

Newcastle Members of Youth Parliament

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MAKE YOUR MARK 2020

Every year we encourage and support young people who live, learn or work in Newcastle to take part in a national decision-making process. UK Youth Parliament's **Make Your Mark** gives a unique opportunity to reach out to young people aged between 11-18 years, who will go on to be opinion formers and leaders of the future.

The **Make Your Mark** ballot orders the top five issues, but those chosen for the UK wide priorities debate must include 2 UK wide topics and 3 Devolved topics. Due to the devolved nature of the UK democracy and to ensure relevant representation of the issues from all nations.

This year all voting will be online and hosted through the UK Parliament website.

Your organization will need to register by early September. Voting goes live on 1st November until 30th November. Online resources will be available when you register. Results will be announced in early December.

How will this work in 2020?

All local members of youth parliament (MYP) have been called to an annual sitting in September. At the sitting the MYP's debate local issues and priorities over two days. At the end of the annual sitting MYP's will make a vote based on the arguments they have heard during their annual sitting.

As a result, the top 10 UK devolved topics and a menu of local topics are collated together for **Make Your Mark**. Young people from across the Country will be asked to vote and provide their postcode. This will mean the results can be broken down into Ward, Local Authority, and UK Parliament Constituency. Unfortunately, this means that we won't be able to share results by schools, college or youth group.

British Youth Council (BYC) will contact all those organizations that have participated in **Make Your Mark** before.

Youth Leadership Elections 2022

Most of you will be aware that we hold youth leader elections every two years. Unfortunately, due to the current unprecedented situated we have had to reconsider how we can support our current youth leaders and postponed the next elections until 2022.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 3rd February 2022 will be the voting day for our next elections.

More information will follow in October 2021



For more information

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Youth Parliament priorities 2019/20

Priorities voted for by nearly 7000 young people in last year's make your Mark campaign.



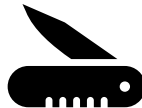
Protecting the environment

- As protect your future is the Youth Parliament national campaign.
- Water bottle campaign.



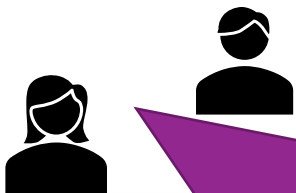
Put an end to knife crime

- Working across the region with the Police Crime Commissioner and the Violence Reduction Unit.
- Support workshops in schools.



Better mental health services

- Mental health lockdown survey.
- Mental Health Webinar in November '20.



How can I get involved?

It's easy to get involved in our campaigns. You can email us at youthdemocracygroup@newcastle.gov.uk

Keep up to date with information on the Councils website <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/local-government/newcastle-youth-democracy-group-formerly-youth-council>



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