



annual review 2014/15

'youth-led social action for a better world'



# Chair's Introduction



**This year has been busy! We have had a General Election, “Votes at 16” success in Scotland, and engaged the Government in England on mental health policy and practice. All this whilst also strengthening the collective voice of young people across the United Kingdom to inform and influence decision making locally nationally and internationally. We have trained more people than ever before (2,518), mobilised a record 1,481,000 to vote in our elections, and reached over 1.5 million on our Facebook campaign. These figures are all new records for BYC, but our expenditure is lower as we become even better value for money to our funding partners. I would therefore like to thank all the staff volunteers and members who have been part of the years brilliant effort.**

The is within the context of our strategy to grow our influence and impact and this year the Board prioritised providing objective information to empower young people

to make informed decisions about what they wanted to influence – including the Government through elections. So we focused effort through our UK League of Young Voters initiative, a coalition of like-minded organisations helping to mobilise young voters for the general election. Whilst we await official confirmation we estimate 80% (up from 50%) of 18-24 were registered to vote.

We also invested in asking political parties to respond to our agenda and give young people a reason to vote. We also called for a Youth Minister to be appointed to coordinate all youth policies properly. In response two parties produced youth manifestos (a first) and most party leaders recorded personal video messages for BYCs voting audience. Yet parties still did not offer enough to persuade a big jump in turnout by young people – an opportunity missed by the parties. But we shall carry on campaigning between elections - for instance Votes at 16 in the EU referendum, and produce recommendations on mental health for the Departments for Education and Health, through our Youth Select Committee report later this year.

It has been humbling to serve as the Chair of BYC over the past year and to work with a talented staff team who make a powerful youth voice possible.

The British Youth Council will continue to represent the lived experiences of young people through our members, working together to be at the very centre of decision-making on issues that affect us and that we are passionate about.

**Mita Desai, BYC Chair**

# About the British Youth Council

We are young people – and our charity aims to help other young people, whatever their background or barriers they face, to make the world a better place for us all through active citizenship and youth-led social action.

## Our vision

A world where all young people are respected and able to influence and inform decisions that affect their lives or on which they have strong beliefs.

## Our mission

- To be, as the national youth council of the United Kingdom, committed to ensuring that those aged 25 and under are represented and participate fully and actively as citizens.
- To inspire people about the positive contribution that young people can make to their communities, our nation and the world.
- To empower young people with skills, knowledge and confidence to advance their rights and views to take part in decision-making.
- To campaign with our members and those who share our values, for a better world that gives young people the recognition they deserve

## Our values

**Participation** – We value meaningful participation of young people, enabling and empowering them to bring about a better world for all.

**Inclusion** – We value the inclusion of all, by working with young people from all backgrounds, cultures and ages to ensure a rich mix.

**Equality** – We value all young people equally, promoting their rights equally in the UK and around the world.

**Youth Leadership** – We value and nurture youth leadership, creating tomorrow's leaders today for a better future.

**Recognition** – We value the recognition of young people's achievements, publicly valuing them as part of our society.



UK Youth Parliament House of Commons Debate, 2014

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# Involving our members

The British Youth Council is the National Youth Council of the UK, made up of more than 260 member organisations supporting our common vision for young people. These members elect our Board, determine our policies and prioritise our campaigns. They also act as the link between the charity and millions of individuals within the membership of our members, promoting opportunities to them to volunteer for social action.

The British Youth Council team of trustees, staff, and volunteers seek to represent the views of young people and members, on issues affecting them, to stakeholders and decision makers at a local, national and international level. We are non-party political but active within our democracy – using the ballot box to elect representatives and prioritise campaigns. Last year we rallied, lobbied and offered a range of opportunities and a platforms to members to meet Government or candidates for Government. We also continued our work to make representations to Westminster and Whitehall on public policy, notably through a Youth Select Committee enquiry (Votes at 16 in 2014 and Better Mental Health, in 2015) and the National Scrutiny Group. This year we also campaigned in the General Election for voter registration, to increase turnout and better engagement by politicians with a young electorate. We also enabled young people to represent themselves more effectively at local, national and international level through our training and volunteering programmes, notably the UK Youth Parliament.

