



Youth Parliament  
MAKING OUR MARK

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

#UKYP23



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# Welcome

## to UK Youth Parliament Annual Conference 2023!

After a busy weekend debating policies and building our manifesto last year, we're coming together now after a busy year building and taking action on our national campaign, Food for Learning!

This weekend will see us hearing from each other about local campaigning and successes as well as working together to shape the final national phase of the campaign.

More than that though, this key point in the UK Youth Parliament programme brings together passionate young changemakers (yes, you're one of them!) from across the country for a weekend of networking, sharing successes and getting to know each other!

For many of you, you'll be entering the final six months of your MYP terms, and hopefully this weekend will provide opportunities for you to be inspired, and leave re-energised to go back and make change in your communities in those last six months!

I'm part of the UK Youth Parliament Steering Group, and we've worked with the British Youth Council to shape the purpose and programme for this event. Please do come and say hello if you see us this weekend, we're here to support you and make this event fun and memorable for all of you!

For many of you this will be your last Annual Conference, your last residential event with UK Youth Parliament, so please do make the most of it and I hope you have an amazing weekend!

## Jamie Burrell

Steering Group Representative - South West and British Forces Overseas



# Programme

## Friday 21st July

All Worker sessions will  
take place in Esther  
Simpson 3.01

Start	Finish	Description	Where	Workers
12pm	3.30pm	Registration and Check In	Storm Jameson Court	As MYPs
3.45pm	4.20pm	Welcome to Annual Conference	Esther Simpson LG.08	As MYPs
4.20pm	4.50pm	Break		As MYPs
4.50pm	5.20pm	Making the most of the weekend		As MYPs
5.20pm	6.30pm	Learning from Spill the Tea		Workshop 1
7pm	8.30pm	Dinner	The Refectory	As MYPs
8.30pm	10.00pm	Friday Night Ents – Quiz.	Quiz - The Refectory	As MYPs
			Quiet Space - Storm Jameson Court	



# Saturday 22nd July

Start	Finish	Description	Where	Workers
8.00am	9.00am	Breakfast	The Refectory	As MYPs
9.15am	9.30am	Regional/National Check-In	Group 1 = Room 2.07 Group 2 = Room 2.08 Group 3 = Room 2.09 Group 4 = Room 2.10 Group 5 = Room 1.08 Group 6 = Room 2.12 Group 7 = Room 3.08 Group 8 = Room 3.02 Group 9 = Room 3.01	As MYPs
9.30am	10.30am	Showcasing Local Work	As before	Workshop 2
10.45am	11.15am	Break		As MYPs
11.15am	12.15pm	Continuation of Showcasing	As before	Workshop 3

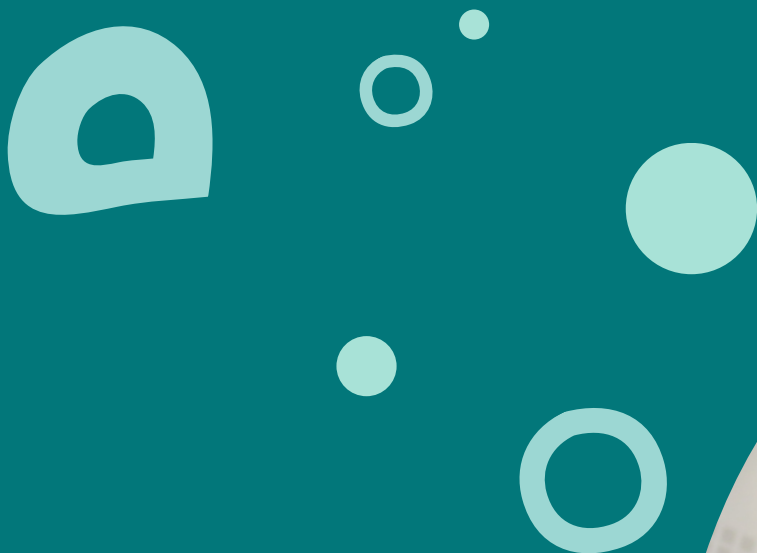
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12.15pm	1.10pm	Lunch	The Refectory	As MYPs
1.10pm	3.00pm	Debating Headlines for a Food for Learning Bill	Esther Simpson 1.01	Workshop 4 Workshop 5
3.00pm	3.30pm	Speaker: Stuart Andrew MP, Minister for Sport, Gambling and Civil Society	Esther Simpson LG.08	
3.30pm	4.00pm	Break		As MYPs
4.00pm	6.00pm	Bill Context Development	Group 1 = Room 2.07 Group 2 = Room 2.08 Group 3 = Room 2.09 Group 4 = Room 2.10 Group 5 = Room 1.08 Group 6 = Room 2.12 Group 7 = Room 3.08 Group 8 = Room 3.02 Group 9 = Room 3.01	Workshop 6 (4pm-5pm)
6.30pm	8.00pm	Dinner	The Refectory	As MYPs
8.00pm	10.00pm	Summer Party	Leeds University Union - The Pyramid  Quiet Space - Storm Jameson Court	As MYPs

