

THE YEAR AHEAD

During your term of office you will have the chance to take part in a wide range of local, regional and national activities. Below is a very rough guide detailing some of the activities and events which will take place.

To find out dates of your regional meetings you should contact your Regional Co-ordinator or visit the UK Youth Parliament website: www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk.

FEBRUARY 2009

- 1st February - all newly elected MYPs come in to post.
- Regional Meetings - Regional Co-ordinators will bring together the newly elected MYPs in their region/nation for the first time to provide skills training and to begin to identify the key areas of concern. Where funding is available these meetings will be held as a residential (in some cases the first meeting or residential will take place in March or April).
- 19th February - UKYP Public Transport Conference (London) to discuss how to improve public transport for young people.

MARCH 2009

- National Campaign - each region will review the UKYP manifesto and put forward one issue as a suggestion for a UKYP national campaign.
- All regional campaign issues to have been submitted to UKYP Head Office no later than Monday 30th March 2009.



APRIL 2009

- Online debate and vote to help decide UKYP's three UK-wide campaigns.

MAY 2009

- National Campaign Debate - details to be confirmed.
- MYPs continue with any campaign/project work.

JUNE 2009

- Exams - Throughout an MYP's term of office UKYP always stresses that their school/college work must come first. From the middle of May through to the end of June, UKYP tries not to involve its MYPs in national/regional events in order that they may concentrate on their exams.

JULY 2009

- The Annual Sitting (24 - 27 July 2009 at Canterbury University) - All MYPs will come together to discuss the issues that are important to them and their electorate. MYPs will take part in workshops, debates, and will develop the national campaigns for the coming year (MYPs will continue to work on the national campaigns for the remainder of the year).

AUGUST 2009

- Summer Holidays - MYPs may use this time to work on local, regional or national projects and campaigns.

SEPTEMBER 2009

- Regional Meetings - if regional groups have not met at the end



MYPs at an East of England regional meeting, summer 2006

of August, Regional Co-ordinators will bring them together at the beginning of September.

OCTOBER 2009

- Party Conferences - MYPs local to where the Party Conferences are held, may wish to attend.
- Local Democracy Week - at a regional level, October is when the Local Government Association holds its "Local Democracy Week". MYPs will be encouraged to hold local/regional events in line with whatever the theme is for the year.

NOVEMBER 2009

- Procedures Group - elections will be held for the UKYP's Procedures Group.
- Circles of Influence at the British Museum - this is a high profile event organised by UKYP. MYPs from across the UK will come together to discuss the issues associated with UKYP's national campaigns with key decision makers and influential individuals.

DECEMBER 2009

- Regional Meetings - Regional groups will meet to discuss how they will pass on their work-load to newly elected MYPs.

JANUARY 2010

- Handover – MYPs will evaluate their work objectives over the past 12 months and offer guidance to the new MYPs coming into post.

Please note that all of the events listed above are subject to change.