At a national level we now have access to some government departments through Youth Voice initiatives and support all local authorities in England with their youth participation.

## Our membership at a glance...

Type of organisation	2014/15	2015/16
Cultural groups	2	1
Faith groups	5	5
Local Youth Councils	199	209
National organisation	15	25
Youth wings of political parties	2	0
Regional organisation	4	4
Youth wings of trade unions	2	2
Uniform organisations	5	5
Under-represented groups	17	15
Other	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>268</b>

**Members at Conventions:** Throughout 2014/15, 1,148 (1,080 last year) young people from 138 (135 last year) BYC organisations attended 20 regional Conventions for training and support.

These one day events develop the skills and knowledge of young people in representational roles within their local communities, including but not limited to Members of Youth Parliament, Deputy MYPs, Young Mayors, Youth Councillors and Children In Care Council members. They also enable young people to influence Government Policy through consultations, exploring new topics and where possible question decision-makers.



At the end of the membership year there were **268** new and retained members, of which **23** were new.



## In 2015/16

Our strategy calls for us to 'engage our members', emphasising the relationship with membership to be interactive – We will continue to offer member only events – such as Equality4All and Faith workshops, and will provide more opportunities to give member organisations credited platforms (such as we piloted with the General Election Manifesto) and exclusive access to more political parties during the conference season in 2015.

The Board has also decided to consult members in a Governance review to ensure we continue to be fit for purpose and represent our members interests in our subsequent decision making processes on their behalf.

# Empowering through campaigning and consulting

## Priority campaigns 2014

BYCs priority campaign was Voter Registration, to increase it and the subsequent turnout in both the European and the General Election. We also called for politicians to give young people something to vote for, youth manifestos and a Youth Minister.



### League of Young Voters

We reached over 1.5 million on Facebook and 250,000 watched party leaders exclusively recorded messages to young voters encouraging them to vote. Two parties (Greens and Labour) produced Youth Manifestos. We are now working in partnership with the Cabinet Office Democratic Engagement Team to pilot a new Schools Democracy Award to continue voter registration and citizenship awareness.



### General Election campaign

#### British Youth Council's General Election campaign 14/15

In May 2014 we began the process of consulting young people across the UK about the issues they care about and invite delegates from our 250 member organisations to shape these ideas into policy and campaign motions for the BYC Manifesto. At ACM last September 14 we debated and voted on a final version, and finally in January 2015, members voted on a priority top five that we would be our challenge to politicians and parties campaigning for power in the May 2015 election. This was our broad agenda for the Parliament over 2015-20.

The Manifesto was launched by BYC members and our Honorary President Julie Hillings MP in Parliament, with a factbook and animation - featuring 'Save Youth Services' (Haringey Youth Council), 'Living Wage' (Unison young members forum), 'Mental Health' (Right Here), 'Votes 16'

(Barnsley Youth Council), and 'Compulsory First Aid' (St John Ambulance).

## Ongoing campaigns:



### Choose Youth

The British Youth Council continues to play a pivotal role in the Choose Youth coalition where it is campaigning against cuts to youth services, lobbying that decision makers – particularly locally – choose youth in their plans for services. Next year we are planning to do more direct work with BYC members to take this campaign forward.

### National Scrutiny Group

BYC ran the National Scrutiny Group until March 2015 when funding was discontinued by the Government, The group have examined:

- My Place network
- Childrens Rights
- Support for refugees
- Gov.uk website



### NHS Youth Forum

The new partnership has continued and grown with a national recruited advisory group refreshed for 2015. Comprising of 20 young people from across England, the forum works with NHS England, Public Health England and the Dept of Health improve health services for young people. Their priorities include improving awareness of mental health, better communication styles between clinicians and young patients. The project is planned to continue and grow in 2015/16.

