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## **SYP's campaign to incorporate UNCRC into Scots Law shortlisted for the Scottish Charity Awards 2019**

The Scottish Youth Parliament's (SYP) campaign *Right Here, Right Now* has been shortlisted for this year's Scottish Charity Awards.

*Right Here, Right Now* has been shortlisted for the Cracking Campaign award by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO). This was SYP's 2017/18 national campaign, which fought to strengthen the legal protect of young people's rights and empowered young people to take action.

This is a historic moment for children and young people's rights in Scotland. As a result of this youth-led campaign, the Scottish Government has agreed to incorporate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Scots Law by 2021. Without *Right Here, Right Now*, this would not have happened.

Suki Wan MSYP, Chair of SYP, said: "I'm thrilled to find out that *Right Here, Right Now* has been shortlisted for the Cracking Campaign award. So much has come out of this youth-led campaign, including the Scottish Government agreeing to incorporate the UNCRC into Scots Law. Incorporation of UNCRC will protect children and young people's rights and truly make Scotland the best place in the world for young people to grow up. *Right Here, Right Now* has led the way to incorporation, and so truly is a Cracking Campaign!"

Members of the public can now vote for Cracking Campaign finalists in the Scottish Charity Awards 2019 until Friday 17 May 2019. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on Friday 14 June 2019 at Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

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## Notes to editor

1. Cast your vote for the Scottish Charity Awards 2019 at [www.scvo.org.uk/vote](http://www.scvo.org.uk/vote)
2. To arrange an interview with Suki Wan MSYP, or for other Scottish Youth Parliament media enquiries, please contact Rachel Ashenden, Communications Officer, [Rachel.a@syp.org.uk](mailto:Rachel.a@syp.org.uk) or 07729487627.
3. The [Scottish Youth Parliament](#) is the 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.
4. The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations is the national body representing the interests of charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. The Scottish third sector turns over £4.5 billion a year and employs 138,000 people in over 45,000 organisations. For more on SCVO see [www.scvo.org.uk](http://www.scvo.org.uk)