

TIMELINE FOR ELECTIONS 2021

Dates/Time	Phase of Elections	Event/Activity
February 2021	Local Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations of Named Election Coordinators within Local Authorities (LAs) or National Voluntary Organisations (NVOs) close.
March 2021	NEC Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online training sessions will be held for Named Election Coordinators. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 15th March at 11am Tuesday 16th March at 11am Tuesday 23rd March 3pm <p>Please email Kirstie Morrow morrow.k@syp.org.uk to book your place.</p>
March 2021	Sitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March Sitting - Online information session for Named Election Coordinators and Support Workers on the expression of interest phase.
March 2021	Local Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAs and NVOs Named Election Coordinators plan their elections Further promotion to young people.
1 st April 2021	Expression of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for expressions interest to be a candidate open.
April/May 2021	Expression of Interest	<p>Inspiring young people to stand as candidates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Named Election Coordinators organise promotion in schools, youth groups and other organisations. Young people complete expression of interest form. Promotional materials available. Young people complete initial training and meet with Named Election Coordinator.
June 2021	Sitting	<p>Session for Support Workers/Named Election Coordinators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A session on the elections will take place at the Sitting, and will provide information and support for the 'Confirmed Candidate' phase of the Elections.
30 th June 2021	Expression of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline for Candidates: Expression of Interest Forms is 5pm on 30th June 2021.

July 2021	Confirmed Candidates	<p>Candidate Training</p> <p>This year, we will be doing a virtual training session for candidates. You are welcome to run your own candidate training in addition to the national candidate training. More about this will be covered in the NEC training.</p> <p>National Candidate Training Dates:</p> <p>Wednesday 14th July at 16:00 Wednesday 4th August at 16:00 Wednesday 11th August at 16:00</p> <p>Manifesto Development</p> <p>Campaigning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named Election Coordinators organise training for candidates to help them develop manifestos and campaign locally.
August 2021	Confirmed Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 1st July - 31st August 2021, NECs will work with EOs to confirm candidacy. Early submissions are welcome. • The quicker this phase is complete, the longer candidates will have to promote their candidacy and campaign.
August 2021	Confirmed Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deadline for the submission of candidate profiles is 5pm on 31st August 2021.
September 2021	Promote the Vote!	<p>Campaigning, Election Promotion and Publicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAs and NVOs promote the vote in their local area, including through local hustings. • SYP work nationally to promote the elections. • YS Elections Platform information deadline:
8 th - 21 st November 2021	Election	<p>Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online elections available via Young Scot. • LAs and NVOs run elections in line with SYP Elections Guidance. <p>Election Announcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election results should be announced. SYP encourage LAs and NVOs to host a local elections

		announcement during this time period. SYP will seek to promote each result and create an 'election night' atmosphere as results come in across the country, utilising social and new media along with traditional outlets.
December 2021 - February 2022	Training for MSYPs-Elect	Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SYP will offer a programme of training to all MSYPs-elect; this training will cover an induction to the SYP, the role of an MSYP and skills for successful engagement with both constituents and decision-makers. • LAs and NVOs may choose to deliver training of their own to supplement that offered by the SYP.
March 2022	Sitting and AGM (TBC)	SYP Sitting and Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently elected candidates attend their first SYP meeting and are officially appointed as Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament.