

## Recycling: don't believe the myth

Don't believe the myth - recycling is NOT causing global warming and DOES make a difference!

A Daily Telegraph survey which claimed that more than 200,000 tonnes of household items put out for recycling were being landfilled every year does not show the real picture of recycling, according to environmental experts Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP). They have warned that figures are being manipulated.

So now we need to get people recycling. Two thirds of young people we surveyed didn't know that their old gadgets could be recycled! Thank goodness for the "Don't Get Rid - Get Recycling" scheme - to find out how you can get your school signed up, turn to page 12.

Despite Minister for Environment Jane Kennedy agreeing to meet with MYPs to discuss the recycling charges made to schools, Defra recently has written to UKYP



stating:

"Defra has accepted that the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 (CWR) should be reviewed to consider changes that might bring them more in line with current approaches to sustainable waste management. Defra has begun the process of setting up a public consultation on the CWR. In view of this our policy officials do not think it would be the best use of either Jane Kennedy's or UKYP resources to meet at this time."

We will bombard Defra with information when the consultation is announced later this year. In the meantime we will be pressing Jane Kennedy to accept the meeting she had publicly agreed to!

[www.ukyp.org.uk/recycle](http://www.ukyp.org.uk/recycle)



## Young people highlight transport woes at key events

North West MYPs recently held a transport conference, meeting with decision makers to present the case for cheaper and more accessible transport - this is a great idea for finding local transport solutions.

Nafisah Atcha, MYP for Bolton, said, "Young people in the North West are very reliant on transport. This is why today's event is so important. It highlights the needs of

young people and it also gives us a chance to talk to the bus companies directly."

The world of UKYP campaigns has been dominated by the Fares Fair conference. The event was a massive success, check out the website for photos, what happened on the day and what you can do next.

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## Tuition fees could go up, admits Minister

A report commissioned by Secretary of State for Universities, John Denham, has alarmingly recommended that the cap on fees should be completely lifted, giving universities free reign to charge what they like. However Higher Education Minister, David Lammy, has finally confirmed that the tuition fees review would be underway this year but would not report back until June 2010.

We're building case studies to show the stories behind university statistics. If you have been financially affected in any way by the cost of university - you may have been deterred, left in debt or had to drop out - whatever it is, we want to hear your story! Contact [kajal@ukyp.org.uk](mailto:kajal@ukyp.org.uk).



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