

Questions for Panel

1. What do you hope to gain personally from being the Youth Commissioner?
2. You will be travelling with the Commissioner on her community outreach tours, amongst other things, engaging directly with members of the public, and discussing their issues. Can you give me an example of when you have done something similar? What did you do? What was the result?
3. You will be expected to produce short reports for the Commissioner about Youth issues, and to brief her generally about some of the problems young people may face. Do have any examples of where you have undertaken similar work? What was the topic?
4. What barriers do you think the Police face when dealing with young people? What are the barriers that young people face when dealing with the Police?
5. What ideas do you have about how to improve the relationship between the Police and young people?
6. Your role will be very public, involve speaking with the media, and senior officers from national organisations. Your actions will reflect on the Commissioner and her office. Do you think you will be comfortable with that, and if so, can you tell me why?
7. Why do you feel, considering your background, experience and aims, that you would make an excellent Youth Commissioner for Kent?

Media questions

As part of your role as the Youth Commissioner, you would regularly be interviewed by the media; sometimes this would be at pre-arranged events, and sometimes in response to current events.

Below are two scenarios/questions that Ali will put to you. Please take five minutes to think through your responses, and then Ali will conduct a mock interview with you on these subjects, and potentially explore other areas of interest.

Scenario one

There has been a disturbance overnight in a Kent town, and it has been reported that a number of young people were involved. Some young people have been arrested (but then so have a number of people 25+) for violent disorder, alcohol offences, etc. There is a very high level of media interest, and naturally they want to speak to you as the Youth Commissioner.

What would your preliminary statement to the media be?

Scenario two

You are one month into your term of office as the Kent Youth Commissioner. The press want to hold a conference with you to discuss:

- The value of having a Youth Commissioner;
- Why you think you are the best person for the role;
- What plans you have for the next 11 months.

Ali will interview you about your plans.