Attention: HSIE Coordinator / Year 10 Advisor / Principal

Make a Difference Day
Parliament of NSW

Friday 20 March 2015
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
(Registration from 9.15 am)

Parliamentary Education are launching a new civics and citizenship program for Year 10 called *Make a Difference Day* - it aims to provide students with an opportunity to explore how Australian democracy works and how they can engage as informed and active citizens in their schools and communities.

The first program, on 20 March will include a Keynote Address by the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, and participation in facilitated group discussions. There will be further dates offered during the year.

Throughout much of history people have struggled to establish political systems that value fairness and equality. In democracies across the world citizens continue to work to strengthen the rights and freedoms that they possess. In 2015 we will commemorate many milestones in the development of democracy worldwide, including: the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, the founding document of English constitutional law; and the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Freedom Ride that investigated race relations in NSW country towns and living conditions for Aboriginal people. And it will also be the 25th anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela, which led to the demise of apartheid in South Africa four years later.

With links to Stage 5 topics, *Making a Better World, Making a Nation* and *Rights and Freedoms*, this new program aims to develop students’ knowledge and understanding of democracy and the rights and responsibilities of Australian citizenship.

Parliamentary Education invites you to nominate two Year 10 students, and then to register their attendance by returning the attached nomination form to -

Fax 02 9230 3033 or Email: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au by Monday 16 March 2015

Enquiries: Ms Kathy Slade, Parliamentary Education Phone 02 9230 2047
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REGISTRATION FORM
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