

THE LAST WORD ...

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Welcome to the first Procedures Group update in Debatable - here to give you a quarterly view of what we're up to.

So, who are we? What do we do? And why are we here?

Every region and nation of the UK Youth Parliament has two members of the Procedures Group, elected by MYPs from those regions/nations, to represent them and try and make their experience as part of UKYP as much theirs as possible.

We do this by putting forward our region's/nation's ideas and working towards making them happen, whilst also having input into events such as the House of Lords, the Annual Sitting and Circles of Influence.

Our influence in regions/nations is really down to the discretion of the MYPs who elected us. So, to the update...

Annual Sitting

There will be a free afternoon on the Sunday, for sports, chill out time and other activities.

The bar will be open in the evenings, for strictly non-alcoholic drinks. All guests requested by MYPs will be invited, so now it's just a question of who says yes.

There will be a section for an MYP showcase, so we can find out what others have been doing over the year.

Team Talent

UKYP has developed links with the Talent and Enterprise Taskforce, which is a senior government body, supporting leadership in young people. See page 11 for more information.



The Procedures Group pose for the camera at a training residential, April 2008

British Library

There is a possibility of events, combining work of UKYP and The British Library, in the near future.

And finally a big thank you and congratulations, from the Procedures Group, to all the MYPs, who were fantastic at the House of Lords. For more information, contact the PG Rep in your area. We're working for you, so use us!

Correction: In Debatable Issue 5, in an article titled 'Ganja do without it?', it was incorrectly stated that barbiturates and methamphetamine are legal in the UK. Barbiturates are a prescription-only medicine and a class B controlled drug. Methamphetamine - often referred to as crystal meth - was reclassified as a Class A drug on 18 January 2007. We apologise for this error. For more information about drug use in the UK, go to: www.talktofrank.com

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