

# Youth Assembly

For Northern Ireland

## First Mandate 2021 Facts and Figures 2023

### Three Main Roles

1. To engage with the work of the Northern Ireland Assembly, particularly its Statutory Committees, and have their voices heard on legislation and inquiries relevant to young people
2. To undertake project work generated by the members of each of the Youth Assembly Committees
3. To participate in youth voice projects and opportunities such as government consultations

### Key Figures

**2** YEAR TERM 

**1,196** APPLICATIONS 

**AGES 13-17** 

**90** SEATS 

**18/18**   
CONSTITUENCIES REPRESENTED

**6**   
PLENARY MEETINGS

**5**   
COMMITTEES  
**5**   
CONSULTATIONS

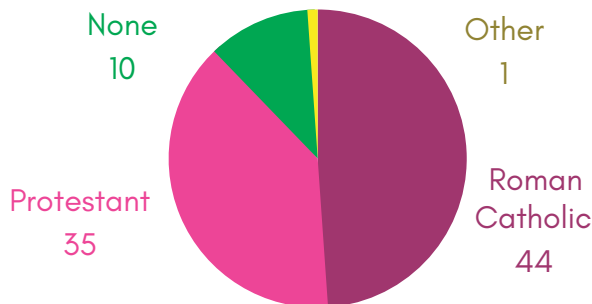
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS



## How representative is the Youth Assembly?



Male 46      GENDER      Female 44



RELIGIOUS BELIEF

Membership of the Youth Assembly is inclusive and representative of the Northern Ireland youth population.

Planned	Actual
<b>3</b> Young people with lived experience of care	<b>4</b>
<b>3</b> Young people from an ethnic minority background	<b>6</b>
<b>4</b> LGBTQ+ young people	<b>12</b>
<b>5</b> Young people with a disability	<b>8</b>
<b>7</b> Young carers	<b>8</b>
<b>24</b> Young people who are eligible for free school meals	<b>26</b>

## Development Opportunities

The Youth Assembly had representatives on each of these groups and projects:

- Appointment of Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
- Children's Law Centre - development of education rights resource
- Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment and Department of Education - period dignity project
- Police Service of Northern Ireland - policing engagement initiative