



Pound coin stickers infiltrate Parliament

Well done to everyone who supported the 'Free for All' pound coin sticker publicity drive (some of our supportive MPs even circulated the stickers in Parliament!). It had a huge impact across the country. The press loved it; we reached nearly all regions and managed to get press in

every UK nation.

The campaign is gaining a high profile, having featured in an array of newspapers including The Observer and The Guardian (several times!). It has also been mentioned in the Commons during a debate on higher education. In relation to the anticipated 2009 review into university fees, Stephen Williams MP insisted that young people must be a part of the review:

"I hope that the review will be open-minded and not merely a justification for raising the fee

cap. It will need to look at who benefits from higher education and who participates in it, and at the different modes of study, to ensure that all generations are able to participate. It should not be representative only of the sector and industry, but should generally involve young people. The UK Youth Parliament is keen to be involved in this issue."

We await further news of the review to take place next year but will continue lobbying for UKYP to be involved in the process.

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Recycling campaign gains momentum



With a new website launched, research is being undertaken into every local authority in

England to find out whether they charge for a recycling service for schools in their area. Results will be announced soon and should add ammunition to the campaign.

As part of the campaign we are still looking to gain information from schools. We still need 10 MYPs from each region to take a survey into their school for their headteacher to fill in. Without this support we won't have the information we need - please contact kajal@ukyp.org.uk to take part in this campaign by getting your headteacher to answer a few confidential questions on recycling.

Keep your eyes and ears open over the Christmas period for the exciting launch of the UKYP/Oxfam venture...

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Improved public transport would reduce car use, says report



Did you know that 83% of the population would happily use their cars less if public transport was improved?

Useful to know when lobbying your transport provider and local authority. Research commissioned by the Institute for Civil Engineers for the State of Transport Report indicates that more investment in public transport would reduce car dependency and

at the same time increase public transport use.

Whilst regions and local authorities are working on getting concessionary fares in their area, funding is currently being secured nationally for the much anticipated transport conference in February 2009. The conference will be a chance to take the key issues from the UKYP Fares Fair report and give young people the chance to address these directly with local authorities, transport service providers and Government officials.

The conference is provisionally marked for Thursday 19th February so get that pencilled in your diary and keep an eye out for further information.

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