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Local Youngster Gets Top Panel Post

Nathaniel Grisdale from Fitton Hill hit the big time recently when he was invited to sit on a country wide National Lottery panel of young people to make decisions about projects led by young people, worth thousands of pounds.

Nominated by NDC's Young People's Coordinator, Graham Bowman, he is the only young person from Oldham to sit on the prestigious panel made up of other young people from across the country. The panel meet quarterly in Newcastle.

Fifteen year old Nathaniel went through a rigorous training and selection process in London before taking up this highly responsible role. Nathaniel's role sees him in a position to make decisions about national schemes which will have a positive and significant impact on young people's lives.

Projects such as "Young Minds" a national initiative which deals with mental health issues faced by young people also A Virtual Centre for Self Harmers which gives anonymous support and help but also face to face engagement and information to help address the issues and reduce the risk of the problem escalating.

Nathaniel said "Attending the two day training really helped me to understand the process". He also went onto to say "My role on the panel is to read through applications and then along with the other members of the panel make a decision to determine whether the applications meet the criteria and if it will receive funding".

Graham Bowman NDC's Young People's Coordinator said "I chose Nathaniel because I thought his attitude and open minded outlook made him an ideal candidate for the role. I also thought it would help with his personal development and give him new skills which he could bring back and use in his community"

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