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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT



We are the Scottish Youth Parliament. This is our manifesto for the years 2026 to 2031.



There are 160 Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament. Members are young people aged 14 to 25.



Members represent young people in Scotland.



Young people told our Members the problems they have and how to fix them.



The manifesto has thirty-one ideas for making Scotland better. The ideas are called policies.



The policies are in five sections. The policies help people in charge understand the problems young people have.

OUR IDEAS FOR EDUCATION



Schools should be safe spaces for all young people in Scotland. Schools should give young people the support they need.



Schools should prepare young people for work.



Young people who need extra support should access the same opportunities.



All young people should access free, healthy food.

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT



The Scottish Government should change what young people learn in school. They should listen to what young people want.



All young people should learn how to look after their money in school. This will help young people understand the economy.



The Scottish Government should help young people who need extra support in school.



The Scottish Government should give schools enough money to do this.



People in charge should give all children and young people meals in school for free.



People in charge should help young people go to college.

OUR IDEAS FOR THE PLACES WE LIVE



All young people in Scotland want to grow up in safe communities.



Young people want to be included in services like healthcare and housing.



All young people should have a home.



All young people should receive support for their mental health.



All young people should feel they belong in their community.

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT



Councils must create spaces for young people.



Councils must put money into activities for young people to spend time together.



The National Health Service must remain free to use.

FAST



Young people should receive support for their mental health as soon as they need it.



We want all young people to take part in sports and other activities for free.



The Scottish Government should help young people do this.

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT



This includes young people in rural areas.



All young people in Scotland should have access to fast internet.



The Scottish Government must make rent fairer for young people.



This includes young people who are students.



The Scottish Government must help young people know their rights.



The Scottish Government must help all young people in Scotland secure a home. This includes young people in rural areas.

OUR IDEAS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



Young people want to help protect the environment.



Climate change will affect young people in the future.



Young people want to access natural spaces to protect their mental health.



All young people should access these natural spaces.



Public transport is important.



All young people in Scotland should have public transport choices that are safe and do not cost much money.

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT



The Scottish Government must take action to reduce harmful gases that cause climate change.



The Scottish Government and young people should work together to reduce waste.



The Scottish Government should create green spaces to protect animals and plants.



The people in charge of transport should make trains and buses easier for disabled people to use.



This includes young people in rural communities.



Young people under 26 years old should access free public transport.

OUR IDEAS TO MAKE SCOTLAND FAIR FOR EVERYONE

WARNING

The topics in this theme may affect you.

They talk about:



1. Violence against women and girls.
2. Negative attitudes towards women.
3. Inappropriate sexual behaviour.



Young people in Scotland should have access to equal opportunities.



They want to live safely.



The law should support all young people.



People in charge should listen to young people.



Young people want men and women to be treated equally.

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT



Young women and girls should be treated fairly.



Violence towards young women and girls should be a crime.



Victims should not wait too long for crimes to go to court.



Employers must make sure women and men are paid the same.



Employers should offer working hours that suit people's needs.



Employers should give paid time off for a person on their period.



They should have fair rules for this.

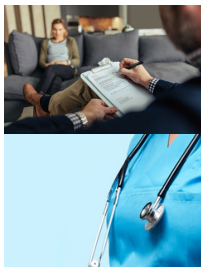
YOUNG PEOPLE WANT



People in charge should help employers to make this happen.



Victims should give evidence in a safe space.



They should have access to:

1. Therapy.
2. Healthcare.



Scotland should be a safe space to live for all young people.



The Scottish Government should fix:

1. Discrimination.
2. Bullying.



Discrimination is when someone is treated unfairly because of their identity.

OUR IDEAS FOR PROTECTING RIGHTS



Human rights are rights that we all have. They keep us safe.



Children and young people have extra rights.



People in charge should include young people in their work.



This includes:

1. Making new laws
2. How to spend Government money.



People in charge should protect young people.



This will make sure young people can be the best they can be.

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT



The Scottish Government and people in charge must include young people in their work.



This is what the law says.



All young people over 16 years old should be able to vote in all elections in the United Kingdom.



The Scottish Government must protect young people with disabilities.

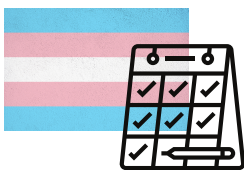


The Scottish Government should also protect:

1. Black people.
2. People of all races.
3. Women.
4. People of different sexualities and genders.



Transgender young people should access the right care.



Care for transgender people should be consistent.

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT



The Scottish Government must give people with care experience the right to be independent.



This means:

1. People with care experience can have someone to speak up for them.
1. The Scottish Government should help all young people understand their rights.



The Government in the United Kingdom should support young people who are seeking asylum.



This means helping young people seeking asylum have their families in the United Kingdom.