


Scottish Youth Parliament

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**Ruaridh McGowan**

### EQUALITIES, POVERTY AND INCOME INEQUALITY, EDUCATION

Hi everyone, I'm Ruaridh McGowan, and I'm running to be your next MSYP.

I'm running because I care about our community, and I want to make sure the issues affecting our daily lives like mental health and rights are actually taken seriously by decision-makers.

An MSYP's real job isn't just to speak; it's to listen. If elected, I promise to be a direct link for your ideas, your frustrations, and your goals. I will make sure our school and college in our area have a loud, clear voice in the Scottish Youth Parliament.

If you want a representative who is approachable, dedicated, and ready to fight for what matters to us, please vote for Ruaridh McGowan.
Thank you if you do, shaping tomorrow with everyone

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## Adam Ben Abid

## Key Issues

### POVERTY AND INCOME INEQUALITY, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

I would like to be an MSYP because I feel like there are many issues all around my country, I feel like this are issues that could potentially be resolved if I am involved.

It also gives me a new opportunity for new experiences and talking to new people.

I think that you should vote for me because I feel like I can give a positive atmosphere towards my peers.

I will put other people needs above my own and prioritise getting jobs as quick as possible with high quality, I am a smart funny person who will always try their best and not stop contributing towards something I have put my dedication to.

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**Bethany Munro**

### EQUALITIES, JUSTICE, DEMOCRACY

I want to be an MSYP because I believe I can help young people in my community by offering safe places and improving Scotland.

Not only will I battle for equality, but I will ensure that young people's voices are heard in parliament. I will listen to what everyone has to say and try my best to make Scotland better through engaging with my peers and listening to the voices of the constituents.

I would be a trusted person that people will turn to for support, when they are facing problems, I will do the upmost to solve them.

I would prove to not only the parliament, but to the people of Scotland that young people are smart and as active as ever.

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**Blair Scott**

### EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING, CULTURE AND MEDIA

I want to become an MSYP because I want to make a positive change in young people's everyday lives and work with young people to improve the constituency.

People should vote for me because, if elected, I vow to be the bridge connecting my constituents voices and the Scottish Youth Parliament.

To ensure my constituents are truly represented, I will meet with young people to listen to their views, and I will reflect those opinions in the Scottish Youth Parliament if elected.

Furthermore My policies are about employment culture and media and health and wellbeing as I know these are matters which concern a few of the young people in my constituency.

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Harry Messer

## THE ECONOMY, YOUTH WORK, TRANSPORTATION

People should vote me because I am an enthusiastic member of my local community.
I am not afraid to stand up for my beliefs and my community as demonstrated before.

I am a member of the East Ayrshire Youth Cabinet, where in this capacity I am involved in helping to shape East Ayrshire and its future for young people. I am also a member of the UNCRC committee for my local authority.

I am a good decision maker as I have served two terms as a junior house captain at my school. I am a good team player who is an effective communicator when working with others.

I will campaign for better bus routes as currently East Ayrshire is not well connected to other areas as well as in the local authority, safer communities so all young people can not only feel safe but be safe, lower train fares as East Ayrshire pays one of the highest train fare prices in Scotland.

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**Mackenzie Ferguson**

### YOUTH WORK, THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION

I would like to become a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament as I would like to help young people within Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley as well as helping to improve my community whilst meeting new people. I would campaign o improve our town centres as I would like to see improvements to the area and have more opportunities for young people. My campaign would also focus on improving transport within our community as well as looking at ways of improving youth work and have a passion for campaigning for a bike park within the area.

People should vote for me as I am funny, a good communicator and I feel that I have good ideas as well listening to others.

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**Holly Agnew**

### EDUCATION, YOUTH WORK, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

I would like to campaign for there to be more Youth Groups within Kilmarnock + Irvine Valley as I feel there is not enough opportunities for young people. I would like to campaign for healthy eating and cooking classes as well as fitness classes for young people. I would also look to campaign for more opportunities for young people to gain Independence and life skills. I would also like to campaign for online safety for young people and improve internet safety for young people.

