

Torbay Children's

Parliament

2023

The Riviera International Centre in Torquay was alive with energy and enthusiasm on Friday 23rd May 2023, as students from ten local primary schools participated in the Children's Parliament 2023 competition.

Organised by the Riviera Education Trust in partnership with Torbay Council, this event aimed to empower primary school children and amplify their voices on the pressing issue of homelessness and housing.



A distinguished panel of judges comprised representatives from Torbay Council:

Anne-Marie Bond, Chief Executive;

Rachael Williams, Divisional Director of Education, Learning & Skills;

Nick Holland, Team Leader of the Housing Options Team;

Councillor Hayley Tranter, Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities.

Kevin Foster, Member of Parliament for Torbay, was the fifth member of the panel.

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



1st place: Sacred Heart RC Primary

"A really innovative presentation style, delivered with clarity and enthusiasm"

"Loved the different examples and the reporter idea. Wanted to be original and you were!"

"Solutions to a range of strategic and operational issues"



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2nd place: Upton St James CE Primary

"Impactful presentation - grabbing attention and a mix of role play and interactive elements"



3rd place: Shiphay Learning Academy

"Good verbal presentation skills, excellent use of props. Small drama a good way to demonstrate issues"



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It was a brilliant day - very rewarding and the children enjoyed it
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The whole process was very straightforward and well organised
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How wonderful reading the comments from the judging panel. I'm a super proud headteacher!
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Winner's visit to Parliament
11th July 2023



Join us for the next Children's Parliament!

If your school would like to take part in the Torbay Children's Parliament competition 2024, please email Wendy Vreony at wvreony@rivieraet.co.uk by Monday 25th March 2024.

The event will take place on **Friday 21st June 2024** in The Banking Hall at Torquay Town Hall.



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