

Candidate Name: Demi Alli

Age: 17

Connection to the Borough: *Residence*

My name is Demi and I am excited to announce my candidacy for Wandsworth Youth Mayor.

As someone who has grown up and used to attend in schools in this community (Christ Church primary school, Belleville primary school and Saint John Bosco College) have seen firsthand the incredible potential we have as young people to make a real difference. However, I also acknowledge the challenges we continue to face—whether it involves accessing quality education, securing meaningful employment opportunities, or cultivating spaces where we can safely and authentically express ourselves. If chosen to serve as Wandsworth's next Youth Mayor, my mission is clear: to ensure young people have a strong, active voice in shaping the decisions that impact our lives. Together, we can build a future where our voices are not just heard, but truly influence action — with our needs placed at the heart of local change.

My key priorities are:

- Improving mental health support

As Young Mayor of Wandsworth, I will focus on improving mental health by listening to young people through school visits and forums, raising awareness to reduce stigma, and making support easier to access. I will work with local services and schools to improve connections and provide more counsellors. I also want to create safe spaces where young people feel comfortable and supported, and promote peer mentoring and mental health training so we can help each other.

- Increasing youth involvement in local decision-making

As Young Mayor of Wandsworth, I will work to increase youth involvement in local decision-making by creating more opportunities for young people to share their views through forums, surveys, and school visits. I will make sure youth voices are heard by local leaders and included in key discussions. I will also promote youth councils and encourage more young people to get involved in community projects and campaigns that matter to them.

- Education inequality

As Young Mayor of Wandsworth, I will work to reduce education inequality by listening to students from all backgrounds and making sure their voices are heard. I will push for equal access to support like tutoring, mentoring, and extra help for those who need it. I will also encourage schools to offer more opportunities both in and outside the classroom so every young person has a fair chance to succeed.