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## General Proposal for the Forum 2009

**Deadline for proposals: 8 December 2008**

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**Categories for proposals:** finance and fundraising, present campaign, group support, communications, democracy, network, other, events

### Your details

Please provide the details of those putting forward the proposal. More than one proposer is optional.

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### Your proposal

Total word limit for this section: **500 words**.

Which category does your proposal best fit into?	Democracy
Title	Sixth Form/College Management Committee member
Summary of your proposal (no more than 30 words).  For example, a topic for discussion, a position to debate or suggested course of action (like a motion).	Management Committee to always include a Sixth form/college representative who will be democratically elected at the forum.
<i>What is the proposed agenda item? (Write about your proposal in more detail here.)</i>	

The Management Committee currently only includes P&P University network representatives. To create greater network democracy for Sixth forms/Colleges it is proposed that the MC always includes a Sixth Form/College representative. This member shall represent sixth form/college groups within the MC.

The sixth form/college rep will be democratically elected using the same voting process as other MC candidates. The Sixth form/College representative term will last two years. But because of the compact and hectic structure of Sixth form/College courses, sixth form/college reps will have the opportunity to retire after serving one year on the MC.

Candidates for the position must be a current member of a Sixth form/college or be 1 year on from being a member of Sixth form/college group (e.g. Gap year student, 1<sup>st</sup> year of University etc).

*Why is this important for People & Planet? For example, why is it valuable to discuss or if implemented, how will it make P&P more effective?*

Sixth forms and colleges currently input little in the development of the network because of a lack of grassroots representation. This is because Sixth form/college groups often hold a different campaigning ethos, sixth form/college groups tend to focus on change in their institutions, and the wider network is unfortunately rarely explored.

Having a Sixth form/college rep in the MC will provoke higher Sixth form/college engagement within the network. Sixth forms/colleges work in different ways to Universities and commonly campaign for reform and raising awareness within their institutions. With a Sixth form/college rep, any decisions made will be considered in more detail from a Sixth form/college perspective. These decisions may promote higher Sixth form/college group P&P input into the network, networking with local groups and links to the wider student activist community. Sixth form/college students will also always be aware that their interests are represented within the MC.

*How could it be implemented? (if applicable)*

This proposal will be discussed at the forum and voted upon.

If the proposal is successful the position can then be promoted throughout the Sixth form/college network from September 2009. Potential candidates can then nominate themselves to be voted in at the next forum.

This will leave a gap of a year where there will be no Sixth form/college rep. This gap could be filled by an MC candidate standing this year who is willing to represent Sixth forms/colleges as part of their role. They would not need to follow the criteria stated in the above sections.

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