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SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT MANIFESTO 2026–2031



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# ABOUT SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) is the democratically elected voice of Scotland’s young people. We exist to platform the voices of young people in spaces where decision makers are, at a local, national and international level. We exist to make change in young people’s lives, to think differently about issues and to create a meaningful impact to make Scotland the best place to grow up.

Creating a Scotland where young people feel loved, safe, respected and heard in decisions made about them is key to our journey to make Scotland the best place to grow up. In line with our newly-launched strategy, SYP’s values are:

**Bold**

**Youth-led**

**Ambitious**

**Inclusive**

**Politically Impartial**

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## SUPPORTING PARTNERS



Thankyou to everyone who has so far supported our manifesto and calls to action.

A Place in Childhood  
Child Poverty Action Group  
Children & Young People’s Commissioner Scotland  
Children First  
Children in Scotland  
Close the Gap  
Children and Young People’s Centre for Justice  
Engender  
Human Rights Consortium Scotland  
Includem  
Intercultural Youth Scotland  
Just Right Scotland  
LGBT Youth Scotland  
Living Rent Scotland

Money Ready  
NUS Scotland  
Play Scotland  
Respectme  
Scottish Environment Link  
Scottish Wildlife Trust  
Sustrans  
Together Scotland  
Who Cares? Scotland  
Young Scot  
Young Women’s Movement  
Youth Scotland  
YouthLink Scotland



# THE JOURNEY SO FAR

This manifesto has been developed by young people, for young people. We started out by asking young people what Scotland they want to see in 2031 and what changes they would introduce if they were First Minister for a day. From there, our Conveners Group, made up of SYP's eight Subject Committee Conveners, developed the 31 policies and calls to action to reflect what young people had told us.

MSYPs then went out to ask young people in their local areas, organisations and schools what they thought of these policies. We collected responses through an online survey, focus groups, assemblies and stalls too. MSYPs, supported by SYP, analysed the findings and wrote the story of what young people think about these issues.

<b>TIMELINE</b>	
<b>June 2024</b>	Asked young people 'What Scotland do you want to see in 2031?'
<b>December 2024</b>	SYP Conveners Group agreed the final policy asks
<b>January–July 2025</b>	National manifesto consultation with young people across Scotland
<b>July 2025</b>	Analysed the findings with MSYPs
<b>September 2025</b>	Manifesto launch!





# LAUNCHING THE SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT'S 2026 - 2031 MANIFESTO

After months of hard work and dedication, we launched our brand-new manifesto at the next Scottish Youth Parliament's Sitting on Saturday, 06 September.

In this comms pack you will find some suggested blurbs and assets for you to use on your social media channels. However, please do feel free to create your own version if that suits you better. If you would like to receive the assets via WeTransfer, please email Gianni Mastrangioli, SYP's Communications Officer, at [Gianni.m@syp.org.uk](mailto:Gianni.m@syp.org.uk).

There are five themes in our manifesto for you to post about, if a particular area is more closely aligned to your work. You can find information on each individual theme throughout the pack. All the assets, both general and themed are available here: <https://syp.org.uk/manifesto-social-media-resources/>

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## KEY TIMINGS

We launched the **2026-2031 Manifesto** on **Saturday, 06 September 2025**.

The launch of the next manifesto took place at the SYP's National Sitting, where Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs) gathered to discuss and approve motions.



Find all the assets you will need for the launch here: <https://syp.org.uk/manifesto-social-media-resources/>

Through this manifesto and its five main themes, young people across Scotland are telling decision-makers what issues matter the most to them. The manifesto is for everyone who has an interest in young people and their rights, protection, and hearing their voices. It is by young people for young people.

