



Youth Parliament
MAKING OUR MARK

Your Guide to Being an MYP

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Welcome



The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) is delivered by the National Youth Agency (NYA), with support from Regional Youth Work Units and your local delivery team.

Your local delivery team could be:

- Your local authority; or
- An organisation chosen to support young people in your area.

In Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, UKYP is supported by a national organisation working in partnership with the NYA.

This guide is here to help you understand your role, stay safe, and make the most of your experience.

Your Role as an MYP

What you'll do

As a Member of Youth Parliament, you:

- Speak up for young people
- Meet decision-makers
- Run campaigns and events
- Take part in debates
- Share young people's views
- Get involved in consultations

You are helping to create change – your voice matters.

How long the role lasts

Your time as an MYP usually runs from April to March, but this can vary depending on where you live.

The programme is currently funded to run until 31 March 2027.

Your local team will guide and support you throughout your time in the role.

Aging Out

If you reach the age limit during your time as an MYP, your team will support you to step down in a positive and planned way.

Your Responsibilities

To help everything run smoothly:

- Keep your contact details up to date.
- Let your team know if you miss messages or communications.
- Share any dietary, medical, accessibility, sensory or trauma-related needs.
- Ask for support when you need it.

You're not expected to figure everything out alone – support is always available.

Expenses and Support

- Travel costs should be covered by your local team.
- You should never be out of pocket.
- Your education, employment and other commitments always come first.



Code of Conduct

Why It Matters

The Code of Conduct helps make sure:

- Everyone feels safe.
- Everyone is included.
- Everyone knows what to expect.

It applies:

- At events
- Online
- In messages and meetings
- Any time you represent UKYP

What Good Looks Like

Always:

- Be respectful and kind.
- Listen to others.
- Be a positive role model.
- Respect privacy.
- Help others feel included.
- Be understanding of different experiences.
- Speak up if something feels wrong.

You help create the environment you want to be part of.

What's Not Okay

Never:

- Be physically aggressive.
- Use harmful or offensive language.
- Discriminate against others.
- Make anyone feel unsafe.

Equality and Inclusion

Everyone should feel welcome and respected.

No one should be treated unfairly because of:

- Who they are
- What they believe
- Their background or experiences



If Something Goes Wrong

What Happens If There's a Concern?

If a rule may have been broken:

- Tell your local delivery team.
- They will look into what happened.
- Information may be shared with regional or national partners, where appropriate.
- The National Youth Agency (NYA) will make the final decision based on the evidence available.

This helps ensure that all concerns are handled fairly and consistently.

During an Investigation

- You will be informed.
- You may be asked to pause your role while the matter is considered.
- Information will be handled confidentially.
- Investigations are usually completed within a few weeks, although timescales may vary.

Possible Outcomes

Level 1 – Verbal Warning

→ For minor concerns.

Level 2 – Written Warning

→ For repeated or more serious concerns.

Level 3 – Removal from the Role

→ For serious or repeated breaches.

In some cases, serious concerns may go straight to Level 3, resulting in immediate removal from the role.

Remember

- The aim is to support you to learn and grow.
- Decisions are based on fairness and evidence.
- You will be kept informed throughout the process.

Online Safety and Social Media

Social Media

- Social media is optional.
- You do not have to use it.
- The programme will not encourage underage use of social media platforms.

If you choose to use social media:

- Use a separate MYP account where possible.
- Keep personal accounts separate from your MYP role.

Using Social Media Well

- Be respectful and positive.
- Think before you post.
- Share your work and opportunities.
- Represent young people's voices accurately and responsibly.

Staying Safe Online

- Keep accounts private where possible.
- Block or report harmful behaviour.
- Do not respond to abuse.
- Ask for help if something feels wrong.
- Contact journalists only with support from your local worker and follow the agreed process for media requests.

You are not alone – support is always available.

What Not to Do Online

Do not:

- Share private information.
- Post harmful or inappropriate content.
- Engage in arguments or online disputes.



Political Content and Being Non-Partisan

As an MYP, you are part of a non-partisan programme.

This means:

- You do not support or promote political parties in your role.
- You focus on issues that matter to young people rather than party politics.

The UK Youth Parliament is part of a charitable programme delivered by the National Youth Agency. Your role is based on:

- Youth work values
- Social change
- Young people's right to be heard

Because of this:

- Sharing or promoting party-political views in your role as an MYP is not permitted.
- Doing so may conflict with Charity Commission guidance.
- It can also limit your ability to work with a wide range of people and influence change effectively.

Being non-partisan means you can:

- Work with all decision-makers.
- Represent all young people.
- Focus on issues rather than political parties.

You can still hold your own personal political views; however, these should be kept separate from your role as an MYP.

Working with Others

- You represent young people in your area.
- You work with your local team and other MYPs.
- You take part in consultations and share young people's views.

If You Step Down

If you leave your role:

Your local area will follow the agreed process to fill the vacancy.



Final Message

Being an MYP is a chance to:

- Lead
- Be heard
- Create real change

You are supported by:

- Your local delivery team
- Regional or national partners
- The National Youth Agency
- Steering Group representatives (young people who have previously served as MYPs and are there to guide and support you)

We believe in you – and we're here to help you succeed.

Key Documents and Link

- UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) – Roles, Responsibilities and Delivery Structure Guide (local delivery teams, delivery partners and National Youth Agency roles)
- Steering Group (SG) Role Guide
- MYP Allocations by Area (Map/List) (shows how many MYPs each area has)

To download these key documents and more, please visit this link:

nya.org.uk/uk-youth-parliament-guidance-documents

