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NOMINATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

(ONLY WARDS 2; 4; 5; 8, 9; 10)

The municipality invites youth between the ages of 14-35 years within the Greater Knysna Municipal Area to participate in the nomination and election processes for representatives from wards 2; 4; 5; 8; 9 and 10 to serve on the Knysna Youth Council.

The Knysna Youth Council is the forum where you can constructively challenge the way youth issues are perceived and handles in this municipality. The youth Council representatives will continue with the vision of mobilizing the youth of Knysna to act as change agents for active citizenship, meaningful community participating, entrepreneurship and the improvement of their own lives and the lives of those around them.

The aims of the Youth Council are as follows:

- To give the youth of Knysna a voice concerning civil matters;
- To promote leadership qualities – as well as a healthy interest in municipal, civil administrative and community matters – with our youth;
- To organize projects (in line with the aims of the Council) to the benefit of the community and especially the youth; and
- To promote better relationships between different language groups while fostering mutual understanding and appreciation amongst the youth in the surrounding areas.

Knysna youth are urge to nominate eligible young adults in their communities that they feel can represent their needs, the nomination and electoral criteria is as follows:

- The term of the Knysna Youth Council will be 8 months years approved by the Knysna Municipal Council;
- Nominees must be between the ages of 14-35 years for the duration of 8-month term.
- Nominees must reside in a ward within the boundaries of the Knysna Municipality.
- Nominees must be nominated by a person between the ages of 14-35 years and be seconded by at least 20 people within the ward he/she resides, on the prescribed nomination form.
- Nominees must accept such nomination and have a clean criminal record for the past five years with no pending cases.
- Representatives elected will receive a stipend of R500 per Youth Council meeting sitting.
- Nominations forms are available from your nearest Library, the Municipal Main Building in Clyde Street.
- All nomination forms must be deposited to the municipality on or before the closing date **10 April 2024.**
- All qualifying candidates per ward will be announce by the municipality prior to election dates.
- Candidates will be provided with the opportunity to present an election manifesto at a public meeting before the election will take place.
- Candidates will not be allowed to wear any political attire or branding to the manifesto and election sessions.
- Only youth between the ages of 14-35 years will be eligible to participate in the electoral process. Birth identification will be required, no person without birth certificate /identification at the voting site will be required to cast vote.

- Youth will be eligible to cast their votes for 2 candidates, with an option of one vote for a male or female candidate. In areas where there is only one gender representation on the overall candidates list – 2 votes will be allowed for one gender. However, you are allowed to vote only for one person of your choice.
- Any ballot paper in areas with female/male representation on the final candidates list, which is not correctly voted 2votes x 1 per each gender, will be dealt with as spoilt ballot. The aim is to allow fair representation of both genders to be represented on the Knysna Youth Council
- The male and females candidates per ward with the highest number of votes are elected to the Knysna Youth Council.
- The next two males and two females with the highest votes on the remaining candidates list will become members of the Ward Youth Forum.
- The Knysna Municipality will be the electoral authority and officials from the Directorate Community Services will be the presiding officers.

For more information, you may send your enquiries to Ms. Shahida Sigula at youthdesk@knysna.gov.za.

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