### Instagram post (graphic or reel)

Check out @officialsyp 2026–2031 Manifesto: *Dear Scotland's Future* - written **by young people, for young people** 🙌🙌🙌

We're proud to stand with SYP in spotlighting the issues that matter most to Scotland's youth. Almost 5,000 young voices shaped this brand-new manifesto, covering five key themes:

- 📖 Accessible, Equitable & Inclusive Education
- 🏠 Safe & Supportive Communities
- 🌱 A Sustainable & Renewable Society
- ⚖️ A Fairer & Just Scotland
- 🙌 Empowering Young People to Claim their Rights

Read the full (and accessible) manifesto here (insert link)  
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# COMMS ON THE MANIFESTO

## Facebook and LinkedIn

### Youth-led Through and Through

@ScottishYouthParliament has launched their brand-new manifesto: Dear Scotland’s Future. This document gathers the views of almost 5,000 young people and presents an agenda for the changes they want to see at both local and national levels.

We’re proud to stand with SYP in highlighting the issues that affect young people across Scotland. Written by young people, for young people, the 2026-2031 Manifesto focuses on five key areas:

-  Accessible, Equitable & Inclusive Education
-  Safe & Supportive Communities
-  A Sustainable & Renewable Society
-  A Fairer & Just Scotland
-  Empowering Young People to Claim their Rights

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# ACCESSIBLE, EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Our ambition is for an education system:

- that gives young people a positive experience
- where they are included, feel safe, their needs are met, and they have opportunities for a wide range of experiences
- can develop skills for life.

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### Accessible, Equitable, and Inclusive Education

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We're proud to support SYP in calling for an education system that truly meets the needs of youth communities across Scotland. Together, we're asking decision-makers to:

- 📖 Reform the national curriculum to reflect young people's voices
- 💰 Provide support on personal finance, tax & the economy
- 🍴 Deliver universal free school meals for all children & young people
- 💡 Secure multi-year funding for the youth work sector
- 🌍 Create an inclusive youth mobility scheme to live, work & study abroad

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### Accessible, Equitable and Inclusive Education

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We’re proud to support SYP in championing an education system that truly meets the needs of young people. Together, we’re calling for:

- 🗨️ Reform of the national curriculum to reflect young people’s voices
- 💰 Better support on personal finance, tax & the economy
- 🍴 Universal free school meals for all children & young people
- 💡 Multi-year funding to sustain the youth work sector
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# SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES

Our ambition is for young people to grow up in communities that are safe and supportive, where young people:

- have their ideas and solutions listened to and acted up in developing public services
- can access spaces designed specifically for them
- have a community that guarantees an equal opportunity in life to everyone.

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### Safe and Supportive Communities

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We’re proud to support SYP in amplifying the issues that matter most to young people in their communities - from healthcare and safety to housing and wellbeing. Together, we’re asking decision-makers to:

- 🏠 Build youth-specific spaces in local communities
- 👮 Protect the NHS from privatisation
- 🧠 Promote early intervention in mental health services
- ⚽ Make sports & leisure services more accessible
- 🏡 Ensure affordable housing, especially in rural & island areas

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### Safe and Supportive Communities

@ScottishYouthParliament has launched its 2026–2031 Manifesto: *Dear Scotland's Future*. Based on the views of almost 5,000 young people from across Scotland, this document sets out the changes they want to see in the next five years.

We're proud to support SYP in highlighting the issues affecting young people where they live, including:

- 🏠 Build youth-specific spaces in local communities
- 🏥 Protect the NHS from privatisation
- 🧠 Promote early intervention in mental health services
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# A SUSTAINABLE AND RENEWABLE SOCIETY

Our ambition is for young people to be at the heart of tackling the climate emergency and:

- for their voices to be central in protecting the environment
- to increase opportunities for all young people to access green spaces
- for public transport to be accessible, reliable, affordable and safe

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## Instagram post (graphic or reel)

### A Sustainable and Renewable Society

Check out @officialsyp 2026–2031 Manifesto: *Dear Scotland's Future* - written **by young people, for young people** 🙌🙌🙌

We're proud to support SYP in raising awareness of the climate emergency and the urgent need for meaningful action. Together, we're asking decision-makers to:

- 🌍 Help meet targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ♻️ Strengthen plans to reduce waste
- 🌳 Protect Scotland's nature & biodiversity
- 🚍 Make public transport accessible & reliable across Scotland, especially rural areas
- 🎫 Extend the Under-22s Free Bus Travel Scheme to young people up to age 26

