

# UK Youth Parliament

Campaign Summary 2021-22



**TRANSFORMING  
EDUCATION**

**MENTAL  
HEALTH**



**STOP  
PLASTIC POLLUTION**



United Kingdom

**Youth Parliament**  
MAKING OUR MARK

# Plastics and Climate Change

**This year we are partnering with organisations who specialise in the areas which came top in Make Your Mark 2020. We plan to work with NUS, Young Minds, Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace to form campaigns on the issues young people care about.**

**We will launch all three campaigns at an event towards the end of March. There will be campaigning activities which young people can get involved with straight away after the launch.**

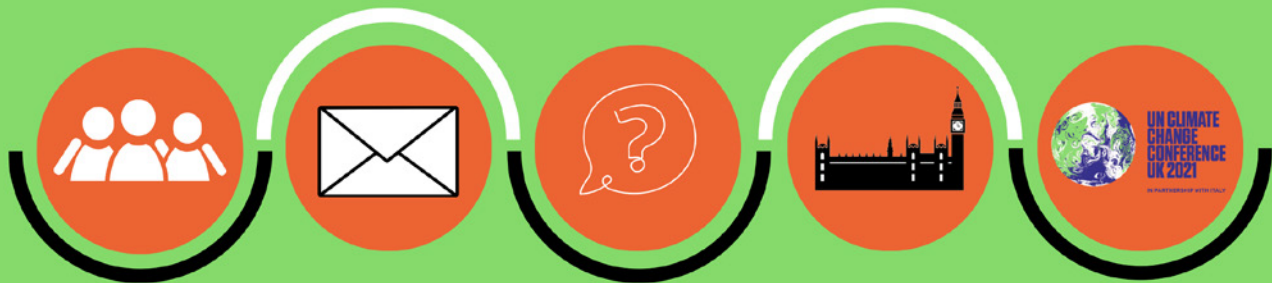
This campaign will follow the Plastic Pollution Bill (a Presentation Bill designed as a campaigning tool by a coalition of charities) Although we have campaign actions planned out over the course of 2021/22 the nature of the Parliamentary calendar at the moment means we will occasionally have to respond quickly in advocating for change. In March/April we will form a Campaign Steering Group who will mobilise young people in their areas and advise on when we should get involved/which particular aspects of the Bill we should advocate for.

1. March/April 21 - Launch a letter writing campaign asking MYPs to write to their local MP to scope out cross-party support for the Plastic Pollution Bill.
2. June/July 21 - Encourage MYPs to meet with their local MPs and ask them to submit Parliamentary questions or speak in debates focussing on amendments to the Environment Bill. The exact ask will depend on when the Government brings the Environment Bill to the House of Commons. BYC will provide briefings closer to the time.
3. Dependent on parliamentary timetable - we will have a day of action when the House of Commons votes on amendments to the Environment Bill relating to plastic pollution (hopefully taken from the Plastic Pollution Bill)
4. Sept/Oct 21 - We will run an event partnering with Greenpeace on plastic pollution and designed to inspire young people to take action targeted at COP26. We will share resources from Greenpeace following this event which will support young people to run events in their communities/schools to create further action around COP26.

UK Youth Parliament + Friends of the Earth + GreenPeace

# Stop Plastic Pollution

Stopping non-essential single use plastics by 2025 and making sure young people's voices are heard at COP26.



## March/April 21

Form a campaign coordination group who will mobilise young people in their areas and advise on when we should get involved/which particular parts of the Bill we should advocate for

[www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)

## April 21

Establish how much support there is for the Plastic Pollution Bill among MPs; young people write to their local MP and report back on their response

## May/July 21

Meet local MPs; ask them to submit Parliamentary questions or speak in debates focussing on amendments to the Environment Bill. The exact ask will depend on when the Government brings the Environment Bill to Parliament.