“It’s important that MPs know how vital it is that we engage with young people, listen to young people, and take forward the campaigns that young people are running. The young vote is just as important as the grey vote, and we need to work as hard as we possibly can to make sure we get that message across.”

**BYC Honorary President Julie Hilling MP**

British Youth Council



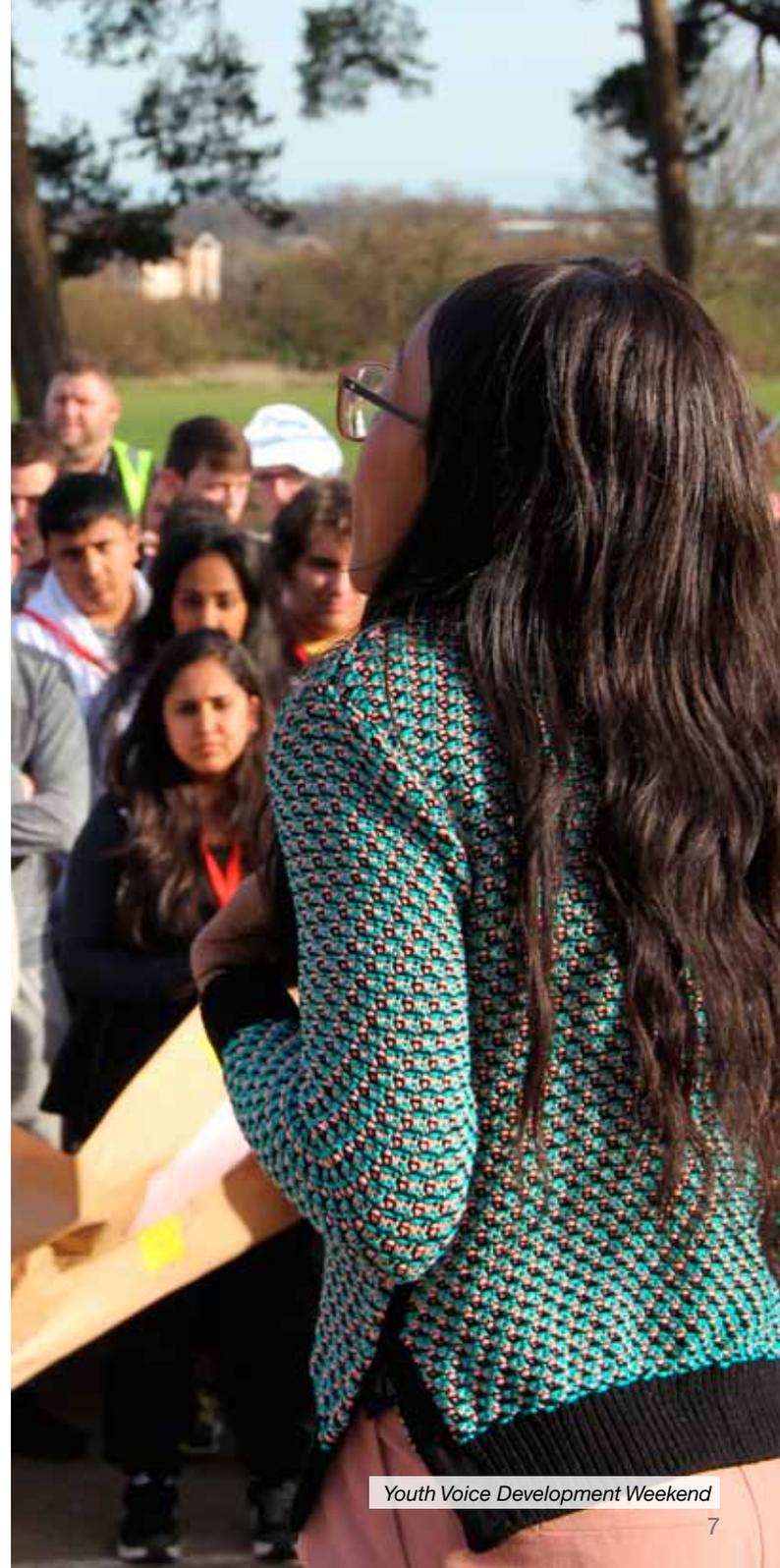
### **Youth Select Committee**

The fourth annual Youth Select Committee investigated “Better Mental Health” for young people. It was recruited at the end of 2014 and

