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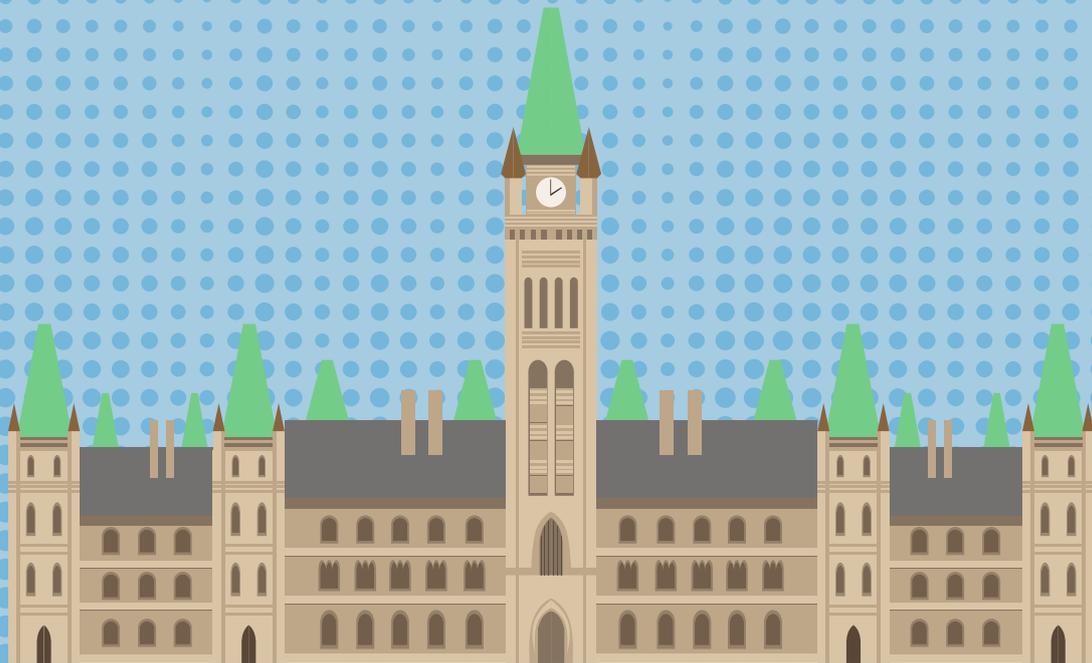
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UK Parliament Week



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Parliament Week
Engage. Explore. Empower.

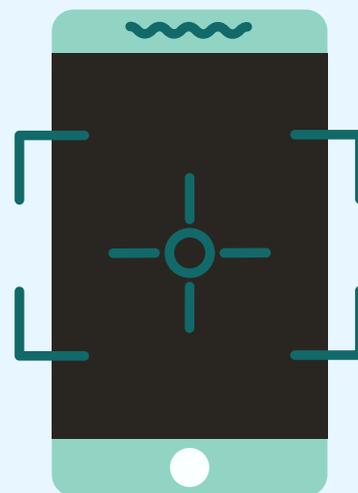
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This activity pack was created by Ellie, a Hive admin and Ranger from Ashford Rangers who wanted to create this to celebrate UK Parliament Week with you.

How to use this booklet?

Throughout this booklet we have put QR codes. To use these codes hold your phone camera up with the code in frame and a link should come up. If you click on it you can go straight to the page you're looking for!



Try scanning this to get to know how to do it.

This will take you to The Hive page on the Girlguiding LaSER website!

If your phone camera doesn't work you can also try Snapchat - press the screen it will begin to scan and then give you the link. You can also find websites that will scan the code!

The great thing about QR codes compared to links are, if you decide to print this booklet you can scan them or if you decide to download it you can still scan it off a screen!

What is UK Parliament Week (UKPW)?

Parliament week is a week to learn about parliament and get thinking about causes that are important to you. Have you ever wondered how a law is made? Or how people become Prime Minister? Now's the perfect time to find out!

Why do we have UK Parliament week?

Parliament week first took place in 2011, 10 years ago! In 2016 it became UK Parliament week. UKPW aims to inspire young people to find interest in democracy, parliament and politics. Each year the House of Commons and House of Lords get together to create activities for Parliament week alongside schools, charities and community groups.

What can you do for UK Parliament week?

There are so many things you could do for parliament week! That's why we've created this pack, there's a few activities you could do as a unit and some you could do at home!

That's not all, you could also check out what UKPW has put together, or even come up with your own activities! You could write to your local MP with something you're passionate about, or try a mock debate.

