

UK Youth Parliament

Transforming Education Pack



**TRANSFORMING
EDUCATION**



United Kingdom

Youth Parliament
MAKING OUR MARK

Why are we campaigning on education?

In 2020's Make Your Mark ballot young people voted for free university in the top devolved/UK issues for the coming year. UK Youth Parliament will be campaigning alongside the National Union of Students (NUS) to create a campaign for free, lifelong and inclusive education and advocate for the Government to adopt it as we move forward into Covid-19 recovery.

We'll be working with you to listen to young people, create a manifesto for inclusive education and campaign so that education is given the attention it deserves by decision makers locally and nationally in the coming year.

How to use this pack

In this pack you will find the information you need to get set up to take part in our campaign actions over the next year. Work through this pack with your youth worker, local youth council or youth group. This pack contains:

1. An overview of our campaign actions over the next year.
2. More detail and resources to help you take part in each of the actions.
3. Information, tips and tricks that will make sure you're set up to take part in an effective campaign to support young people's mental health.
4. A number of hyperlinks are embedded in this pack. It is designed to be used on a device rather than printed.

What will our campaign look like?

We've mapped out opportunities for Members of Youth Parliament to engage with this campaign over the course of the year. We've summarised these below in a handy infographic.

UK Youth Parliament + National Union of Students

Transforming Education

Creating and campaigning for a manifesto for inclusive education.



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Campaign Detail

The NUS have developed resources to run “Transforming Education” events. You can run these in your school or town hall. At this event you’ll work with other young people to create a “Manifesto for Inclusive Education which we’ll then use to advocate for an inclusive vision of education moving forward. We’ll work with politicians from across parties to host a Parliamentary event campaigning for the vision we develop together.

1. July/August 21 - We’ll ask young people to run a Transforming Education in their school or town hall. We’ll provide resources on how to structure the event. Young people will come away from this assembly with a “Manifesto for Inclusive Education.”
2. September/October 21 - Using the manifestos created following the assembly, we’ll host a “National Day of Action” with the NUS. We’ll be advocating that the young people’s ideas are incorporated in the Government’s Comprehensive Spending Review in November.
3. January/February 22 - We’ll host a parliamentary reception, led by young people and hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Youth Affairs and Universities. At this event young people will respond to what the government has announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review and continue to campaign for their manifestos.

University and Education Facts and Statistics

- In 2020, students graduating from English universities will have incurred an average of £40,280 of student loan debt, compared with £24,960 in Wales, £23,520 in Northern Ireland, and £13,890 in Scotland.
- The value of outstanding student loans at the end of March 2020 reached £140 billion

- In 2020 interest rates on student loans continued to rise. In September they went from 5.4% to 5.6%.
- NUS estimate that around 20% of students have been unable to access their learning at all during covid-19, and 33% do not believe it to have been good quality.
- In 2019, a 26 percent black attainment gap existed between the proportion of ‘top degrees’ (first or a 2:1 degree) achieved by white students and students of colour.

Transforming Education Assemblies

We will run assemblies in partnership with NUS at which young people answer questions about education, why it’s important to them, issues that need to be addressed and a vision for what a better education system might look like. There will also be an opportunity to hear from somebody from your area who has inspired you to take action on education. We are currently developing resources to help you run these assemblies alongside the NUS and will send them to you in due course.

At the end of the assembly you will produce a “Manifesto for Inclusive Education” for your area. The resources we send you will help you shape this and once you’ve done so, please send your manifesto to us.

We will work with the NUS and with young people to draw together some key themes from manifestos from around the country and draw together a Manifesto for Inclusive Education for the whole UK Youth Parliament.

We will be posting resources to help you plan and run the assembly on [the campaign website here](#).

National Day of Action

Having drawn together all of your ideas on what education should look like, we will run a national day of action asking the Government to include our demands in November’s Comprehensive Spending Review.

What is the Comprehensive Spending Review?

In November of 2020 the Government set out its plan for how it would spend money over the coming year in a spending review. Originally they'd planned to set out their plans for the next 3 years, but because of Covid-19 they chose to delay their Comprehensive Spending Review, or their 3 year plan, until November 2021.

This means that over the course of this year the

Government will be making some big decisions about what they spend money on for the next 3 years. They'll be asking people from all over the country and from different backgrounds to say how they'd like to see the money spent. In our campaigns we're going to use this as an opportunity to highlight the priorities for young people.

Working with NUS, we'll be able to connect you with other young activists all over the country who you can work with to campaign for our manifesto.



All Party Parliamentary Group Meeting

In early 2022 the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Youth Affairs and Universities will co-host an event at which young people will be able to respond to the Government's approach to education in the Comprehensive Spending Review.

At this event we will be able to highlight what young people have asked for in their Manifesto for Inclusive Education and speak with politicians about how they can continue to work with them to make education free and accessible for all young people in the UK.

Letting us know what you've achieved

We know that you are going to achieve some amazing things through our campaigning together this year. In order to make sure we can share your best ideas and your achievements please use this surveymonkey to let us know about anything you're particularly proud of:
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JQCY7XY

This will help us measure our impact and share campaign ideas across our network.



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