

# HOW TO CHANGE UKYP POLICY

At the 2006 Annual Sitting, MYPs voted for a system, similar to that of a Private Members Bill used in the House of Commons, which enables MYPs to change and influence UKYP policy throughout the year. This system gives more power to MYPs and allows UKYP to respond to and effect change, as and when issues of concern and importance arise.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- **First Reading (letting other regional MYPs know about the issue/proposal)**

If an MYP, or group of MYPs, want to raise an issue for UKYP to consider as national policy, their first step should be to inform their regional e-group of what the issue is and their proposal for the way(s) in which UKYP should respond. The Regional Co-ordinator should then allow time on the agenda of the next regional meeting for the issue to be discussed.

- **Second Reading (explaining why UKYP should adopt the proposal and obtaining regional endorsement)**

The proposing MYP/group of MYPs are given time at their regional meeting to explain why they have made the proposal, and its relevance to UKYP and young people. The other MYPs in the regional group should then be given the opportunity to discuss and debate the issue, following which they should then vote to either endorse or reject the proposal.

- **The Committee Stage**

If endorsed by the regional group, then the issue will be posted

onto the UKYP Website, and an email sent to all the regional e-groups inviting MYPs to read the proposal and take part in an online debate, within a specific time period.

- **The Report Stage**

Once the online debate has taken place, the relevant UKYP policy group will consider the views of the MYPs expressed on the website, and may choose to amend the wording of the statement/proposal. The policy group will then release a final statement/proposal on the issue.

- **Third Reading**

All MYPs will then be given the opportunity to vote for or against the proposal. A majority of MYPs will be required to vote in favour, in order for the proposal to be endorsed as UKYP policy.

This process should take no more than six weeks, from the date of the regional meeting, to be worked through and for a decision to be made on the issue.

If you require any additional information about how this process works, please contact your Regional Co-ordinator or the UKYP Head Office on 020 7843 6310.

