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## WHAT BYC MEANS TO ME

- My definition of the British Youth Council is a handful of young people creating positive change, representing a nation of young adults who refuse to conform to the misrepresented stereotype of lazy and unwilling youth.
- The British Youth Council is crucial in contemporary society, in a time when many changes are being made by the government that could possibly affect young people for years to come, it's now more than ever that we need to be heard.
- I believe BYC is about taking the opinions of young people and shining the brightest light on them whilst creating the avenues we need to implement change.



Serving as a Trustee would be an amazing opportunity as I share the aims and objectives common to the BYC remit. As Trustee I would uphold the important values and principles that are the building blocks of the BYC foundation. Helping to turn ideas into action and raising awareness for the things that matter and affect all of us.

## About Me...

From a young age I've had experiences that I can positively say not many adults could relate to. Having been a homeless young person from the age of 16 has meant that I know first-hand what it's like to feel unheard and overlooked. My experiences have led me to meet many disadvantaged young people who had concerns and needed change desperately but had no-one to talk to, no one to raise any queries to and no idea where to start. My aim is to become an active voice for the minority groups of young people by making sure they are taken into account bringing a clearer representation of British Youth and the issues they tackle to the panel.

I'm a firm believer in equal opportunities and educating young people on their rights. An example of this was when the government decided to decommission young peoples shared housing in Lewisham borough giving us two months to evacuate. Faced with the possibility of becoming homeless again we were sent bailiffs letters two days before the leaving date with no alternative housing. I Realised the action taken was unfair and decided to research. Discovering a court order was necessary, I approached the borough's housing office as well as the head office of the organisation looking after us. They understood the action taken was illegal and unnecessary and a new agreement was reached stating that no one would be forced to leave without having secured their next accommodation.

## Experience:

- Kenyan youth representative for Brand Kenya-government organisation
- Project Leader in Business Enterprise Week
- Heading a stand for Diaspora Investment Expo on behalf of Brand Kenya and Kenyan High Commission in the UK
- Volunteering at the Salvation Army, helping raise funds for the charity
- Channel 4 offices in the Advertising, Sales and Development department as part of work experience. Organised million pound give away as an incentive for the channel 4 advertisers.

The issues I'd like to see brought to the panel include the struggle homeless young people face with further education, not only the raised fees but the lack of funding, their lack of housing and family support meaning university isn't even an option. I'd also like to raise more media awareness for the struggles disadvantaged young people face and what steps can be taken to make things easier.