



UK Youth Parliament

Cool or Corny?

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For those involved in the UK Youth Parliament, it is something cool and a good productive use of our time, and we can really make a difference. But this view is not shared by every young person across the UK. I know in my local area not many people have heard of the UK Youth Parliament, and who we are or what we do.

To those not involved, UKYP seems a pretty dull waste of free time, and rather a 'geeky' hobby. After all, who would want to be involved in our nation's politics if we didn't have to, right?

This view is shared by many young people not involved in their local youth parliament. They don't see the point in the organisation, or do not even know about it. Also, many people across the UK do not see what changes we make as it isn't all over the BBC News at Six, unlike all the latest political unrest and changes.

I know I won't be the only young person who has had some rather rude remarks made to them over their membership of UKYP. And trust me, I won't be the last.

For MYPs and Deputy MYPs though, the UK Youth Parliament is something cool, and fun, and also let's be honest, a good excuse for the occasional absence from school and college.

MYPs and DMYPs really make changes happen for young people across the UK. We are the ones who make UKYP what it is, and the ones who really make young people's lives different and easier. For us, this organisation, like many others we are part of, is something cool that we are proud to have membership of.

So, what do you think of UKYP? Cool or corny?

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"Politics is not designed to be cool. Although UKYP may not be viewed as cool, did Churchill go into politics because he wanted to be cool? I do not think so."
mkelleher

"Personally I would lean towards it being 'cool', only in a more interesting way. I am keen to be involved as I can see the importance and the need for such a body."
3necha

"I agree that politics is not seen as cool, however new faces such as Barack Obama will lead many more people to see the value that political debate holds."
kingston1991

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