



Almost 71k votes cast to elect new MSYPs in the Scottish Youth Parliament National Elections

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70,953 young people from all over Scotland voted to elect their local Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs) in the 2019 Scottish Youth Parliament national elections.

Following almost three months of campaigning from young candidates across Scotland, young people aged 12-25 were asked to cast their vote to elect their local MSYP. Young people were able to cast their vote by submitting a paper ballot or using the secure e-Voting platform hosted by Young Scot, depending on the method chosen by their local authority. The elections were open for two weeks and held between Friday 15th and Friday 29th March 2019.

The newly elected MSYPs will take up office at the Scottish Youth Parliament's National Sitting in June 2019.

The Scottish Youth Parliament is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people. It provides a national platform for young people to discuss issues important to them and affect the change they wish to see.

Speaking after the 2019 SYP election results, Suki Wan MSYP, Chair of the Scottish Youth Parliament, said:

“I'm delighted to announce that thousands of young people made their voices heard by casting their vote in the Scottish Youth Parliament's 2019 national elections.

“Over the past few months, we've witnessed fantastic campaigning taking place all over the country, with passionate debates and hustings inspiring Scotland's young people to get involved in the democratic process by voting in the Scottish Youth Parliament elections. I'd like to congratulate all of the candidates, and wish the best of luck to the newly elected MSYPs.

“Through our work at the Scottish Youth Parliament, we know that young people want to be involved in political decision making, and want their voices to be heard so that they are at the forefront of shaping society.”

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Notes to editor

1. All media enquiries directed to Rachel Ashenden, Communications Officer, at Rachel.a@syp.org.uk.
2. The [Scottish Youth Parliament](#) is democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people. Their vision for Scotland is of a nation that actively listens to and values the meaningful participation of its children and young people. SYP is grounded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly Article 12, which lays out young people's right to be listened to on the issues that affect them, and for their views to be given weight.