Depending on the parliamentary timetable - we will have a day of action when Parliament votes on amendments to the Environment Bill relating to plastic pollution (hopefully taken from the Plastic Pollution Bill)

## Sept/Oct 21

Take part in UK Youth Parliament/ Greenpeace event on plastic pollution and designed to inspire young people to take action targeted at COP26.

# Free University

This campaign will use resources derived from the NUS' Transforming Education events.

1. July/August 21 - We'll ask young people to run a Transforming Education in their school or town hall. We'll provide resources on how to structure the event. Young people will come away from this assembly with a "Manifesto for Inclusive Education."
2. September/October 21 - Using the manifestos created following the assembly, we'll host a "National Day of Action" with the NUS. We'll be advocating that the young people's ideas are incorporated in the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in November.
3. January/February 22 - We'll host a parliamentary reception, led by young people and hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Youth Affairs and Universities. At this event young people will respond to what the government has announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review and continue to campaign for their manifestos.



UK Youth Parliament + National Union of Students

# Transforming Education

Creating and campaigning for a manifesto for inclusive education.

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**April/July 21**

Host Transforming Education Assemblies in school halls and Town Halls; consulting young people and creating a Manifesto for Inclusive Education

**Sept/Oct 21**

Using the manifestos created following the assembly, we'll host a "National Day of Action" with the NUS. We'll be advocating that the young people's ideas are incorporated in the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in November

**Nov 21**

UK Government announces how it plans to spend money in the Comprehensive Spending Review

**Jan/Feb 22**

Take part in the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Youth Affairs and Universities. At this event young people will respond to what the government has announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review and continue to campaign for their manifestos

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# Mental Health

We plan to partner with Young Minds to support their campaign actions for local mental health hubs and to create a blueprint for children and young people's mental health.

1. March/April 21 - MYPs will be tasked with reaching out to other local campaigners on mental health and approaching their local MP, encouraging them to write to the Prime Minister calling for national funding for mental health hubs in the Autumn's Comprehensive Spending Review.
2. May/June 21 - MYPs will take part in Young Minds' consultation to design a new vision for what mental health support for children and young people should look like.
3. Sept/Oct 21 - MYPs will campaign for their vision to be included in the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in November 21.
4. Nov/Dec 21 - Young Minds will launch their "Movement for Change", a campaign enabling young people to campaign on the issues that matter to them.

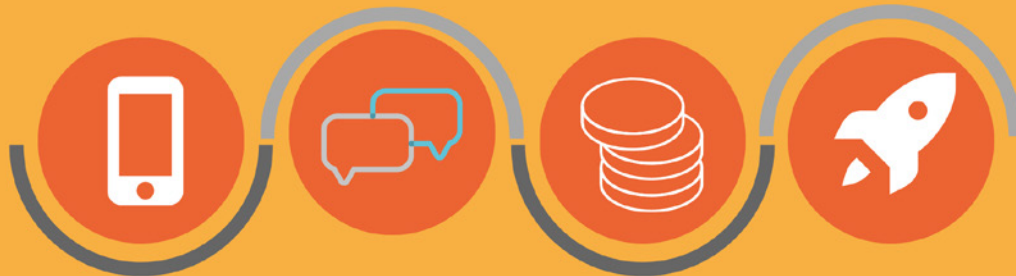


## UK Youth Parliament + Young Minds

# Mental Health: Movement for Change

Creating a blueprint for children and young people's mental health, and setting up local mental health support hubs

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### **May 21**

Approach your local MP, encouraging them to write to the Prime Minister calling for national funding for mental health hubs in the Autumn's Comprehensive Spending Review

### **Summer 21**

Run YoungMinds consultations in schools, colleges and youth groups to design a new vision for what mental health support for children and young people should look like.

### **Sept/Oct 21**

Campaign for our vision to be included in the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review in November 21.

### **Nov/Dec 21**

Young Minds will launch their "Movement for Change", enabling young people to campaign on the issues that matter to them

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