



Torbay Children's Parliament 2022

Call for entries for 2023

The inaugural Torbay Children's Parliament took place on 15th July 2022 in the Meadfoot Room at Torquay Town Hall. 9 schools took part in the competition that provided an opportunity for schools to field a team of 4 pupils to present their views on ***"What are your top five actions that could help Torbay tackle climate change?"***

Teams were judged not only by their peers, but also by a panel of Torbay Council representatives:

Anne-Marie Bond - Chief Executive of the Council

Rachael Williams - Divisional Director Education, Learning and Skills

Jacqui Warren - Climate Emergency Officer

CLlr Cordelia Law - Cabinet Member for Children's Services

CLlr Judith Mills - Foster Carers Member Champion

Stewart Biddles, CEO of Riviera Education Trust, who conceived the idea for the competition, hosted the event alongside Catherine Hayden, Electoral Services Team Leader at Torbay Council. There was even a special visit from the local **Member for Parliament, Kevin Foster!**

The winning team was awarded the prize of a visit to the Houses of Parliament, a trophy for their school, as well as individual medals and a voucher.

1st place went to White Rock Primary School

"An imaginative and engaging presentation with clear presentation and great clarity of message"

2nd - Torre CE Academy

"Messaging through a number of mediums - posters and t-shirts. Great content and creative solutions."



3rd - Shiphay Learning Academy

"Really clear presentation and great clarity as to the 5 actions. Amazing poem."

Schools and the judging panel were full of praise for the event:

"We really enjoyed the event – and were really pleased that we won! I think the event went well ... the brief was good and it was a topic that all children could relate to". White Rock Primary School

"Thank you very much for organising such a wonderful event. The children gained a lot from it". Upton St James CE Primary School



It was a lovely event and a fantastic opportunity for the children. They especially enjoyed the chance to hear from Kevin Foster and to learn more about the life of MP. The event was well planned and we had all the information we needed in plenty of time. Involving the children in the voting was also a good idea as they were then part of the process in full." Shiphay Learning Academy



Join us for the next Children's Parliament!

If your school would like to take part in the Torbay Children's Parliament competition 2023, please email Wendy Vreony at wvreony@rivieraet.co.uk. The event will take place on **Friday 23rd June 2023**.