follows the work of the “Votes at 16” Committee from the year before, which published its report in November 2014. This model is supported by all parties and will be a new structured way to represent youth issues to Government. It is supported by Parliament with use of Westminster rooms, clerk, Hansard and broadcast live by the BBC. The Government formally responded to the Youth Select Committee on Votes at 16, noting its recommendations. Minister Sam Gyimah MP said “The Government welcomes this report as a significant contribution to the debate. You have gathered an impressive volume of evidence from both sides. It is comprehensive and well-argued.”

## Plan for 2015/16

- Introduce a new Democratic Engagement award for Schools
- Continue to champion issues in Our Part Our Vision
- Support the outcomes from the Youth Select Committee on Mental Health
- Grow the partnership with NHS England



# Empowering through the ballot box

BYC runs a number of democratic youth-led networks and programmes, which encourage young people to get involved in society, on a local and national level, as voters or as candidates campaigning to bring about change. Our youth-led networks include:



## UK Youth Parliament

The UK Youth Parliament provided a vehicle for local and national campaigning and scrutiny. Whilst most of activity is at a local level in tandem with the work of local youth councils and mayors there is a year long national cycle of training, support and campaigning to mobilise the mandate, skills and expertise of young people to focus on one or two key campaigns. For example we a residential Leadership Training programme in the Spring and then we support the MYPs to develop debate and adopt a range of new policy motions in the Summer, to include in the UKYP Manifesto, and to choose a list of priority campaigns to a national public ballot of young people in the autumn. This achieved a record 876,488 votes which resulted in five areas for national debate in the House of Commons in the Winter.

- Better, accessible Mental Health
- Living Wage for all
- Work Experience
- Votes at 16
- English and Maths resits

These issues were debated live on BBC in the House of Commons in November 2014. Living age was the UK wide campaign, and Mental health the devolved issues. This was subsequently referred by BYC (following our ACM prioritisation of this issue) to be the subject of the new joint Youth Select Committee. (See Debatable magazine for more information.)

At this years Annual Sitting in the House of Commons, individual members from each region and nation made speeches recognising the anniversary of World War One.



## Young Mayor Network

A network that gives directly-elected young mayors the chance to support each other and come together.

Young mayors attend a BYC run young leaders residential course every Spring and can share good practice and news on their own website.



## Local Youth Council Network

Supporting up to 600 local youth councils across the UK to represent the views of young people at a local level.

Some youth councils elect their MPS and Young Mayor from their ranks of councillors. The best practice examples include reserved seats for representatives of minority groups, such as those from care, refugees or those with a disability.

All three bodies meet together at a series of over 20 regional and national conventions throughout the year, attended by over 900 young people. They are sometimes attended by officials from government departments and others who want to consult at a local level.

“Thank you once again for the tremendous contribution the British Youth Council makes, I send everyone involved my very best wishes for the future”

**David Cameron MP, The Prime Minister,**  
responding to the General Election campaign.



**876,448** votes were cast by young people across the UK in the 2014 Make Your Mark ballot – the largest youth consultation in the UK.

“In every generation, there are those who stand apart. They step up, they raise their hand, they put on the uniform and lay their lives on the line. To our veterans, to the fallen and to their families, there is no commemoration, no tribute and no praise that can truly match the magnitude of your service and sacrifice. On the behalf of every person in this Chamber, I say two simple words: thank you.”

