



# ACCESSIBLE, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

**Policy 7: In Scotland, there should be a diverse and inclusive youth mobility scheme, in order to give young people the opportunity to live, work, and study abroad.**

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## **What's this all about?**

A youth mobility scheme allows young people to work or learn in a different country for a temporary period. Young people told us they are excited about youth mobility schemes because they want to have new experiences through different cultures, explore new places and develop their education in new countries. Through youth mobility schemes, young people have the opportunity to learn more about the world around them, grow professionally and personally, and have a unique experience that will last a lifetime.

**“This would encourage young people to learn a language, which has many of its own benefits such as better memory, and expose them to a new culture, which would hopefully help in some to tackle race and nationality based discrimination, xenophobia and prejudice. It would also be a great opportunity for young people.”**

– Young woman aged 14-17, Edinburgh

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## **What are young people in Scotland calling for?**

- Young people call for more international opportunities for social, cultural and educational experiences that support lifelong learning and connections.

**“Definitely, I would personally love to travel outside of Scotland for education would be great and you can see how other places do everything and learn”**

– Young woman aged 14-17, Inverclyde

- The Scottish Government should work with young people to develop and deliver a youth mobility scheme that is accessible and available for everyone.

**“This scheme will give young people an opportunity to enhance their personal development and also promote cultural understanding and diversity.”**

– Young woman aged 14-17, Clackmannanshire

- Decision-makers should actively encourage and support opportunities for young people to travel, live, work and study abroad, and create international opportunities that support young people to realise their full potential.
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## Evidence and Support

- The [youth work sector in Scotland](#) is potentially missing out on €10.7million of funding for international and intercultural learning due to exclusion in the Erasmus+ programme.
  - [Research](#) has shown that participants of Erasmus+ find a job quicker than non-mobile graduates.
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## What has SYP done?

The [SYP Policy Log](#) includes protecting young people’s right to work and study abroad.