

UK Parliament Week

UK Parliament Week is an event which has taken place every year since 2011. It informs young people about the role and work of the UK Parliament and encourages them to get involved.

What Is Parliament?

Parliament is made up of three parts:

- House of Commons - 650 Members of Parliament (MPs) who have been elected to represent the views of the public.
- House of Lords - around 800 members who are selected for their knowledge, experience and expertise in a particular area.
- Monarch - the king or queen of the United Kingdom.

What Does Parliament Do?

The role of Parliament is to:

- check and challenge the work of the Government;
- make and change laws;
- debate important issues, such as health, the environment and schools.



Taking Part in UK Parliament Week

Schools and other organisations around the country run special activities, such as debates, voting activities and creating petitions. Some young people even meet and talk to MPs. The event encourages young people to consider what issues are important to them and empowers them to share their thoughts and ideas.

Did You Know...?

In 2021, over 1.1 million people took part in UK Parliament Week!

Did You Know...?

The House of Commons and the House of Lords meet at the Palace of Westminster in London (also known as the Houses of Parliament). The building includes the Elizabeth Tower, more commonly known as Big Ben.

government: A team of MPs and some members of the House of Lords who run the country.