

## **Make Your Mark**

### **Tally Sheet**



#### **What is the Make Your Mark ballot?**

On the 8th November 2019 – Members of UK Youth Parliament will come together to debate and decide, at our meeting in the House of Commons, the most important issue to campaign on for the year ahead. The UK Youth Parliament is the only organisation that is allowed to sit in the House of Commons.

#### **They will decide from the issues voted on by young people across the UK**

There are 3 votes on the ballot paper this year (1 vote from 5 UK wide topic, 1 vote from 5 Devolved topics and space to write the Local topic). The topics on the ballot paper were decided by Members of the Youth Parliament at the Annual Conference in August.

**What is the UK Youth Parliament?** Run by young people for young people, The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) provides opportunities for 11-18 year olds to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change. The UKYP is made up of over 300 MYPs (Members of Youth Parliament), who are elected by their peers in youth elections throughout the UK. Any young person aged 11-18 can stand or vote. Once elected, MYPs organise events and projects, run campaigns and influence decision makers on the issues which matter most to young people.

#### **Who can vote in Make Your Mark?**

Young people aged between 11-18 can take part. We are looking for as many young people to debate and vote on the issues as possible.

#### **What does my school/college/youth group need to do?**

We need as many of your young people to take part in the ballot as possible. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Share the ballot topics with young people
2. Get young people to discuss the issues
3. Get as many young people to vote as possible. You can do this through a show of hands, voting with your feet or using the ballot paper - it's up to you!
4. Total up the results and record on the tally sheet below
5. Return to the member of staff coordinating the vote

#### **Who makes decisions about what issues?**

Decisions that affect things like your education, healthcare and transport are made by different groups of people depending on where you live in the UK. The power to make some decisions is shared between the UK Parliament in London, the Scottish Parliament, the Assemblies in Northern Ireland and Wales, and some Mayors in England (**Devolved issues**). However, other decisions that affect all of the UK can only be made by the UK Parliament in London (**UK issues**).

**For lead member of staff/volunteer:** please note your total votes UK and Devolved topics should be submitted online [www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/makeyourmark) by **Noon on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. Your council will be in touch to collect the Local Topics  
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**Each 11-18 year old gets 3 votes: 1 UK issue, 1 Devolved issue and 1 local issue**

<b>UK Topics</b>	<b>Tally of Votes</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Protect the Environment-</b> We believe that we have a responsibility to protect the environment from the effects of climate change for the next generation; and that the Government should look towards carbon neutral alternatives.		
<b>Votes at 16-</b> Give 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote in all elections/referendums.		
<b>Tackling Hate Crime-</b> We should be educated on how to report hate crime. We believe the Government should invest in creating safe spaces that promote unity in communities.		
<b>Make the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) Statutory Law –</b> This is important for children’s rights. The UK government agrees with it but they don’t currently have to follow it; we believe they should and make sure our voices are heard in all decisions that affect us.		
<b>Welcome Refugees-</b> Everyone deserves the right to live without fear of death and persecution so we believe that refugees should be welcomed into communities in the UK.		

<b>Devolved Topics</b>	<b>Tally of Votes</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Curriculum to Prepare Us for Life-</b> Schools should cover topics like finance, sex and relationship education and politics		
<b>Tackle Child Poverty-</b> No-one should have a disadvantaged start in life just because of their financial position; the Government should do more to put an end to child poverty.		

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<b>Mental health-</b> Services should be improved with young people’s help, and should be available in schools.		
<b>Stop street harassment-</b> We think it needs to be recognised more. It could be stopped through investment in local strategies; and by both consulting young people and educating young people.		
<b>Put an end to knife crime-</b> Too many young people’s lives are lost to knife crime; the Government need to do more to help end the knife crime epidemic.		

<b>Local Topics</b> (please add topics below)	<b>Tally of Votes</b>	<b>Total</b>

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