

# UK Youth Parliament

## Achievement Summary 2011/12



Somerset's UK Youth Parliament Members and Deputies are now six months into their two-year term of office and they have already achieved a great deal.

They have been involved in various groups and committees, including:

- Somerset County Council recruitment interviews at all levels
- The Police Authority IAG Committee
- Work experience with MPs
- Children's Commissioners
- Sounds Positive media group
- Local Safeguarding Children Board
- Regional Youth Work Unit Reference Group Steering Committee
- Children's Parliament day
- Elim Church Community Youth Project steering group member
- SCC Segmentation Project

As well as this MYPs and Deputies have:

- been consulted by Somerset Children's Trust on their draft Anti-Bullying report
- taken part in radio interviews and written a column in a local newspaper
- attended various regional and national UKYP events including the Annual Sitting where the national manifesto is shaped
- received a Diana Award
- been awarded a total of £1200 in O2 grants to support young people making a difference in their community
- promoted the UKYP House of Commons debate by circulating debate topic ballot papers throughout the county
- organised a town centre campaign to raise awareness of UKYP and the national debate
- been invited to BBC's Question Time and Young People's Question Time programmes
- organised their own 'Take Over Day' placements

Their commitment to UKYP and the manifesto areas they have chosen has led to group members being involved in:

- attending meetings twice a month, as well as engaging in a range of training and residential
- carrying out visits to youth clubs as part of the 'Things to do, Places to go' manifesto area
- designing and producing posters, leaflets and surveys
- creating PSHE/Citizenship sessions plans for anti-bullying and cycling
- presentations and school assemblies highlighting the importance of UKYP and politics to young people
- delivering 'P Word' politics workshops in schools
- a positive engagement and a watching brief of SCC Youth and Community Service developments

The UK Youth Parliament group are also responsible for making decisions about the allocation of various youth funding streams. Since the start of the 2011/12 financial year they have assessed 60 Youth Bank; 17 Children's Bank and 22 Youth and Community Group Grants. They have awarded a total of £52,517.