

## CONSENT FORM

Helsinki

### Guardian's consent for a minor to stand as a candidate in Helsinki Youth Council elections

Hi!

Your child is standing as a candidate in the Helsinki Youth Council 2025 elections. Helsinki Youth Council is an influence group of young people aged 13–17, whose task is to promote and support the voice of young people in the City's decision-making. The term of Helsinki Youth Council is two years, from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027.

Standing as a candidate in the Helsinki Youth Council elections is a major thing for a young person. Election campaigning always takes some time and effort. Two youth workers work with the Youth Council and will support the candidates throughout the elections.

The election autumn culminates on 5 December in the Youth Gala held at Tiivistämö in Suvilahti, where the election results will be announced. For some, the evening will be a disappointment, as there are more candidates than seats on the Youth Council. For those elected as members, a busy year will begin on 1 January 2026. In the midst of this all, the support from home and guardians is crucial.

We want to make sure that the young people have their priorities in order. We will learn how to prioritise things and make schedules together. The wellbeing of the young people will always come before the Youth Council. Young people's lives also involve home, school, friends and other hobbies. Our activities mainly take place during the young people's free time, but occasionally we may also meet during school hours.

The candidate registration for the elections began on 8 September, and it will continue until 21 September. Voting will take place from 3 to 28 November at schools and youth centres. All young people born between 2008 and 2012 and living in Helsinki are eligible to vote and stand as candidates. The 30 candidates with the highest number of votes and five deputies will be elected to Helsinki Youth Council.

Candidate photos will be taken in the autumn to be used, for example, on posters, on the election website and in the elections compass.

**Submit this entry form by Sunday 5 October to the election workshop.**

Kind regards,

Helsinki Youth Council's youth workers

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| CANDIDATE'S NAME  | CANDIDATE'S DATE OF BIRTH |
| CANDIDATE'S HOME ADDRESS  |                           |
| GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE AND NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS  | DATE AND PLACE            |
| I AGREE THAT MY DEPENDANT MAY STAND AS A CANDIDATE IN THE HELSINKI YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. I GIVE MY CONSENT TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE YOUTH COUNCIL, IF ELECTED.<br>BY SIGNING, I CONFIRM THAT THE PERSON UNDER MY GUARDIANSHIP IS REGISTERED IN HELSINKI AND THAT THEY WERE BORN BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2008 AND 31 DECEMBER 2012. |                           |

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