

Archive Campaigns

+ National Campaign 2013

Every year members of youth parliaments debate in the House of Commons and vote on a national campaign to work on. At the last debate, 'curriculum for life' was voted to be the national campaign.

A curriculum for life



We believe that the place of citizenship education and PSHE should be overhauled through a youth-led, UK-wide review. They're important for young people's growth and development as they teach vital life skills and can be the first steps to engaging young people. We believe that teaching staff should be trained to a national standard to deliver citizenship education following this review.

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House of Commons debate report

'A curriculum for life' received a massive 154 votes, more than double the number received for any other issue.

Speaking enthusiastically in favour of 'a curriculum to prepare us for life' was Sumaiya Karim MYP, 16, from Wokingham, who said: "This is something I feel really passionate about. I think it's important we address this, and it's the perfect time to do it. It's really important we have access to education, and that diverse cultures have the same opportunities. It's about engaging young people and getting them involved. A lot of our education makes us the people we are, and we are the future."

154 out of 295 MYPs voted for 'a curriculum for life'.

+ Local Campaigns

In addition to the national campaign, we also work on local campaigns.

Youth homelessness (main campaign)

We want to research the issue of youth homelessness in Northumberland and raise awareness of it. We want to promote and work with organisations that support homeless young people and support them in fundraising activities.

We've already met with professionals who work in this area to get a better idea of the situation. We've also spoken to people who work in housing and support young people when they need help finding a home.

Standard of public transport (additional campaign)

When we stood for election to the youth parliament we all agreed that based on experience, the standard of public transport in Northumberland needs improving. We've already begun collating our own research, in particular the cost of public transport. We're planning to work with groups who have similar concerns to make a difference to a service that young people rely on.

Raising awareness of further education (additional campaign)

We know that there are lots of opportunities young people can take when finishing their GCSEs, staying on at sixth form, going to college, taking a job or starting an apprenticeship. But sometimes young people aren't sure where to go for advice. We want to promote the opportunities that are available, and work to help young people make these important decisions.

We also have smaller individual campaigns that aren't included in our three main ones. These are campaigns that we had in our manifestos when we stood for election.