

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 

441 APPLICATIONS 

SCHOOL YEARS **9-12** 

90 SEATS 

18/18 
CONSTITUENCIES
REPRESENTED

5 PLENARY MEETINGS 

90 EVENTS 

34 COMMITTEE MEETINGS 

October 2023	Youth Assembly Members appointed
December 2023	Plenary 1: Inaugural plenary
February 2024	Plenary 2: Identifying priority areas
April 2024	Tobacco & Vapes Bill with Committee for Health
June 2024	Women's Caucus Event
September 2024	School Uniform Consultation with Minister of Education
October 2024	Plenary 3: Debate on Mobile Phone Usage in Schools
January 2025	Consultations on Curriculum, School improvement, and Free School Meals
March 2025	Plenary 4: Debate on Voting Age
April 2025	Gave evidence on the Justice Bill
May 2025	Balmoral Show and VE Day at Westminster Abbey
June 2025	Presentation of reports to Committees and Ministers
November 2025	Final Plenary

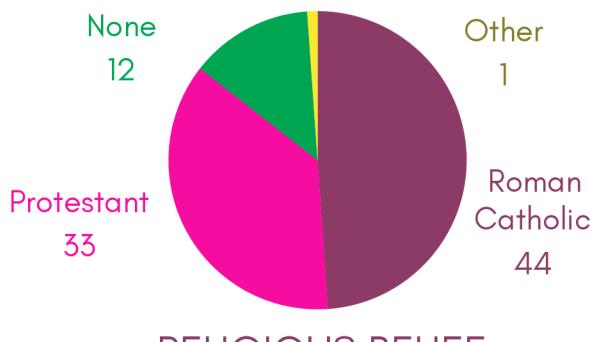
How representative is the Youth Assembly?



Male 46

GENDER

Female 44



RELIGIOUS BELIEF

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

Planned	Actual
3 Young people with lived experience of care	4
4 Young people from an ethnic minority background	6
3 LGBTQ+ young people	5
10 Young people with a disability	12
2 Young carers	3
25 Young people who are eligible for free school meals	29

Development Opportunities

In addition to working with Assembly Committees and government departments, the Youth Assembly participated in events and projects with:

- Marie Curie
- Volunteer Now
- Children's Law Centre
- Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment
- Northern Ireland Youth Forum
- Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
- Barnardos
- Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
- Education Authority
- Youth and Policing Partnership Forum
- Electoral Commission