

#PUSHEDOME



United Kingdom

Youth Parliament
MAKING OUR MARK

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Campaign introduction

Last year, over 142, 000 young people voted the need to have a Curriculum for Life as the most important issue for them. What does this mean? It means that, young people are saying that the education system needs to do a lot more to prepare them for life after school and college!

Campaign Aims:

- To raise awareness of the importance of a curriculum for life for all young people
- Gain the support of decision makers on our calls for curriculum that prepares us for life

We are calling for:

- **We want PSHE to cover all we need to actively participate in life!** We want to know about finances, relationships and sex, the political system, cultural awareness and community cohesion, sustainable living and citizenship!
- **We want our teachers to be trained so that they are empowered to deliver quality lessons.**
- **We want time set aside in our timetables, we don't just want it to be a time filler or random lessons.**
- **We want it to be taught in all schools to all pupils!** No matter where you live or the type of school a young person goes to, they should have a curriculum which prepares them for life!

WILL YOU JOIN OUR CALL?

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What's the big deal?

- There are 12 statutory subjects that have statutory status – this means they have to be taught and assessed in schools. Personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) is a non-statutory subject. There has been a big campaign – supported by over 100 leading organisations including the British Youth Council , 92% of parents, by 92% of pupils, 88% of teachers and 85% of business leaders, the Children’s Commissioner, the Chief Medical Officer and the national police lead for child sexual exploitation, and leading Parliamentarians from across the political spectrum, including the Commons Education Committee and the Home Affairs Committee and the chairs of Commons Health, Women and Equalities and Business, Innovation and Skills Committees.
- Due to its non-statutory status PSHE education is often squeezed from the curriculum in many schools, taught very irregularly or taught in ways outside the curriculum such as tutor time – which is not recommended by experts such as the PSHE Association, the subject’s national body. Teachers are not trained to teach PSHE – so the standard varies nationally. OFSTED have even said that standard of PSHE is ‘not yet to a good standard in schools – the overall picture of PHSE. The subject is slowly but surely being pushed out of school and teachers are not being trained to deliver it.
- Through the Children and Social Work Bill, Relationship and Sex education will be compulsory from September 2019. This is just the beginning of change though! The Government plans to consult on the same status to personal, social, health and economic education

The PSHE association have done loads of work in this area and they are massive supporters of this campaign! To find out more on why this is such an important by visiting www.pshe-association.org.uk/campaigns

What are we going to do about it?

There are 3 simple ways you can make a difference!

1 Use Social media to spread the word!

Tell everyone in your network, why having a curriculum that prepares you for life is important to you!

Get creative with it! You can make a video, write a poem, design an image – whatever it is, use your talents to help get the message out far and wide.

You can do this at any time, just be sure to use #PSHE4ME and hopefully we can break the internet! The campaign launches on Monday 26th June at 3pm – this would be a great time to share your post!

2 Meet With your MP

We need meet with your MP ask them to:

- 1) Support the campaign
- 2) Support the calls (*see what we are calling for on page 3*) and the highlight the campaign in Parliament
- 3) Take a picture so both of you can post it!

Once you meet with them, please tell us how it goes [by following this link](#).

You'll need write to your MP to ask to meet with them. You can tweet them, email them or write a letter to them. [You can find out who you MP is here!](#)

Some Useful tips for your meeting:

- Take your passion with you but also make sure you read the campaign brief on why this campaign is important. You can never be over prepared.
- Take a note pad with you so you van note down any important points but also to remind yourself of any key points.
- Make sure you introduce yourself and mention what you are there to discuss.
- Listen with intent – allow your MP to respond to your points/questions.
- Take your time! Take your time to make your points and respond to any questions.
- Do not doubt yourself – remember ‘Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has’. There are other young people across the UK doing the same thing you are, you are not alone!
- As the meeting is coming to a close, briefly run through what you have discussed and what steps you are going to take to move forward.
- Be sure to take the time to thank your MP for agreeing to meet.

3. Meet With your Head of School/College/Sixth Form

What we need you to ask your Head of School/College/Sixth Form

- 1) To pledge to support calls in this campaign and work to implement a curriculum for life
 - If they support it, ask them for a quote
 - If they do not support it ask them for the reasons, take note of these and let us know!
 - *If your school or college already deliver PSHE, then ask them to support this campaign!*

Once you meet with them, please tell us how it goes [by following this link](#).

Some Useful tips for your meeting:

- Tell them about your meeting with your MP.
- Take a note pad with you so you can note down any important points but also to remind yourself of any key points.
- Listen with intent – allow your head of school to respond to your questions/points.
- Take your time! Take your time to make your points and respond to any questions.
- Be sure to take the time to thank your Head of School for agreeing to meet.

You may decide to do your own actions in addition to the above! That is GREAT! Please let us know by emailing us at ukypg@byc.org.uk and we can promote it!