[Go to the UKPW website for loads more ideas.](#)



Ranger interest badges



If you're a Ranger, take a look at the [badge finder](#) for ideas on how to get political. We've picked out our favourites below.

Voting badge

Take Action interest badge

Nothing about us without us

Get vocal about voting, positive about politics, challenge yourself to inspire others, and think creatively about what your ideal political landscape would look like.

01 Create your own party

02 Tackle voter apathy

03 Get registered

Take a look at [what you need to do to complete your voting badge](#)

Protesting badge

Take Action interest badge

Protest to make things happen

Discover different ways to protest, find out what you care about and make your own protest.

01 To buy or not to buy

02 How to protest safely

03 Make your own protest

Take a look at [what you need to do to complete your protesting badge](#)



Women's Rights

Know myself interest badge

Girls just want to have fun... fundamental rights

Can you imagine not being allowed to go to school because you're a girl? Or being told you can't do your dream job? Luckily, you have rights which try to make sure you're treated fairly.

01 What if...?

02 Current issues

03 Your manifesto

Take a look at [what you need to do to complete your women's rights badge](#)



GIRLS JUST
WANNA HAVE
FUNDAMENTAL
HUMAN RIGHTS

Ranger meeting activities

Try these activities at your next Ranger meeting! To find your local MP's contact details visit members.parliament.uk

Just one more moment

Take Action UMA- 60 mins

Anyone can 'lobby' the UK parliament (the place where the UK laws are made). This means trying to persuade MP's (the people that are voted in to represent the public and make decisions on new laws) to support your idea or campaign. You can lobby through emails, phone calls or even in person. Often MP's are lobbied by professional lobbyists.

They might work for a business, pressure group, trade union or charity. Did you know Girlguiding has lobbied the UK parliament on issues like period poverty?

You're going to have a go at lobbying your fellow Rangers! [Download this free activity from the Girlguiding website](#) or scan the QR code.



Shape the future

Write to your MP to share what's important to you. There are people who want to listen to what you have to say. Follow this activity to write an awesome and inspiring letter and get your voice heard! You could write individually, in pairs or as a unit.

Who knows, your letter might help shape the future policies and laws that get voted on in Parliament...

[Take a look at this free activity on the Girlguiding website](#), or scan the QR code below!



How Parliament began

1215	King John agreed to Magna Carta which allowed the barons to consult and advise the king in his great council		
1254	Sheriffs sent a representative of the counties to talk to the king on taxation		
1265	Simon de Montfort rebelled against Henry III and called for a parliament meeting with representatives from towns and counties		
1295	Parliament was made up of nobles and bishops and two representatives for each county and each town. This is the basis of the future parliament		
1332	Knights of the shire and burgesses met and were called The Commons		
1352	The Commons started to meet in Westminster Abbey at the Chapter House		
1376	The Good Parliament the Commons ran for the first time by an elected speaker		
1399	Parliament removed Richard II from the throne and Henry IV's reign began		
1407	The commons decided that it should create all new taxes in its own house		
1414	Henry V realised that approval from both houses were necessary to make new laws		
		The term Parliament was first used for the great council	1236
		At Parliament in Oxford the nobels drafted the 'provisions of Oxford' which meant for regular parliament meetings with representatives of each county	1258
		The Parliaments started to have clerks who would record the proceedings and petitions that were passed	1278
		From here on out representatives from counties and towns were at all Parliament meetings	1327
		The commons met separately from the upper house	1341
		A rule was established that Parliament must agree on all taxation	1362
		The Commons moved out of Chapter House of Westminster Abbey to its Refectory	1397
		The Commons claimed the right to grant taxation only after their complints had been addressed	1401
		A statute required that burgesses should live in the borough they were elected in, although this rule was ignored	1413

1429 A rule limited voting to only those who owned a property worth over 40 shillings a year

1510 The Parliament started to keep records of the House of Lords in the Lords journal

1523 The first request for freedom of speech in parliament was made by Sir Thomas More, the Spesker of The Commons

1547 Edward VI gave St Stephen's Chapel to The Commons for their use

1576 Peter Wentworth made a speech in The Commons trying to gain freedom of speech in Parliament. He was Punsihed for his outburst and sent to the Tower of London

The Parliaments clerk was no longer official role and began to keep acts passed in Parliments own archived **1497**

After a fire at the Palace of Westminster Henery VIII moved the royal family out and left it for parliment and goverment offices **1512**

The parliment went through reformation and made a King-In-Parliment the lawmaker **1529-36**

The Commons journal was created by the clerk of The Commons **1547**





How has The Hive celebrated UKPW before?

We've put together a selection of our favourite blogs we've written about Parliament!

Scan the QR codes to go to that blog. Take a virtual tour around Westminster, join

Sophie on her day shadowing Lady Sugg and many more!

My experience of the Youth Strike 4 Climate in London

Written by Tamar

In this blog Tamar goes to the Youth Strike 4 Climate in London, unsure of how it might go. She jumped straight into the cause. Read all about her experience here.



Shadowing a peer in the House of Lords

Written by Sophie

Read all about Sophies trip to the House of Lords where she got to shadow Lady Sugg for the day. She got to sit through a session at the House of Lords and so much more! Read all about her experience in the blog she wrote



Create the debate this #UKPW

Written by Izzy

Join Izzy in a blog to learn how to debate, with top tips like 'Don't make up facts or statistics'. In this blog Izzy walks you through how to run a debate in your unit or with friends.





UK Parliament Week 2019: find out what it's like to visit!

Written by Ayushi

Read about how Ayushi celebrated parliament week in 2019 by going on a Parliament tour. She learnt a lot during her trip and even shared some of these with us through out. Would you want to go on a Parliament tour?



Fantastic resources to celebrate UKPW!

Written by The Hive

Check out our blog with a whole range of activities, want to take a virtual tour of the Palace of Westminster? Book a free tour in our blog. Find some more Parliament blogs or even create your own Parliament week bunting!

Breakaway to Belgium

Written by Caitlin



Check out Caitlin's Blog about a trip she had to Belgium with her unit. They had a lot of fun! They even got to go to the Parliamentarium Museum and the European Parliament.





This pack has six parts: Herstory, Sister Suffragette, Speak Up, Get Safe, Pretty Propaganda and Tea-Party.

To complete this badge; You should complete a minimum of one clause from each section plus six additional activities of their choice.

Every unit must then complete the final section 'Tea-Party' - you might need more preparation for this one.

Head over to the Girlguiding laser page to download this badge pack or scan the QR code and give it a try!



LIBERTEA

Egham Rangers & Girlguiding LaSER

The Libertea badge is to celebrate 100 years of women having rights to vote, 1918-2018.

This historical change was only made possible by a generation of strong women who stood up and spoke out for what they believed in. They belonged to many different political groups, but today they are mainly remembered as The Suffragettes & The suffragists.

Throughout the badge pack, they refer to these historical women as Suffragists: this word refers to anyone who was campaigning for votes for women. Inspired by their passion, the Libertea Badge has been designed to help each member of Girlguiding find the worth and power of her own unique voice.

'Power' is a complicated word: for the Suffragists being able to vote meant having the power to influence the society that they lived in. Thanks to their commitment and sacrifices, we now have that power.

Through this badge, we will learn how to make the most of that power, stand up and speak out for what we believe in, and be the best possible version of ourselves we can be in society today.



Meet Nickie Aiken

Nickie Aiken is an MP in the Cities of London and Westminster as part of the Conservative party. We are very lucky to have gotten to ask her some questions. If you wanted to ask your local MP some questions find out who they are and send them an email!

What would you say to a young person wanting to go into politics?

Join a political party and get stuck in! The best thing to do is join your local constituency association and help campaign during elections.

What are you proud of completing during your time in politics?

As a Westminster City Councillor I am proud of the work I did to improve GCSE results across the whole borough. I also integrated Westminster's children services department with two other boroughs, the first of its kind in the UK, which improved standards and improved the lives of more children.

As an MP I secured an amendment to the Domestic Abuse Bill which now recognises children as victims of domestic abuse even if they are not directly abused themselves but grow up in a home where there is such abuse.

If you hadn't got into politics what would you be doing instead?

Remained in communications.

Did you go to university? If so what did you study?

University of Exeter where I studied Sociology.

How did you get into politics and become an MP, as its not quite a job you can google!

I have always been interested in news and current affairs. When I went to Uni of Exeter I met a young man in my year in my first week who I chatted with about politics. He told me I was a Conservative and that I should join the University's Conservative association. So I did and got into politics that way. When I left uni I returned home to Cardiff and joined the local association and also the Young Conservatives.



What's the best thing you've experienced during your career?

It is the people I have met. As a politician I meet hundreds if not thousands of people every year. They teach me something new every day. By meeting and listening to people from all walks of life, from all corners of the world allows me to better understand what laws and policies are needed to make this country a better place to grow up and live in.

What do you do in parliament?

