**About Highland Youth Parliament**

Who the Black Isle Reps are:

* Annemarie Downie
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**Who are we?**

The Highland Youth Parliament (formerly Highland Youth Voice) is a youth parliament for the Highlands and is an elected body of around 100 members. 70 members are directly elected through schools and the remaining 32 are elected through Youth Forums in the Highlands. Each area then elects 2 members to join the Executive (Xec) Committee. The first elections were held in October 2000 and since then, the Highland Youth Parliament has proven successful in establishing a link between young people and those who make decisions that affect our day to day lives.

**What do we do?**

At HYP conferences, members get a chance to meet each other, take part in workshops, debate issues that affect young people and at the same time have fun! Through the rest of the 2 year term, you then become a representative of young people in the community and take issues forward, together with your colleagues and Youth Workers.

Highland Youth Voice gives you a chance to influence the decision makers in the Highlands. If you want to say something about your school dinners, or the health services, or if you feel that the education system in Scotland could be better, then Highland Youth Voice allows you to be heard by the right people.

**Where do we meet?**

The Highland Youth Parliament meets as a whole parliament in June at the Sabhal Mor Ostaig Gaelic College on the Isle of Sky and November at Glenmore Lodge, near Aviemore.

**Where can I get more info?**

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