

## Young People Make Their Mark

### Member of UK Youth Parliament for Brighton & Hove debates in the House of Commons

#### Who and what is a Member of UK Youth Parliament (UKYP)?

Members of the UK Youth Parliament (MYPs) are elected annually by young people. The most important aspect of an MYP's role is to make sure they represent the views of the young people in their constituency.

The MYP for Brighton and Hove is Thomas Soud. The Deputy Member of Youth Parliament (DMYP) is Kai Mohammed-Grange. Both were elected from the Brighton & Hove Youth Council.

#### What is Make Your Mark?

Now in its sixth year, the Make Your Mark campaign is the largest national consultation of young people. It includes the views of young people from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and British Overseas Armed Forces.

Every year the MYP's from across the UK meet in the House of Commons (HoC) to debate the top 5 issues voted for in the Make Your Mark campaign. The result of the debate decides the UKYP campaign for the following year.

This year over 869,000 young people made their mark nationally, with over 4,450 of those votes coming from Brighton & Hove. This year's top issues for local young people are;

1. Everyone should be paid at least the Living Wage of £7.65 per hour
2. Euthanasia
3. Bring back exam re-sits in Maths and English
4. Mental Health
5. Work Experience

#### What will happen at the House of Commons?

On the 14<sup>th</sup> November the 369 MYPs will debate the top five issues voted for nationally in the Make Your Mark campaign. You can find out more about the top 5 issues here:

<http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk/>

Thomas Soud, MYP for Brighton & Hove, was selected by the other MYP's to open the debate on one of the 5 issues. Thomas, alongside another MYP will present a case either for or against the issue. The topic will then be opened for debate to all MYP's.

After all of the top issues have been debated, the MYP's will follow parliamentary procedure and vote by walking through the Ayes and Noes doors.

The proceedings will be conducted by The Right Hon. John Bercow MP, Speaker for the House of Commons, recorded in Hansard and televised live on BBC Democracy Live.

**Want to find out more?**

If you would like further information about the UKYP Make Your Mark debate at the House of Commons contact the Participation Team on 01273 295504 or email [john.lewry@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:john.lewry@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk)