

# YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRACY

Regional Seminar for the 12+ Group

*The Attlee Suite, Portcullis House*

*Palace of Westminster,*

*London, United Kingdom*

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Dear «12+ Member»,

*"Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace. If, however, they are left on society's margins, all of us will be impoverished. Let us ensure that all young people have every opportunity to participate fully in the lives of their societies." Kofi Annan*

In April 2010 the IPU Assembly passed a resolution entitled Youth Participation in Democracy. The resolution aimed to highlight the importance of giving young people a political voice and to promote their knowledge and participation in democratic political activities. The objective of this seminar is to build on the resolution and to identify ways to take the process forward.

With this regional seminar we are inviting parliamentarians from around Europe to come together to discuss ways in which we can better involve youth in shaping their future. The topics on the agenda will be introduced by Members of Parliament and the emphasis will be very much on discussion and a free and frank exchange of views. English and French interpretation will be provided.

Please find enclosed a registration form, which we invite your Parliament to return to the BGIPU Secretariat no later than **5 November 2010**. In this regard, we should inform you that the conference room in the House of Commons has limited seating capacity, which is why we kindly request your Parliament to limit its delegation to a maximum of three people, including advisers and secretaries.

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Lastly, we would like to point out that participants should handle all matters relating to their visas, hotel accommodation and transportation.

We look forward to the participation of your Parliament in the Seminar.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Evans MP  
Chair of the British Group IPU

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson  
Secretary General

Encl.: Provisional Programme  
Registration Form