

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## **As MYP/DMYP you have the responsibility to uphold the following ethos and principles:**

1. UKYP is an independent national body, which seeks to represent no party political view.
2. UKYP discussions are to be solely issue based.
3. UKYP will ensure that the young people of the UK are given a voice on any issue that affects them as laid out in Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, as long as it does not affect the rights of others.
4. UKYP will respect the issues as laid out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, to ensure that every young person who participates in the work of

UKYP, has his/her rights respected and protected.

5. Any young person up to and including the age of 18, has the right to have his/her view heard and listened to by UKYP.
6. As an elected MYP/DMYP your duty is towards:
  - The young people who voted for you;
  - The young people who didn't vote for you;
  - Every young person in your LEA/constituency

## **As MYP/DMYP you have a duty to comply with the following expectations:**

1. To have read and understood the MYP/DMYP Terms of Reference, and undertake your term of office accordingly.
2. To take your role and

duty seriously when you are representing UKYP, both in and outside UKYP meetings.

3. To communicate with others (whether they be adults or young people) within the framework and philosophy of equal opportunities.
4. To promote UKYP in a way that will not harm the reputation of the organisation.
5. To actively engage with young people in your constituency and represent their views at a local, regional and national level.
6. To attend UKYP meetings, arrive on time and make sure that there are transport arrangements to and from your place of meeting, according to the policies of your Local Authority.
7. If you cannot attend a UKYP meeting you should inform your adult support worker, and send your apologies to the meeting.
8. When communicating

in writing, e.g. – via a letter or email, an MYP/DMYP should remember to respect the views of others, be courteous at all times and consider equal opportunities legislation. When using the e-groups MYPs/DMYPs should only post messages which are in accordance with the UKYP Terms of Reference, and which conform to the UKYP Child Protection and Equal Opportunities policies.

9. If the elected members of UKYP feel that an MYP has broken the guidelines as laid out in the Code of Conduct or Terms of Reference, UKYP's Disciplinary Procedure will be applied.

To view UKYP's Disciplinary Procedure please go to [www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk). If you don't have access to the internet and would like to view the document please phone 020 7553 9890 and a copy will be posted to you.