

## 2019 Make Your Mark

### Top Tip Champions' Guide: Make Your Mark Champions

*This guide aims to be an introduction to Make Your Mark and advise peer mentors, prefects, school councillors and students in schools and academies on how to become successful Make Your Mark Champions.*

Make Your Mark is the UK's largest youth consultation. In 2018, we reached the incredible total of 1.1 million votes collected from every corner of the UK!

#### **What actually is Make Your Mark and how does it work?**

Make Your Mark is a consultation of what's important to young people across the UK and what issues they care about the most. This year young people have 3 votes

1. **UK wide topics**- 1 vote from a list of 5 topics
2. **Devolved topics**- 1 vote from a list of five topics. [Find out more about devolution and Devolved topics on our website](#),
3. **Space to write a Local topic**. We've been asked to add this by local councils, some of whom will use this space while other might not. Only the UK and Devolved topics results will be collated and reported nationally.

#### **How can young people vote?**

Voting takes place at schools, youth groups and other places where young people like to socialise. This can be either paper ballot papers, Tally Sheets or our voting cards for large groups. An accessible ballot paper is also available.

#### **How are the issues on the ballot paper decided? What happens to the result?**

The five UK topics and five Devolved topics that appear on the ballot paper are chosen by the UK Youth Parliament. In a priority ballot, Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) choose the most important issues facing the young people they represent and the top five UK topics and top five Devolved topics are put onto the ballot paper. Young people will then get 2 votes, for 1 UK issue, and 1 Devolved. Then there is space to write a Local topic.

Once the Make Your Mark results are in, the top 2 UK wide topics and the top 3 devolved topics as voted for by young people on the ballot paper are then taken to be debated by MYPs. This has been done at their annual House of Commons sitting, which is usually televised on BBC Parliament every November. This year's debate, is subject to a vote in the new Parliament.

#### **But I'm not part of UK Youth Parliament?**

No problem! Make Your Mark wouldn't be so successful if it wasn't for Make Your Mark Champions. Champions are youth councillors, young mayors, school councillors and other young people passionate about ensuring young people are

heard. This year, we hope to have members of Scouting and Guiding from Counties across the country involved too.

### What's in it for me?

There are prizes to be won for the school that collects the most ballots! Be sure to check out the website for more information!

### Okay, I want to be a Make Your Mark Champion...!

Awesome! Then read on!

1. Sign up to be a Make Your Mark Champion on our website.
2. Speak to your Headteacher or lead teacher for PSHE/Citizenship at your school and ask them to get your school/academy involved in the campaign.
3. Talk to your school councillors and get them to sign up to be Make Your Mark Champions too! The more help you have, the easier it will be!
4. Ensure your school/academy is signed up on the website, if you're planning on running the vote outside of school you can request 1000 ballots (delivered from 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug) at [ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark](http://ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark), by **18<sup>th</sup> July**.
5. Once the ballot papers are delivered, encourage young people in your school to take part and liaise with your Headteacher about how you can help. You can remind them about the School Resource Pack on the website.
6. Once voting has closed, all the ballots need to be counted and totals should be submitted to [ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark](http://ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark) by **Noon on 9<sup>th</sup> October**. Then sit back and wait for the result!
7. Celebrate your success! Has your school/academy collected the most ballots in your area? Or maybe, you're the top school/academy in the country?!