I feel that people should vote for me as I am helpful, honest, loving, kind and funny

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**Jamie Sutherland**

### EDUCATION, THE ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH AND WELLBEING

I would like to a be a member of the Scottish Youth Parliament as I would like to campaign to improve local parks for young people as well as improving our community by improving the environment and cleanliness of the area. If elected for MSYP I would also like to campaign for improved education opportunities and ensure that young people have the correct support and what level of qualifications are on offer to young people at school.

People should vote for me as I feel that I am calm young person that is passionate at making changes whilst taking other peoples perspectives as well as my own when campaigning for ways of improving life for young people in Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley

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**Magdalena Wolos**

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### EDUCATION, YOUTH WORK, CULTURE AND MEDIA

I am confident in representing young people's opinions and gathering their views as I have done before in previous projects as part of the Youth Alliance, working with We Make Kilmarnock on community action plans.

I believe in the importance of hearing the broad range of diverse opinions of young people to have their say in matters which affect them.
Everyone has different views, wants and experiences which affect the issues they are passionate about.

I will be the representative which will happily listen to young people's voice and be part of creating a positive impact and necessary improvement.

I'm reliable and set on fulfilling promises. I'm a good listener, trustworthy and not afraid to speak up. I am responsible, care about helping others and hard working. I will be proactive and dedicated when carrying out the responsibilities I understand come with the role.

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**Emmanuel Olaobaju**

### JUSTICE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING, DEMOCRACY

I want to be the change that the young people of Scotland can see in the world.

I want them to know that their voices are heard and appreciated when adults won't listen.

I'm truthful, blunt, tenacious ,and I wanna make sure that everyone young person in Kilmarnock is able to get their wishes fulfilled no matter what

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**Leonard Daramola**

I'm running to be an MSYP for Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley because I'm tired of hearing empty promises that don't change anything in our day-to-day lives.

If you vote for me, I will fight for:

- An SQA Revision Hub on Glow: Making core study books and software free online, so money never stops you from getting good grades.
- A Safe Anonymous Reporting Tool: Giving you a private digital shield to report bullying from your phone on Glow, without the fear of being seen.
- Free Council Gym and Swim Access: Making public leisure centres completely free using your Young Scot card, giving everyone a free, healthy escape to protect their wellbeing.

I've already checked how these ideas would work with public funding and council rules to make sure they can actually happen. No price tags on potential. A safer way to speak up. A healthier future.
My name is Leonard Daramola, and I want to be your voice.

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### RIGHTS, YOUTH WORK, TRANSPORTATION



**Anna Prokopenko**

I have chosen to focus on the three critical areas that impact the lives of young people daily.

One of which is youth rights, I believe that there is a solid foundation already in place but there is still a lot of space for improvement, i want to campaign for the youth rights to be fully respected in all domains of eveday life.

Another issue is transport, I believe that reliable and affordable transport is vital for youths independence. Free bus pases are extremely valuable for each and every young scot but i believe that buses being the only free transport excludes many other types of transport. I will persue the need for safer, more frequent and affordable transport.

And for last the amount of work available on today's market is very minimal, causing many young people not be able to find a decent job that would be able to provide for them. I want to campaign to I prove the amount of work available in the area.

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Lainie Donnelly

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### EQUALITIES, YOUTH WORK, THE ENVIRONMENT

I want to be an MSYP because I believe young people should have a strong voice in decisions that affect their lives.

Someone should vote me because I truly care for the youth in my area and making things better for them. I will advocate for the youth in my area and not just my own personal belief and I will represent all's views including those who usually feel unheard.

I would work with my fellow MSYP to turn ideas into action by raising the issues at SYP meetings.

I'll communicate clearly with the youth in my area to update them on what is being done and what has been accomplished.

I will always be completely approachable to make sure people are not nervous about coming to me with their concerns, so I can stay true to my word of delivering to my area.




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# Look out for the Youth Team in your school and find out how to cast your vote!

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