



# MYPS VOTE FOR RECYCLING, PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES

On Friday 2nd May, MYPs made history by becoming the first ever elected group of young people to hold a debate in the House of Lords Chamber.

MYPs used the opportunity to debate and vote for the UK Youth Parliament's three UK-wide campaigns for the year ahead.

It was an absolutely amazing day – not just for the young people in attendance and for

the UK Youth Parliament, but for society in general, as the magnificent debates showed just how much young people care about their communities, and how much they want to help make a difference.

After two hours of debating, MYPs cast their vote for their top three campaigns, choosing recycling, a national public transport concession card for young people and abolishing tuition fees as UKYP's three

main campaigns for 2008/09. (See results table on page 5 for voting breakdown).

Commenting on the importance of recycling (the highest scoring campaign) Acie Marshall, MYP for Kensington and Chelsea, said: "It's your future, your world, your fight, switch on the news, it doesn't take a genius to figure out why mother nature is having a tantrum!"

Speaking after the event,



Baroness Helene Hayman, who chaired the debate said: "The quality of the debate today has been fantastic. We don't hear the sounds of clapping in this Chamber often. What really impressed me was the courage of people who stood up and took a position which was not the view of the majority - and the respect that you all showed to everyone's viewpoints."

MYPs will now develop the top three campaigns at the UK Youth Parliament Annual Sitting in Exeter in July.

Film footage of the debate will be available on the UKYP website at the end of May. Alternatively, you can read what happened in the debate in our fantastic LiveBlog! Just go to the following web address: [www.ukyp.org.uk/liveblog](http://www.ukyp.org.uk/liveblog)

## THE RESULT

Campaign	Votes*
1. Your Future, Your World, Your Fight - recycling/environment campaign	490
2. National public transport concession card for young people under the age of 18	425
3. Abolish university tuition fees	252
4. Fair and accurate representation of young people in the media	192
5. Lowering the voting age to 16	127
6. One single age at which young people are deemed to become an adult	55

\* MYPs voted using a weighted system, giving their first choice a 3, their second choice a 2 and their third choice a 1