Rose Warburton MYP for Warrington (pictured)

Charity Times Awards 2015 shortlisted the UKYP Make Your Mark campaign and House of Commons vote for “Campaign of the Year”

## Plan for 2015/16

The 2015 Make Your Mark ballot will aim to record 1 million votes – 2 million ballots have been printed

# Empowering through training and recognition

## Youth On Board Awards

BYC believes that charities and other organisations working with young people need to ensure that they are acting in the interests of all of their stakeholders, including young people. The Youth on Board campaign calls on organisations to make a commitment to involving young people in their decision-making through consultation, round the table and in the boardroom. We make around 10 awards each quarter. See our website for how to apply for a Youth On Board award.

## Youth Voice Awards

BYC has developed a range of learning awards accredited by ASDAN to recognise and reward young people's amazing involvement and dedication in youth voice and community involvement activities. Young people complete at least ten hours of varying activities in order to gain the ASDAN accredited award. An easy-to-use downloadable log book as well as staff handbook are available to accompany the award to make the process as easy and straightforward as possible.

We trained **2,518** young people in 14/15

(2,287 in 2013/14; 1,899 in 2012/13; 1,785 in 2011/12 and 1,640 young people 2010/11)



Over **2,000** of these attendees were from **160** BYC member organisations

## Plan for 2015/16

- We plan to run 20 Conventions in the nine regions of England and one each in Belfast, Glasgow and Wales.
- Increased number of consultancy and individual training courses
- We will continue to run a volunteer social action network – not just Make your Mark, but Make it Happen
- We will continue the Youth Voice (Eng) initiative to continue the work of the UK Youth Parliament, support every LA choice of Youth Voice vehicle, a national Youth Select Committee in Westminster and to inform and influence Government through consultations.
- We will continue the Youth on Board award scheme to recognise organisations and young people who promote youth participation and include a new award targeted politicians and stakeholders.



# Empowering locally to globally

BYC's vision is for a world in which all young people are respected, where all young people are able to influence and inform decisions which affect their lives, and to take action on the issues that matter to them. To make this a reality the work of BYC continues to reflect the changing, and interconnected global society in which young people are living and learning.

The British Youth Council's international work has three priorities



**Global Voice** - BYC supports young people to have voice and influence locally, nationally and internationally. Through our international youth participation programmes young people are able to take part in discussions and influence decisions made at an international level.



**Global Action** - BYC supports young people to get involved in international projects and campaigns.



**Global Learning** - BYC supports young people to learn about global issues and to connect and share with other young people around the world.

## Achievements in 2014/15

Last year BYC international programmes, mainly through the UK Young Ambassadors programme, engaged more than 650 young people directly in its work and more indirectly through consultations and other activities.

We have supported 17 young people to represent the UK at international forums and events in 7 different countries including:

### International Forums and Events:

- European Youth Forum – Belgium, Hungary, Germany, Greece
- European Youth Policy Conferences – Greece, Italy, Latvia

- World Conference on Youth - Sri Lanka
- Global Forum on Youth Policies - Azerbaijan

### Training and Consultancy:

We also carried out training and consultancy work in the UK and 5 other countries.

- Active Citizens International Study Visit – Pakistan (and young people from Egypt, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Jordan and Myanmar)
- National Youth Council development - Macedonia (FYROM)
- Horn of Africa Learning for Leadership and Action (HOLLA) – Ethiopia
- British/Irish Youth Event for the President of Ireland visit – London
- European Youth Event – Belgium

### Study Visits:

We welcomed visitors to discuss youth policy and programmes from China, Germany, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Sweden and Turkey.

### Youth Participation Programmes:

- Post 2015 Governance and Accountability Task Team – Global
- Horn of Africa Learning for Leadership and Action (HOLLA) – Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan
- Youthpart – Germany, Finland, Spain, Austria, UK
- Youth Participation in Democratic Europe – Germany, Poland, Israel, Lithuania, UK
- League of Young Voters – pan-European

# Case Studies

## Structured Dialogue

BYC coordinates the UK National Working Group for Structured Dialogue, which supports policy dialogue between young people and decision-makers in the UK, leads youth research and consultation on European youth policy, and prepares and shares youth policy reports to European youth policy conferences every 6 months.

