

REGIONAL SUMMARY

GLASGOW AND WEST SCOTLAND

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ABOUT THIS SUMMARY

Dear Scotland's Future is SYP's manifesto 2026-2031. It has been developed by young people, for young people and sets out the agenda for the changes they want to see over the next five years. Based on a consultation with nearly 5,000 young people across Scotland, this summary highlights the responses from young people in Glasgow and West Scotland.

The region of Glasgow and West Scotland is based on the regional groupings used within the Scottish Parliament and contains the following constituencies:

- Glasgow Anniesland
- Glasgow Cathcart
- Glasgow Kelvin
- Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn
- Glasgow Pollok
- Glasgow Provan
- Glasgow Shettleston
- Glasgow Southside
- Rutherglen
- Clydebank and Milngavie
- Cunninghame North
- Cunninghame South
- Dumbarton
- Eastwood
- Greenock and Inverclyde
- Paisley
- Renfrewshire North and West
- Renfrewshire South
- Strathkelvin and Bearsden

DEMOGRAPHICS



This summary is based on 296 responses, 125 of which were from group responses.

- 70 respondents were from a group session held in **East Renfrewshire** at a youth work session.
- Most individual respondents were from **Glasgow City** and **North Ayrshire**.
- The majority (71%) of individual respondents were **aged between 14-17**.
- Most individual respondents identified as **female**.



TOP 10 MOST AGREED POLICIES

The following ten policies received the highest percentage agreement by young people in this region. Percentages were rounded to two decimal places. Note, this does not equate to being the most urgent issues for young people.

- **Financial education - 96% agree**

Compared with 90% Scotland-wide

- **Accessible and reliable public transport - 95% agree**

Compared with 91% Scotland-wide

- **Accessible and affordable sports and leisure facilities - 94% agree**

Compared with 91% Scotland-wide

- **Reduce time for prosecution of sexual assault crimes - 94% agree**

Compared with 90% Scotland-wide

- **Barriers to accessing further and higher education - 93% agree**

Compared with 91% Scotland-wide

- **Maintain and expand free travel for young people - 92%**

Compared with 87% Scotland-wide

- **Strengthen rent controls - 91% agree**

Compared with 83% Scotland-wide

- **Address prejudice, discrimination and bullying - 91% agree**

Compared with 89% Scotland-wide

- **NHS protected from privatisation - 90% agree**

Compared with 83% Scotland-wide

- **Bold and urgent action on climate emergency - 90% agree**

Compared with 78% Scotland-wide





YOUNG PEOPLE IN GLASGOW AND WEST SCOTLAND SAY...

"The NHS is one of the best things the UK has to offer [...] However it is important that the standard of care remains high and equal for all who use it otherwise a two-tiered health care system can emerge, where people who are rich or know the right people go instead to private services and it is only poor people who use it."

- Young person aged 22-26, Glasgow Pollock

"Nothing scares me more than climate change - it is my biggest threat as a young person. My future feels scary and uncertain [...] We need a just transition, net zero, and no new oil and gas for a livable future."

-Young person aged 22-26, Glasgow Southside

"Financial education is a critical block missing from schools - as part of creating a curriculum for the future, young people deserve the financial skills this block would provide."

-Young person aged 14-17, Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn

"Adults don't know what it's like to be us."

-Young person, Eastwood

"Paying £14 for two people to travel along the West Highland Line for only 2 stops is not fair or justifiable."

-Young person aged 14-17, Dumbarton

"We need more affordable and available housing but we have enough houses, just that some people have two."

-Young person aged 18-21, Cunninghame North

"School meals are currently expensive and putting people like me self off eating a lunch due to prices."

-Young person aged 14-17, Greenock and Inverclyde



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