

The London Youth Assembly – Final Report from 2025/26 Term

Dear Andrew Boff AM,

On behalf of all the London Youth Assembly Members, thank you very much for all the support that yourself and the rest of the London Assembly have given over the last year.

Being Chair of the London Youth Assembly has been an honour, and I have been privileged with Deputy Chair Mia Mormah to oversee a period of continued growth in our work this year:

The London Youth Assembly has become more participative: Members have delivered a wider range of motions than ever before, from AI in education to cultural awareness, whilst we set up new Sub-Committees, focused on Opportunities and Political Education, which have delivered key projects and provided an outlet for members to deliver change above and beyond regular City Hall meetings. This includes the new survey that is currently open on Democracy Beyond Classrooms, which aims to give thousands of young Londoners aged between 16 and 20 a voice in their relationship with information and politics.

We have expanded our impact: Our Shadow Cabinet team expanded to include Education and the Environment for the first time, whilst we are now working directly with TfL, the Deputy Mayor and the Transport Committee of the London Assembly on quarterly Transport Roundtables that give young Londoners from the London Youth Assembly and London's universities the opportunity to influence transport policy on sustainability, accessibility and cost of living.

We have strengthened our partnership with the Assembly: Running the Hopes and Dreams Event to empower young people from across the capital and increasing participation in the London Youth Achievement Awards which remains a powerful symbol of the impact young people can have on society. And, for the first time ever, a motion put forward by the London Youth Assembly, on the need for installation of bleed kits on buses to help stab victims, was passed by the London Assembly. It did so unanimously, a reminder of the unity that working with young people can bring.

Therefore, as I step away from this role and head off to university, I do so with huge pride for what the London Youth Assembly as a team have achieved over the last year, and with knowledge that the future of this organisation is in safe hands.

I hope that over the next term and beyond, we will see continued collaboration between the two assemblies. We have been really grateful to engage positively with Committees of the London Assembly, and I would encourage all Committee Chairs to regularly meet their respective Shadow Cabinet Leads on the London Youth Assembly when they are chosen, and to use the youth assembly's experience to help investigations.

With votes at 16 on the horizon, young people's relationship with social media a national concern, and division widening, it is also important that the London Assembly seizes the opportunity to work with the youth assembly to improve political awareness amongst young Londoners – the issue that brought me first to youth democracy. The results of the ongoing Democracy Beyond Classrooms survey will provide a key first step in this, and I look forward to hopefully seeing where this leads in years to come.

Many thanks,

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Hugo Maxwell

Chair of the London Youth Assembly