



Leeds
Youth
Voice



SEND Summit

Wednesday 11t February 2026



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The SEND summit provides an opportunity for secondary aged students with SEND to come together to give their views and opinions on service delivery and development as well as finding out about services that are available to them.

The SEND summit is a great opportunity for students to meet others, hear about services, visit Leeds Civic Hall and make a difference!

Attendance

On Wednesday 11 February 2026, 53 students from 12 learning settings across Leeds came together at Leeds Civic Hall to take part in consultations and activities that enabled them to have a voice and influence.

Schools involved:

- West SILC: Powerhouse
- West SILC: Milestones
- West SILC: Co-op Academy Priesthorpe Partnership
- East SILC: John Jamieson
- East SILC: The Bridge
- Broomfield South SILC
- Broomfield South SILC: Future Steps
- Green Meadows Academy
- Lighthouse School
- Leeds Jewish Free School
- Springwell Academy East
- Future Horizons



**Leeds Jewish
Free School**



What we did

- Cllr Hayden, Executive Member for Children & Families
- Pairs game
- Youth Activity Fund activity
- Council Chamber Democracy session: Meet the Lord Mayor and Pete Thorpe, Interim Director of Children Services and take part in a Vote
- Lunch & Stalls
- MindMate Neurodiversity Hub consultation session
- Close and finish



The feedback



21 evaluations were returned



- Find your pair
- Voting in the chamber
- Learnt about different things
- Going into the council chamber and meeting the Lord Mayor
- Voting was good
- It was all interesting
- Seeing the council chamber, it was great to move
- I enjoyed the chamber because you can state your own opinions and ideas
- Talking to new people, Youth activity game
- Looking at the stalls and the microphones in the chamber
- The food was yummy
- Neurodiversity activity



- Welcome and housekeeping
- Talked less
- Nothing
- More fruit options
- It would have been better to write things down
- Shorter videos
- More time on the microphones
- More game