

Discussion: Youth Parliamentary Models

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Different Youth Parliament models have different aims:

- Training politicians for the future
- to encourage young people to get involved and interested in politics and campaigning
- Show Young People what it is like to be part of the political system



**How should we put
ALLFIE's Youth
Parliamentary Group
together?**

**What does ALLFIE's
Youth Parliament want
to do?**

**How do we want to
choose
who is part of ALLFIE's
Youth Parliament?**

Things that make the Youth Parliament experience better for Young People:



Having Young people involved from different backgrounds who have different experiences.



Having Young People involved in the Youth Parliament process from the start to the end.

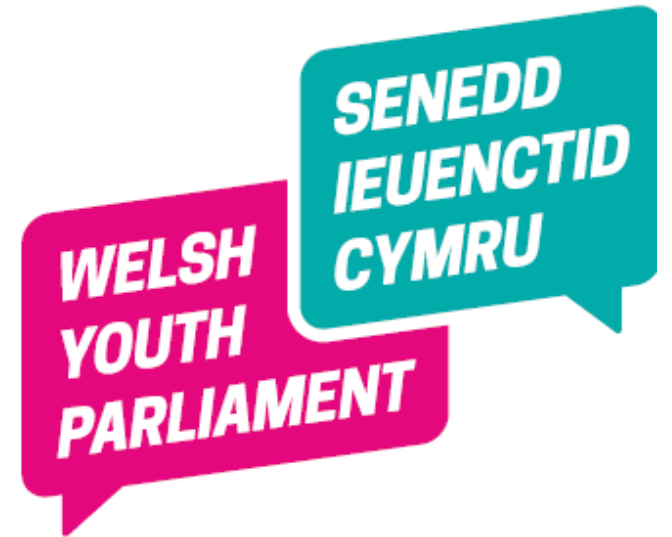


Having Young Peoples voices listened to by politicians and taken seriously



Welsh Youth Parliament

- Welsh Youth Parliament – a good example of a youth group having these three factors. It states that its purpose is to ‘**empower young people to make decisions and to provide them with a voice in Welsh politics**’
- They have **60 members**, 40 of which are elected and 20 are from partner organisations that support Young people
- The Youth Parliament lasts **2 years** and choose three topics to focus on
- This is a promise from Parliament that they will take seriously the voices of the Youth Parliament





Scottish Youth Parliament

The Scottish Youth Parliament is made up of **166** democratically elected representatives aged **14-25**.

Their core values are '**rights, democracy, inclusion & political impartiality**'.

Conclusion:

Which model do you think is the best & why?



Or do we need an entirely new model?

Things to consider

When the people for the Youth Parliament are chosen, they will need to become more confident.



They will need to have the confidence that they will be listened to by those who have the power to make changes



So, some suggestions could be that:

- The Youth Parliament meet with each other once a month
- The Youth Parliament meet with a member of Parliament 3-4 times a year

Moving forward

- The topics to discuss should be what **Young Disabled People** think are most important in their lives with the changes that need to be made
- Young Disabled People should **be valued** for making the lives of all Young People in society better