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## Youth Council member voted to lead 'parliament'

Camden Youth Council member, Jeremiah Edagbami has been elected to lead his peers in the YMCA NSW Youth Parliament Program.

The 17 year old from Mount Annan attended the first stage of the youth leadership program in Sydney earlier this month.

"This program helps to build the confidence of young people and their understanding of the democratic process and parliamentary system," said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

"We want to encourage the leadership qualities of our young people so that they can represent and advocate on behalf of residents in the future," Cr Symkowiak said.

Jeremiah attended the three day training camp where he was elected 'Leader of the Opposition' by hundreds of participants.

"It was such an honour representing Camden and to be a voice for not only my area but for people my age," Jeremiah said.

"There were so many civil debates and chances to showcase speaking skills. And no doubt, I learnt so much more about the NSW parliamentary system," he said.

"I was extremely happy to be elected Leader of the Opposition. This means I'll be leading half of the entire camp and its participants in either rejecting or accepting the reports, bills and ideas put to the parliament."

Youth Parliament will resume in September for one week when the participants will create a bill and then debate these bills in front of the Members of Parliament in NSW Parliament House.

Council covered the cost of Jeremiah's enrolment in the Youth Parliament program that provides young people with the opportunity to lead, learn and connect with their community.

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