

Press Release
Hailsham Youth Councillors Set To Visit Westminster Parliament

A group of young people from the Hailsham Youth Council will venture to London to receive a tour of the Houses of Parliament next Friday [11th March].

The trip, which has been organised by Hailsham Town Council's youth project team, will include a tour of the Houses of Parliament, where youth council members will be given a brief history of the building and how the UK's democratic system evolved, and a question and answers session.

The youth councillors will be accompanied by the Mayor and Mayoress of Hailsham, Councillors Robin and Carolyn Kempe, and youth project staff.

Commenting on the benefit of youth council members gaining first hand experience of the democratic process, Town Mayor Councillor Kempe said "This is a great opportunity for members of Hailsham Youth Council to get a feel of what it's like at the very heart of decision-making in the UK, giving them the opportunity to see how taking part in the democratic process and expressing their views can make a real difference."

Adds Councillor Kempe, "The Westminster Parliament tour will not only help youth council members gain a greater understanding of central government, but offer them further ideas and insight into spreading the work that they do in Hailsham."

Youth project coordinator Andy Joyes commented, "This is an excellent opportunity for the young people involved to learn about the history of the Houses of Commons and Lords, and also learn about the day to day work of a present day MP."

"Who knows, perhaps one of these young councillors may some day decide to take up politics as a profession and take his or her seat at Westminster! This day trip could inspire the young councillors to do just that, as well as continue to contribute in a positive way to their local community by engaging with their local councils."

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