and safer?' when considering any form of change. Wellbeing is an incredibly personal matter and everyone experiences it differently, but we should still push for more opportunities for young people to learn the best ways to keep themselves safe and happy
3. Progress - Ultimately it's in all of our best interests to work together in creating a positive, sustainable future for all. I hope that as your Youth MP I will be able to inspire more young people to understand and involve themselves in politics so that we can all push for positive and constant progress to be made across our communities.

Why vote for me?

I hope that you'll support me in becoming your next Member of Youth Parliament by voting on the IOW council's website between the 1st and 8th of April. Only together will we be able to make those three key values the most important part of change!