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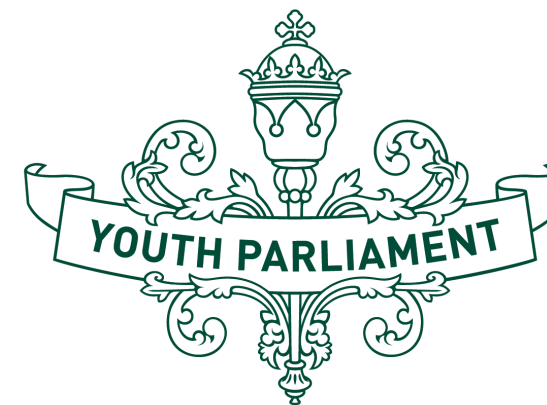
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# Youth Parliament 2016 **Highlights and Outcomes**





# Highlights of Youth Parliament 2016

## The facts


 Youth MPs (YMPs)  
**121**

 Youth Press Gallery (YPG)  
**17**

 months of tenure  
**6**

 days of Youth Parliament: 19 & 20 July  
**2**

## Survey results

 97% of respondents have rated the overall experience as very good or good.  
**97%**

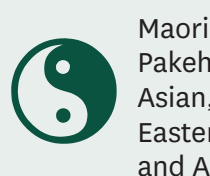
## Comments include:

- “really amazing and insightful experience”
- “inspiring”
- “enlightening and intriguing”
- “the best experience of my life”
- “it was undoubtedly an experience I'll never forget and always cherish”.


## Celebrating diversity


 University Students  
**7**

 High School Students: decile 1-10  
**130**

 Maori, NZ European/Pakeha/European, Asian, Pasifika, Middle Eastern, US, Caribbean and African ethnicities

 **81** Female  
 **56** Male

 Youth MPs with additional support needs  
**4**

 North and South Islands  
Both urban and rural centres

## Social Media

 **250**  
@NZYP16 Followers

## Over 19 and 20 July:

- #NZYP16 trending in Top 5 topics in NZ
- 33 tweets by @NZYP16; 105 retweets and 235 Likes
- One @NZYP16 tweet was retweeted 36 and liked 76 times
- Nationwide TV, radio and press coverage of tenure and event

## Tenure



**Youth MPs and Youth Press Gallery began their official tenure in February 2016. This advance tenure was a change from previous years and led to much higher engagement from Youth MPs. Tenure ended on 25 July 2016.**

## Tenure Outcomes:

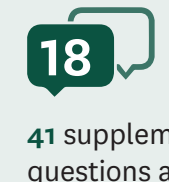
### Delivering Speeches



Youth MPs had responsibility for delivering speeches at their schools on the importance of enrolling to vote and utilising that privilege.

# Outcomes of two-day event

## Question time

 **18** oral questions asked of MPs  
**41** supplementary questions asked

### Topics included:

- education
- vulnerable children
- environment
- youth engagement
- obesity
- mental health funding
- refugee quotas
- housing crisis
- private prisons
- domestic abuse
- cyclist safety.

## Select committees

 Select Committees  
**10**

Inquiry topics ranged from LGBTI rights to whether te reo Māori should be compulsory in schools.

Witnesses from **30** interest groups gave evidence.


**Corporate** eg The Warehouse Group and Zespri

**NFP** eg Sustainable Coastlines and NZ Drug Foundation

**Public Sector** eg Ministry of Health and Ministry of Justice

## Mock bill

‘Accessible Web Pages and Apps Bill’

 **29** YMPs spoke for and against the mock Bill.

The ‘Ayes’ had it, 89 to 29 votes.

## General Debate

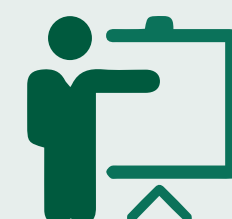
**43** three-minute speeches were made by YMPs.

Topics included:

- accessing education via New Zealand Sign Language
- income equality
- ineffectiveness of the UN
- youth depression and suicide.

## Other activities

YMPs attended mock Caucus meetings and two workshops:



- **NZ Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation** with Hon. Phil Goff
- **Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians** with Louisa Wall (MP), Jo Hayes (MP) and Poto Williams (MP)

YPG had two workshops:

- **A Day in the Life of a Political Journalist** with Stacey Kirk (DomPost) and Jane Patterson (Radio NZ)
  - **Social Media and Political Journalism** with Frances Cook (Newstalk ZB) and Andrea Vance (TVNZ)
- Social event for YMPs and YPG to mix and mingle.

## Community Projects



**YMPs organised various community projects such as:**

- delivering Global Citizenship courses designed to educate youth on how to make a difference in their communities, countries, and the world

- introducing a peer support programme for young Kiwis in foster care
- creating conversation about making public transport more eco-friendly and improving its accessibility
- developing a set of recommendations to improve the mental health services available to young people.

## Learning the Ropes



YMPs have spent time with their local MPs learning the ins and outs of serving their community, including attending community events to meet with constituents.