## Active Citizens

BYC is a global master facilitator for the British Council's Active Citizens programme which supports community-led sustainable development and has reached more than

300,000 people in over 30 countries. BYC delivers training to facilitators, supports international study visits and helps develop new programme content.

## Horn of Africa Learning for Leadership and Action (HOLLA)

BYC is helping to train and support young people from Ethiopia, Sudan and South Sudan to develop youth-led national projects on arts for development, peace-building and governance; and to establish national and regional youth advocacy networks

## Libya Youth Participation

After hosting a study visit to the UK for a group from Libya, BYC is now supporting the first tentative explorations of what youth participation in the country might look like, including running a large stakeholder scoping event in Tripoli.

## League of Young Voters

BYC is the UK branch of the European-wide League of Young Voters (LYV) campaign to increase young people's turnout at the European elections. We now support a growing UK League of Young Voters coalition to extend the campaign to the Scottish Referendum and the UK General Election.

## Youthpart/Youth e-Participation

Two German Government led initiatives in Europe. An e-participation partnership policy exchange run with organisations from Germany, Finland, Spain, Austria and the UK, and a general youth participation good practice exchange between Germany, UK, Israel, Poland, and Lithuania. Both these partnership concluded this year with final reports presented in Berlin and London respectively. The London report - Amplify Youth Participation is available as both a hard copy and animation report.

## Plan for 2015/16

- Strengthening European youth representation and maximising the opportunities from Structured Dialogue.
- Developing guidance and an award for excellence and innovation in youth participation for elected representatives
- Supporting youth people to advocate for better governance in post-2015 development, nationally and globally
- Developing our capacity to support youth participation in national and global governance
- Gaining support for the UK Young Ambassadors project and international youth representation
- Continuing the development and delivery of the British Council's Active Citizens programme
- Supporting youth development and advocacy in the Horn of Africa, including working in 2 new countries: Djibouti and Somaliland

# Walking the Talk – the Youth Select Committee on Mental Health

One of the goals of BYC is to have a real impact on decision makers and one recently successful initiative has been the British Youth Council's Youth Select Committee which has been meeting in Parliament since 2012. This year's enquiry is looking into mental health awareness, education and services. Alistair Burt MP, Minister for Community and Social Care and Sam Gyimah MP, Minister for Childcare and Education were among witnesses, including young people and practitioners, who gave evidence in June.

*"Children and young people's mental health is my personal priority. It was both an honour and pleasure to provide evidence at the Youth Select Committee earlier this month. I am looking forward to the forthcoming report and would like to continue to work with the members so we can ensure that their views are incorporated into our work."* | **Alistair Burt MP, Minister for Community and Social Care**

*"One of this Department's priorities is to support schools and colleges in helping young people succeed through developing good character, resilience and mental health. It was both a challenge and a pleasure to give evidence to such a knowledgeable and engaged committee on this vital issue. As I said at the committee, it's really important that we listen to young people at all stages when we develop policy as well as designing and delivering services. I look forward to their report, which I'm sure will provide a valuable perspective on how to meet the challenges we face."* | **Sam Gyimah MP, Minister for Childcare and Education**



Youth Select Committee Oral Evidence session 2015

# The Future of UKYP

On Friday 23rd June 2015, MPs granted Members of Youth Parliament another five years use of the House of Commons chamber for our annual debate. The Deputy Leader of the House of Commons Dr Thérèse Coffey MP successfully proposed the motion: *“That this House welcomes the work of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament in providing young people with an opportunity to engage with the political process and accordingly resolves that the UK Youth Parliament should be allowed to meet once a year in the Chamber of this House for the duration of this Parliament.”*

Dr Thérèse Coffey MP went on to say *“The motion stands in my name, along with those of the Leader of the House, the shadow Leader of the House and the Scottish National party’s shadow Leader of the House.*

