



UKYCC Hustings Cheat Sheet

The 2024 Election is on the 4th July and in the lead up there'll be live TV debates and hustings up and down the country. This is where candidates for each of the political parties answer questions from an audience of local people. We're keen to ensure that young people are represented at these debates and hustings and that the issues we care about, including climate justice, are put at the forefront of candidate's minds.

This is your go to guide for getting stuck in.

TV Debates

1. Check the dates of the debates
2. Register to attend and/or submit a question
3. Get up to speed with the party manifestos and your MPs environmental voting record

26th June BBC Final Election Debate 21:00 - 22:00

- Location: Nottingham
- Link to submit a question: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c6pp596y2q1o>

Hustings

1. **Check** for local hustings near you using this [spreadsheet tracker](#) and [Democracy Classrooms hustings](#) map
2. **Register** to attend
 - a. Some hustings may require pre-registration or even to submit questions in advance. Check the links in the tracker.
 - b. You can check our suggested questions sections for help when submitting questions.
3. **Get prepared:** these steps are not essential but help you be more prepared
 - a. Get up to speed with what UKYCC is calling for this election (see our Call



- to Action on our website)
- b. Research the candidates who will be there. [Who Can I Vote For?](#) is a good source of candidate details, statements and their websites
 - c. Use our [How Green Is Your MP?](#) website to understand your local MPs environmental voting record
4. **Attend** your hustings
- a. Post on your social channels to share your experience if you want to!

Why this election matters

For too long 18-35 year olds have been an ignored voting constituency. Our generation is constantly blamed for being lazy and politically apathetic and yet our politicians are doing seemingly nothing to include us in their policies and show us why we should vote for them in the first place.

We want to cut this vicious cycle of youth apathy by putting the issues our generation cares about the most at the forefront of party candidate's minds. For us this starts with climate justice, but more broadly we are calling for wholesale systemic change. We need our government to prioritise and protect our futures and the best place to start is with public money.

Suggested Questions

- As a young person already struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, I can only imagine how much worse it will be in 30 years time as our climate continues to warm. How are you going to ensure that tackling the climate crisis is at the centre of both national and local decision-making?
- Tackling the climate crisis has continually been pushed down the national agenda. As a young person who fears for my future and my children's future, how can you justify the substantial backtracking both of your parties (Conservatives and Labour) have made on your climate commitments?
- With only six years until 2030, when many national and international climate targets are due to be reached, what plans do you have to accelerate the UK's progress? What steps will you take to ensure policy decision prioritise reducing emissions and supporting climate justice?
- As a young person, I often feel overlooked in policy-making despite being more likely to struggle, for example with our cost-of-living crisis. How will you speak up



for young people like me in your constituency and what steps will you take to tackle issues affecting young people?

- What are your plans for addressing the housing crisis?
- How will you tackle the rising cost of living in [your constituency]?
- What will your party do to bring down NHS waiting times for physical and mental health services?
- How will your party support education and skills to give all young people a chance at good work and boost the green economy?
- etc.

Top tips

- At local hustings, candidates are there to meet their electorate so ask questions that incorporate a local angle where relevant. Where you can, reemphasise that they work for you and your vote matters to them