

Education, Children and Young People Committee

Wednesday 22 January 2025
3rd Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Scottish Youth Parliament

Introduction

1. The Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people.
2. SYP states that its vision is of a nation that actively listens to and values the meaningful participation of its young people, and its mission is to provide a national platform for young people to discuss the issues that are important to them, and campaign for changes to the nation that they live in.
3. MSYPs are elected every two years. The current Youth Parliament runs from 2023-2025. Every Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) joins one of eight Subject Committees, each of which takes responsibility for a specific area of policy. The Education and Lifelong Learning Committee's remit includes:
 - School education
 - Further and Higher education
 - Adult and community education
4. SYP campaigns for this session include calls for [mental health training and education to be increased](#) and [investment in and the protection of youth work services](#).
5. Currently, SYP is focused on a number of projects including the [right for young people to have their views heard](#), [engagement with Care Experienced young people](#) and [Learning for Sustainability](#).
6. SYP also produced a summary of much of the education work that SYP, and groups that SYP sat on, did throughout the 2021-2023 SYP membership, which was published in October 2023 as a [magazine with articles written by MSYPs](#).

Committee meeting

7. This session is an opportunity to hear about the work and priorities of MSYPs, within the remits of this Committee and the SYP Education and Lifelong Learning Committee.
8. At its meeting today, the Committee will be hearing from—
 - Ellie Craig MSYP (SYP Chair)
 - Beinn Grant MSYP and
 - Beau Johnston MSYP

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- Sophie Kerrigan MSYP (Deputy Convener, Education and Lifelong Learning Committee)
- Jordana Rae MSYP (Convener, Education and Lifelong Learning Committee)

**Committee Clerks
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