# Sunday 23rd July

Start	Finish	Description	Where	Workers
8.00am	9.00am	Breakfast	The Refectory	As MYPs
9.00am	10.00am	Check out and bag drop	Esther Simpson 1.01	As MYPs
10.00am	10.45am	Closing Ceremony	Esther Simpson LG.08	
10.45am	11.30am	Networking Bag collection	Esther Simpson 1.01	As MYPs
11.30am		Departure		As MYPs

Please note all timings, locations and activities remain subject to change





# MYP Breakout Sessions

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## Aims

As well as the times when all MYPs will be together, throughout the weekend there will be times when you get to meet in smaller groups.

## Friday - 4:50pm-5:20pm

This session will be delivered in your regions/nations with a staff member and a Steering Group representative. The main aims of this session are for MYPs to:

- Continue getting to know one another and networking.
- Understand the weekend ahead and what to expect.
- Have the opportunity to ask any questions.

## Friday - 5:20pm-6:30pm

This session is aimed at giving MYPs the space to understand more about the Food for Learning national campaign and exploring the Spill the Tea activity and learnings. There will also be the opportunity to explore some of the skills needed for debating and Bill development ahead of Saturday's Bill session.

## Saturday - 9:15am-9:30am

This short check in session will be delivered in your regions/nations and will give MYPs the opportunity to check in with each other and ask any questions.

## Saturday - 9:30am-12:15pm

These local showcasing sessions will be themed according to the different sections of the manifesto created at Annual Conference 2022 and give MYPs the opportunity to share and discuss their projects and campaigns with other MYPs.

## Saturday - 4pm-6pm

This session will recap on the Food for Learning national campaign and will continue the bill development conversations started in the main debate session on Saturday afternoon. MYPs will also discuss bill sponsorship and a long title.

# Worker Sessions

## Workshop 1 – Connecting

An opportunity to meet colleagues, learn a little about each other's work and reflect on our own practice.

## Workshop 2 – Working with the Media (co-delivered by an external trainer)

## Workshop 3 – Media Part 2

The aim of these sessions is to support youth workers to prepare young people for interviews for radio, TV and newspapers. The sessions will also aim to equip youth workers with the tools and knowledge to educate young people about social media footprints and keeping safe.

## Workshop 4 – Our Year Ahead

## Workshop 5 – Our Year Ahead Part 2 (2.30 – 3.30)

These sessions will look at the coming year and what youth workers need to prepare for in order to best support the young people involved with the programme.

## Workshop 6 – DBS

This session will be delivered by Catherine Taylor from DBS and will explore DBS eligibility and the new reporting legal duty. There will be the opportunity to ask any DBS questions.



# About the British Youth Council

The British Youth Council is the National Youth Council of the UK. A youth-led charity, we empower young people aged 25 and under to influence and inform the decisions that affect their lives. We support young people to get involved in their communities and democracy locally, nationally and internationally, making a difference as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders.

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.



## Our Vision

A world in which every young person is empowered to create social and political change.

## Our Mission

As the national youth council of the UK, the British Youth Council brings young people together to find their voice and use it to improve the lives of young people. We work with others to amplify young people's voices to create an environment in which young people's views are valued, sought after and acted upon.



# Our Values

## Youth Led



Young people are agents of change and will always be at the forefront of our work. As a youth-led charity, young people are our leadership through our governance structures. They lead and shape our work, and we support them to define their own action for change. We champion youth leadership across all sections of society, evidencing the benefits of engaging young people in decision making and delivery and supporting that to happen.

## Collaborative



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## Inclusive



We respect and value diversity and act in a way that includes all. We ensure that all our activities are inclusive, recognising the needs of young people across different communities. We bring young people and partners together to learn from each other.

## Serving our membership

The British Youth Council is made up of around 200 member organisations who support our common vision for young people. Members elect our board, determine our policies and prioritise our campaigns. They also act as the link between the British Youth Council and millions of individuals within the membership of our members.

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

## Youth-led networks

The British Youth Council runs a number of youth-led networks and programmes - including the UK Youth Parliament, the NHS England Youth Forum, the Future Voices Group, the Careers and Enterprise Company Advisory Group, the Youth Select Committee. All encourage young people to get involved in democracy and campaign to bring about change.

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

## Campaigning and consulting

The British Youth Council seeks to represent the views of young people and our members to stakeholders and decision makers at a local, national and international level. This work is based on our manifesto, which outlines our beliefs and aspirations.

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

## International

Through our international youth participation, young people learn about global issues and connect and share with other young people around the world. They are able to take part in discussions and influence decisions made at an international level as well as in the UK.

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



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