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Sarah is seeking new recruits for her political Summer School

The Member of Parliament for Rotherham, Sarah Champion, is on the look-out for new students to join her Summer School for young people. The annual Summer School, which saw a successful debut last year, aims to work with local young people aged 16-21 to help them learn more about politics and about how they can contribute to their community.

Applicants are being recruited from across the Rotherham constituency and all young people are invited to apply, whether they are working, unemployed or still studying.

The overall aim for the week is to give the young people the tools they need to campaign on the things that matter most to them. Students from the 2014 intake ran campaigns as varied as the conflict in Gaza and the price of local buses.

The Summer School will be held between Monday 3rd August and Friday 7th August this year, and anyone interested in applying should send an email to dawn.elliott@parliament.uk stating their name, age, address, phone number and state why they want to join.

Commenting on her plans to run the school for a second year, Sarah said:

“Making politics accessible is a real passion for me and I get frustrated when I’m told young people have no interest in it. The young people from last year showed a real energy and interest in the world around them. They wanted to talk about current issues and understand some of the reasons behind the things they saw happening in the world. Sadly, political education is often lacking in schools so I feel I should step up and help.”

“It’s important that politics isn’t seen as just for people of a certain age. When you turn 18, you’re allowed to vote but most people haven’t even been taught what the differences between the parties are, let alone how they might become involved with politics or campaigning themselves.”

“My main aim is to give the students the tools they need to run their own campaigns so they can go out into the wider world to change things and make a difference.”

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