

The main area that UKYP will wish to respond to will be your call for evidence about youth services. Many local authorities have actually “lost” their youth services over the last year, as they have been absorbed into children’s trusts, and we are aware of a substantial cut in funding across the country for youth work, mainly due to the fact that youth work is not a statutory service, so when funding has to be found for say education, it is the youth service budget which is cut.

Each Local Education Authority represents a UKYP constituency, and we have a varying number of MYPs (Members of the Youth Parliament) in each constituency, dependent upon the numbers of young people who live in that area. Many of the MYPs are currently on holiday, and we won’t be bringing them together until September, when we would like to ensure that each regional group gets the opportunity to respond to your consultation. For some areas this may mean responding after the 16.09.06 – would there evidence still be valid/worth contributing?

In the meantime, I shall ensure that we add our link from our website to your consultation and distribute the details via our website to our MYPs.

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