It's an incredibly varied role. I spend time in the House of Commons chamber taking part in debates on legislation and issues that effect all of us in this country and abroad. I ask ministers questions on issues that affect my constituency. I will ask questions on specific issues raised by a constituent to try to change or improve something in their lives or will table written questions on the same.

I also meet with ministers to discuss issues that concern me and try to convince them to adopt my ideas or change policy. I am also a member of several APPGs (All Party Parliament Group) which brings MPs and Peers from all Parties to work together on specific issues or campaigns. Some of the APPGs I am on include Ending Rough sleeping and Homelessness; Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict; and Improving Political Literacy.

Why is it important to vote?

If you don't vote you don't have a say in the direction the country is going. Your candidate or party may not win, but by taking part in an election gives you a voice. By voting you can change things for the better. If you don't vote you will never change anything.

What topics do you advocate for the most?

Ending violence against women & girls; securing education for girls in developing countries to at least aged 12; ending rough sleeping; improving air quality.

What made you go into politics?

I have always been interested in current affairs and making a difference and improving the place I live in. I believe we all have a role to play in public service to help our fellow citizens make the most of their talents and their lives.



What do you think would attract girls into politics?

That you can change things for the better. Women/girls make up 51% of the UK population so we have a right to be involved in politics effecting change for everyone. We must hear women and girls' voices in politics to ensure we secure the right policies that affect our lives.

Can you briefly describe any projects you currently have underway?

I am working with Crisis, St Mungos and the passage to secure the repeal of the Vagrancy Act to prevent rough sleepers from being criminalised. I am also working with MPs and Peers from all Parties to secure more information, support and advice for women going through the menopause and for their families too.

Would you run for PM if the opportunity were to arise?

Yes!

If you could change or make any law what would it be?

I would repeal the Vagrancy Act which criminalises rough sleeping. Anyone who is sleeping on the street needs help and support to turn their lives around, not a criminal record.

Were you ever a member of Girlguiding?

I was a Brownie! My daughter was a girl guide until aged 13.

Want to reach out to your MP? scan this QR code and enter your town or postcode and you can find who it is and their email!



UK Parliament Week

Wordsearch

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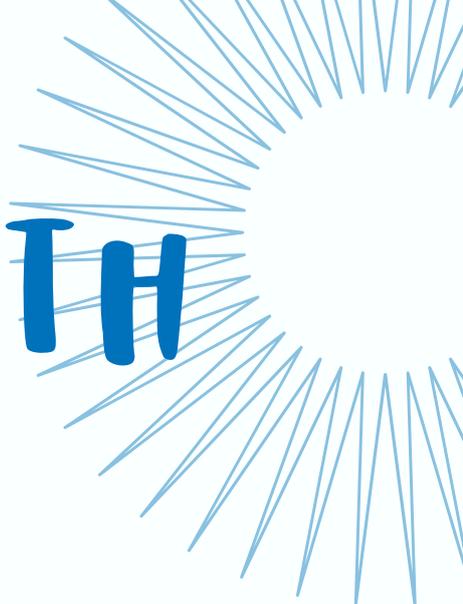
Can you find these words? Do you know what they all mean? They've all been mentioned in this booklet.

LIBERTEA
PRIME MINISTER
SUFFRAGISTS
VOTING
LORDS

PROTESTING
NICKIE AIKEN
COMMONS
DEBATES

POLITICS
VAGRANCY ACT
DEMOCRACY
SUFFRAGETTES

COMMONWEALTH AWARD



Did you know you could do your Commonwealth Award from age 13 in Guides all the way up until age 25!

What do you have to do?

There are 3 challenges you must complete, then 2 additional that you can choose from. With things like creative writing and investigation, there will be one you'll enjoy!

You'll learn more about The Commonwealth and countries in it along with the history of Girlguiding.



What does this have to do with Parliament Week?

One of the additional activities 'Citizenship' involves learning about Parliament in the UK and another commonwealth country! What better time to start this section than during parliament week?

Scan this QR code or head to the Girlguiding site to find all about this award!



1

Write us a blog!

Write us a blog to tell us what exciting things you've done for Parliament week! From this year or another. Maybe you visited Parliament or wrote to your MP or started a petition? Get your writers hat on and send us a blog of what you did and you might see it on the site soon!

HAVE YOU DONE ANYTHING FOR PARLIMENT WEEK?

TELL US!

2

Send us a message

If writing's not your strong suit, send us a message and some pictures and we could turn it into something! We'd love to hear and see what you did.

3

Send us an email

Send us an email with anything you did and add pictures if you have any!

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