

SYP Elections 2023

How to Vote



Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs) represent young people in two ways:

1. In your local constituency - SYP constituencies are the same as the Scottish Parliament constituencies, so you can find out what your constituency is by putting your postcode into the MSP search on the Scottish Parliament website [here](#).
2. Through a number of [voluntary organisations](#) which have representative MSYPs - Young people who are a member of a voluntary organisation can vote in their voluntary organisation and in their local constituency.

When you know which constituency you will be voting in, you can find out more about the candidates standing by selecting the constituency from the drop-down list at the bottom of this page: <https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/19/>

How to vote:

The SYP elections use the Scottish Single Transferrable Vote (Scottish STV) system - a system of preferential voting. When you vote, you will be asked to rank the candidates in order of preference, in order 1,2,3... etc, instead of just choosing one candidate. This means the result is based more on consensus or agreement.

You don't have to vote for every candidate, but your vote won't be counted until you have indicated your first preference ('1') candidate. You cannot pick one candidate as number 1 and then rank two or more candidates as number 2; each candidate should have their own number. If you don't want to choose who should be number 3 or 4 etc, only pick two candidates and submit your vote.

- Aberdeen Central - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- Aberdeen Donside - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- Aberdeen South and North Kincardine - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- Aberdeenshire East - Uncontested - no election
- Aberdeenshire West - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- Airdrie and Shotts - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- Almond Valley - Uncontested - no election
- Angus North and Mearns - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- Angus South - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- Argyll and Bute - Uncontested - no election
- Ayr - Uncontested - no election

- **Banffshire and Buchan Coast** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Caithness, Sutherland and Ross** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Carers Trust Scotland** - To vote, go to <https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/19/> and scroll down to the vote section at the bottom of the page. You will need a voter number, which you can get from your local group leader or by contacting the election coordinator for this voluntary organisation.
- **Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Clackmannanshire and Dunblane** - Young people can vote in secondary schools and the college. A drop-in session will also be held at the Bowmar Centre, Alloa, from 6-8pm on Tuesday 7th November.
- **Clydebank and Milngavie** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Clydesdale** - You can vote in your secondary school or your local Universal Connections. Please contact your youth worker for more information.
- **Coatbridge and Chryston** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Cowdenbeath** - Uncontested - no election
- **Cumbernauld and Kilsyth** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Cunninghame North** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Cunninghame South** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Dumbarton** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Dumfriesshire** - Young people can vote in person through schools, libraries and community polling places. For more information on the candidates standing for election, and where you can vote, please visit: <https://youthwork.dumgal.gov.uk/article/21201/Get-Involved>.
- **Dundee City East** - Uncontested - no election
- **Dundee City West** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Dunfermline** - Uncontested - no election
- **East Kilbride** - You can vote in your secondary school or your local Universal Connections. Please contact your youth worker for more information.
- **East Lothian** - Uncontested - no election
- **Eastwood** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Edinburgh Central** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Edinburgh Eastern** - Uncontested - no election
- **Edinburgh Northern and Leith** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Edinburgh Pentlands** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Edinburgh Southern** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>

- **Edinburgh Western** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Falkirk East** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Falkirk West** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Federation of Islamic Students Society** - Uncontested - no election
- **Galloway and West Dumfries** - Young people can vote in person through schools, libraries and community polling places. For more information on the candidates standing for election, and where you can vote, please visit: <https://youthwork.dumgal.gov.uk/article/21201/Get-Involved>.
- **Girlguiding Scotland** - To vote, go to <https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/19/> and scroll down to the vote section at the bottom of the page. You will need a voter number, which you can get from your local group leader or by contacting the election coordinator for this voluntary organisation.
- **Glasgow Anniesland** - Uncontested - no election
- **Glasgow Cathcart** - Uncontested - no election
- **Glasgow Kelvin** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Glasgow Pollok** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Glasgow Provan** - Uncontested - no election
- **Glasgow Shettleston** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Glasgow Southside** - Uncontested - no election
- **Greenock and Inverclyde** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Haggeye (RNIB Scotland)** - Uncontested - no election
- **Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse** - You can vote in your secondary school or your local Universal Connections. Please contact your youth worker for more information.
- **Inverness and Nairn** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley** - Uncontested - no election
- **Kirkcaldy** - Uncontested - no election
- **LGBT Youth Scotland** - To find out more about the candidates and submit your vote, go to <https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/msyp-candidates>.
- **Linlithgow** - Uncontested - no election
- **Mid Fife and Glenrothes** - Uncontested - no election
- **Midlothian North and Musselburgh** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>

- **Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale** - Uncontested - no election
- **Moray** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Motherwell and Wishaw** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Na h-Eileanan an Iar** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **North East Fife** - School aged young people can vote using the GLOW Platform. Young people not in School can contact Corinne.McGinley@fife.gov.uk to find out where and how to vote.
- **Orkney Islands** - Uncontested - no election
- **Paisley** - Uncontested - no election
- **Perthshire North** - Uncontested - no election
- **Perthshire South and Kinross-shire** - Uncontested - no election
- **Renfrewshire North and West** - Uncontested - no election
- **Renfrewshire South** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Rutherglen** - Uncontested - no election
- **Scouts Scotland** - To vote, go to <https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/19/> and scroll down to the vote section at the bottom of the page. You will need a voter number, which you can get from your local group leader or by contacting the election coordinator for this voluntary organisation.
- **Shetland Islands** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch** - Uncontested - no election
- **Stirling** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **Strathkelvin and Bearsden** - To vote go to <https://voting.young.scot/>
- **The Boys' Brigade** - Uncontested - no election
- **Uddingston and Bellshill** - If you live in North Lanarkshire, you can vote at <https://voting.young.scot/>. If you live in South Lanarkshire, you can vote in your secondary school or your local Universal Connections. Please contact your youth worker for more information.
- **Who Cares? Scotland** - To vote, go to <https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/19/> and scroll down to the vote section at the bottom of the page. You will need a voter number, which you can get from your local group leader or by contacting the election coordinator for this voluntary organisation.
- **YMCA Scotland** - To vote, go to <https://elections.syp.org.uk/elections/19/> and scroll down to the vote section at the bottom of the page. You will need a voter number, which you can get from your local group leader or by contacting the election coordinator for this voluntary organisation.