

YOUTH VOICE

Youth Parliament aims to give young people of the UK between the ages of 11 and 18 a voice which will be listened to by local and national Government, providers of services for young people and other agencies that have an interest in the views and needs of young people.

Youth Parliament is a national organisation run by young people. There are over 600 elected members of youth parliament (MYP'S) and deputy members (DMYP'S) who represent young people throughout the UK.

BREAKDOWN OF NEW CANDIDATES

Young people were voted to go through as candidates to film their manifesto to stand for election in the three district areas of Buckinghamshire.

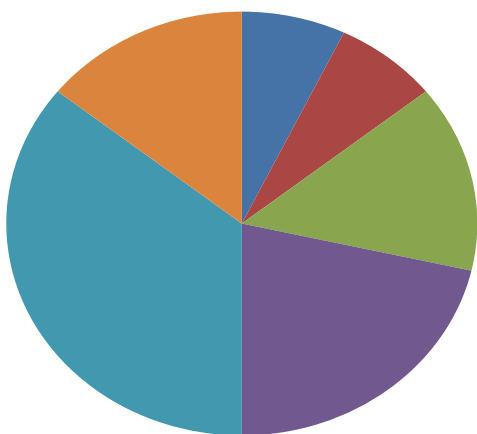


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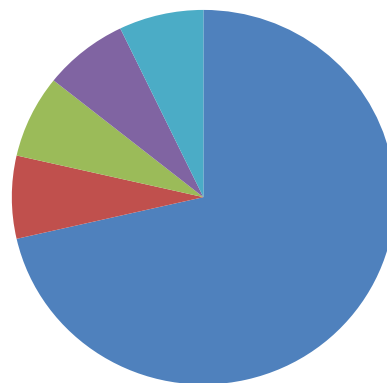
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64% FEMALE



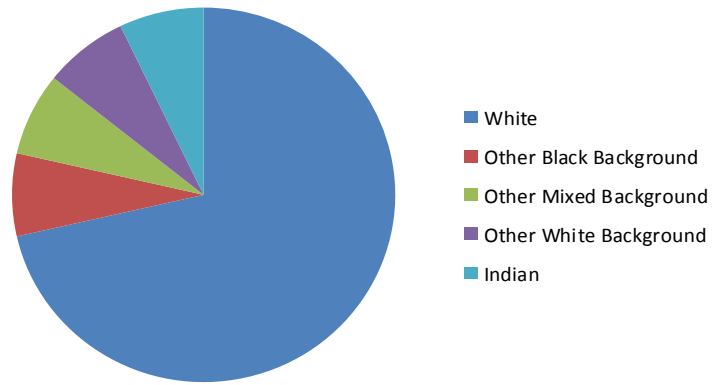
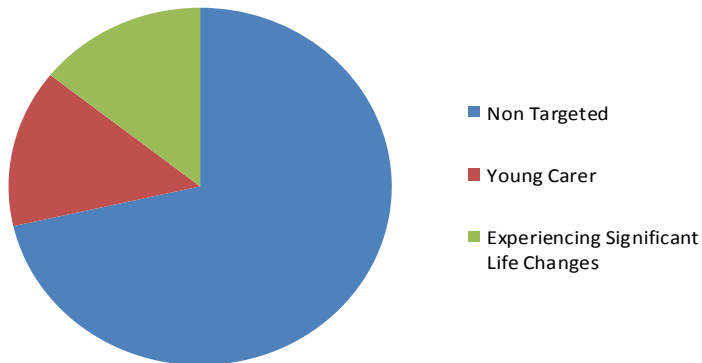
- 12 years old
- 13 years old
- 14 years old
- 15 years old
- 16 years old
- 17 years old



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Quotes from young people

"The youth workers spending time with us and getting us involved where we never imagined."

"I have enjoyed being around people who want to listen and help young people speak up and be heard"

"I have really enjoyed the day, learnt new skills. Thanks"

"It was an amazing experience and I was glad I was involved"

Make Your Mark Campaign

The UK Youth Parliament decides its campaign priorities each year through a system called 'Make Your Mark', in which the Youth Parliament engages with schools to allow for pupils to vote on what they believe is the most important campaign issue to address. This year 968,942 young people took part in the national ballot, Make Your Mark. This is the UK Youth Parliament's annual ballot of 11-18 year olds, and we would like to increase the number of schools involved and give a million young people a voice.

1. **A Living Wage** : Everyone should be able to live comfortably. Everyone aged 16 or over should be paid at least the Living Wage of £7.85 per hour (£9.15 in London).
2. **A Curriculum to prepare us for life** : Schools should cover topics including finance, sex and relationships and politics in the curriculum.
3. **Transport** : Make public transport cheaper, better and accessible for all.
4. **Mental health**: Services should be improved with young people's help and mental health education should be compulsory and challenge stereotypes.
5. **Tackling racism and religious discrimination, particularly against people who are Muslim or Jewish** : All young people should work together to combat racism and other forms of discrimination, and ensure we know the dangers of such hatred.