*“The United Kingdom Youth Parliament has now met in this Chamber annually since 2009, giving younger people an opportunity to debate motions, which have recently been decided upon by a national poll under the name, Make Your Mark. The number of votes cast in the Make Your Mark ballot increased from 478,632 in 2013 to 876,488 in 2014. Last year, that led to debates on exam resits, the living wage, careers advice and the voting age, as well as a commemoration of world war one. It is important that our young people learn a sense of respect and ownership of our democracy and its institutions, just as our democratic institutions need to respect them. Giving young people the chance to debate here in this Chamber is a great privilege, which I know they value. The motion would allow the UK Youth Parliament to meet annually for the length of this Parliament, and I commend it to the House.”*

Some MPs called for even further recognition of the UK Youth Parliament by Parliament with Tim Loughton MP insisting: *“They [Members of Youth Parliament] have earned the right to continue to sit in this house once a year and, more than that, I feel that they have earned the right to be taken rather more seriously, so their proceedings should become a matter for automatic debate by this house in future years.”*



# Targets

## Online reach

- Unique Web-visitors: 56,187 (BYC) and 69,169 (UKYP)
- E-bulletin: 12,900
- Facebook: 15,500 friends for both BYC and UKYP Facebooks (up from 12,931)
- Twitter followers 45,900 (BYC and UKYP, up from 33,532 last year)
- Press stories: 918 up from 633
- 4,200 free resources downloaded in a year

## Providing free resources

We have over 400 publications and training courses online. New publications for 2014 include:

- Make Your Mark – ballot results 2014
- Votes 16 – Youth Select Committee report 2014
- Debatable Magazine – UK Youth Parliament Annual Sitting 2014
- Positive Stories Bulletin (monthly)

## Election Trends

YEAR	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Make Your Mark referendum	2,502	65,532	253,637	478,386	876,488
UKYP/ Local Youth Council/ Young Mayor turnout	17%	22%	28%	21%	due

## UKYP, Local Youth Council and Young Mayor

Academic Year	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Number of direct elections	83	85	75	82
Number of candidates	1,610	2,193	2,013	2,111
Number elected	658	937	834	873
Number of votes	409,114	570,265	593,601	605,185
Highest local turnout	58.06%	63.44%	66.41%	84.70%
Average local turnout	16.81%	22.25%	27.59%	20.56%

### Where our money came from in 2014/15

Restricted Grant income £697,394

Unrestricted Income £358,551

*(Including membership fees, donations, publications, events, reimbursements, training and consultancy)*

**Total £1,055,945**

### What we spent it on

Programmes and Training £757,441

Policy and Communications £203,674

International Activities £137,088

Governance £19,466

Fundraising £19,693

**Total £1,137,362**

Our full audited accounts will be available online later in 2015 at [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk)



# Inclusive, Diverse & Representative

**27.5%**

from black and minority ethnic groups

**9.7%**

responded bi-sexual, gay or lesbian

**10%**

consider themselves disabled

**55%**

declared a faith inc. Christian (35%), Muslim (8%) & Sikh (2%)

**8%**

had received free school meals

**20%**

face challenges or barriers to participation

# Congratulations!

## Point of Light Award 2014

Shay Miah, MYP for Hartlepool, (pictured) received the Prime Minister's Point of Light Volunteering Award for his work as a Member of Youth Parliament. Shay was presented with his award by Minister for Civil Society Rob Wilson MP during the House of Commons of sitting.

He got an incredible 79 per cent of 11-18 year olds in Hartlepool voting in UKYP's Make Your Mark ballot. Through his efforts, Shay involved proportionally more young people in Make Your Mark than adults voting in Hartlepool at the last General Election and put Hartlepool at the top of the table with the highest turnout for the youth campaign.

Shay was the latest recipient of a Point of Light award, which recognises outstanding individual volunteers, people who are making a change in their community and inspiring others. Each day, someone, somewhere in the country is selected to receive the award to celebrate their remarkable achievements.



# Thank you to our supporters and volunteers

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