

Fighting for a Fairer Future!!

Liam Benjamin Preston

Re-elect Liam #1 for BYC Chair

Dear BYC Members,



Last year I asked you to put your faith in me to deliver a British Youth Council which would be stronger, have a higher profile and be leading the fight for young people's rights across the UK and I believe this year we have achieved all three of these things.

*We have had a successful year however there is still massive inequality in our society and young people are continuing to be let down; with mass youth unemployment, local services cut up and down the country and a media which continually portrays us negatively, there is still work to be done!! We have a chance to make a stand and I want to see a British Youth Council fighting **harder** and standing up for our rights **stronger** and I believe that with me as Chair we will be able to realise the future for young people which we know we deserve.....*

Liam, BYC Chair

What have I done with The British Youth Council as a Trustee?

- Represented the UK and BYC at European Youth Forum events across Europe
- Media spokesperson, involving interviews on TV, Radio and online
- Member of the Policy Response Group
- Chaired a debate at the House of Commons on Mental Health issues for Young People
- Spoke at European Youth Forum in favour of votes@16 being a pan-European campaign

What have I been up to this year as Chair of The British Youth Council?

- Chaired panel debates at all three party conferences
- Continued campaigning in Europe on votes@16 through European Youth Forum
- Chaired meeting between Deputy Prime Minister and young people
- Proudly spoke at the Choose Youth Rally
- Led the board and organisation through one of the most difficult financial eras in the charity sector

What has The British Youth Council achieved this year?

- Increased our membership through this difficult period for local and national organisations
- Broadened the range of youth voices under the BYC umbrella through our work with UKYP, Young Mayors Network and partnerships with Young Advisors
- More prominent profile in the media
- Secured financial funding for the next twelve months

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