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We’re proud to support SYP in tackling the climate emergency and highlighting the need for immediate action. This includes:

- 🌍 Help meet targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ♻️ Strengthen plans to reduce waste
- 🌳 Protect Scotland’s nature & biodiversity
- 🚊 Make public transport accessible & reliable across Scotland, especially rural areas
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# A JUST AND FAIRER SCOTLAND

Our ambition is for a fair and equal Scotland, where all young people can access opportunities without barriers, and can live safely with the support they need:

- that brings an end to discrimination and actively improves lives
- ensures a justice system that supports all young people and gives them a voice
- where gender inequality is a thing of the past and everyone lives safely.

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## Instagram post (graphic or reel)

### A Just and Fairer Scotland

Check out @officialsyp 2026–2031 Manifesto: *Dear Scotland's Future* - written **by young people, for young people** 🙌🙌🙌

We're proud to support SYP's call for a Scotland where young people are treated fairly, free from discrimination, and taken seriously by the justice system. Together, we're asking decision-makers to:

- ⚖️ Recognise misogyny as a hate crime in Scotland
- ⚖️ Ensure victims can access justice without long delays
- 💰 Reduce the gender pay gap
- 🩸 Implement inclusive menstrual leave policies
- 👶 Improve support for children & young people in the justice system
- 👩🏫 Tackle discrimination faced by young people

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We're proud to help SYP in campaigning for justice system that gives young people the support they need and makes sure their voices are heard. Together, we're calling for:

- ⚖️ Recognise misogyny as a hate crime in Scotland
- ⚖️ Ensure victims can access justice without long delays
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# EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CLAIM THEIR RIGHTS

Our ambition is for young people to be at the heart of decision-making in Scotland and to be truly free to reach their full potential. This means:

- centering young people’s rights to enable meaningful engagement on key issues
- decision-makers to be accountable for delivering young people’s rights in full
- young people to be considered at every level in every budgetary, political and legal decision

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We’re proud to support SYP in campaigning for a Scotland where every young person can unlock their full potential. Together, we’re asking decision-makers to:

- 🗣️ Respect the views of children & young people in all decisions that affect them
- 🗳️ Extend the right to vote to all over-16s resident in the UK
- ⚖️ Protect the rights of disabled people, ethnic communities, women & LGBTQ+ groups
- 🏳️‍🌈 Ensure trans people can access quality gender-affirming care
- 👨👩👧👦 Guarantee that refugee & asylum-seeking children and young people can reunite with their families in the UK

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We’re proud to support SYP in campaigning for a Scotland where young people’s rights are respected and upheld. Together, we’re calling for:

- 🗣️ Respect the views of children & young people in all decisions that affect them
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# SHARING IN YOUR NEWSLETTER

If you're sharing our manifesto in your organisation via your newsletter or other internal communications channels, you can use the following text:

The Scottish Youth Parliament launched their brand-new manifesto on 06 September 2025, setting out clear priorities for the next Scottish Government and other decision-makers in the country.

The 2026-2031 Manifesto: *Dear Scotland's Future* is more than a policy document; it's a powerful statement that's been written for young people, by young people. Previous editions have seen the implementation of the Under 22s Free Bus Travel Scheme and the incorporation of the UNCRC into Scottish law.

The impact of this manifesto will depend on how widely its policies are shared. Young people are not only asking for change; they're ready to lead the way.



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## MESSAGING GUIDE

When introducing the 2026-2031 Manifesto on social media or within your organisation, please use the following:

- The Scottish Youth Parliament's 2026-2031 Manifesto: *Dear Scotland's Future* has been written by young people, for young people and sets out the agenda for the changes they want to see over the next five years.
- The policies contained in the manifesto aim to influence the decision-making process at both local and national and are aligned to all our work on respecting, protecting and upholding children and young people's rights.

Please:

- Make sure any coverage on the launch of this manifesto adheres with our non-partisan stance. SYP is a politically impartial organisation.



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