

DEMOCRACY

INCLUSION

PASSION

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE



Scottish Youth Parliament

The SYP represents Scotland's young people.

Our vision is of a stronger, more inclusive Scotland, that empowers young people by truly involving them in the decision-making process.

Unique Youth Led structure

Values - Democracy, Inclusion, Passion, Political Independence

We encourage all of Scotland's young people to play their part in achieving our vision and provide a national platform for their participation in democracy



Youth Led Structure



Conveners Group

Conveners of Subject Committees meet to direct policy and campaigns



Board of Trustees

Chair, Vice Chair, 1 Conveners Group representative and 4 MSYPS, Provide strategic direction for the organisation



Advisors

Experienced leaders from business & public sectors provide advice to Board of Trustees



Subject Committees

MSYPS meet in Committees to discuss specific policy issues



Procedures Group

MSYPS with an interest meet to monitor SYP policies and procedures



SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Up to 200 MSYPS, 14-25 years old Elected Representative voice of young people in Scotland

Positive Outcomes for Young People

We are dedicated to delivery of positive outcomes for Scotland's Young People. The SYP underpins Scottish Government's National and International commitments to Young people

National Performance Framework

We provide primary support and delivery of National Outcome 4:

"Our Young People are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens."

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

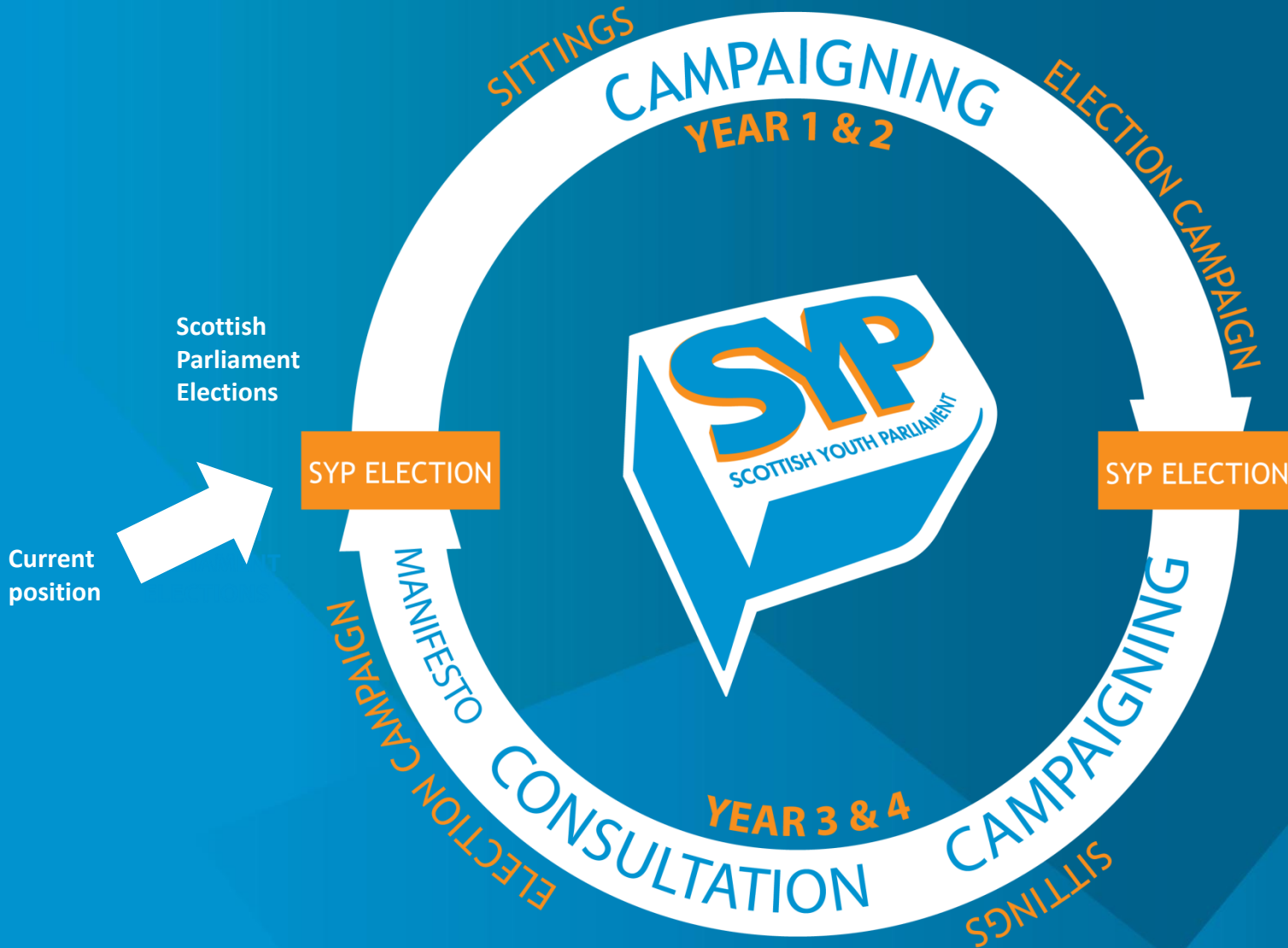
We believe that young people understand what UNCRC means for them, and most importantly that their right to express their views freely and have their opinions listened to in all matters affecting them. Article 12

Curriculum For Excellence

Our Programmes align to the 4 capacities of the new Curriculum



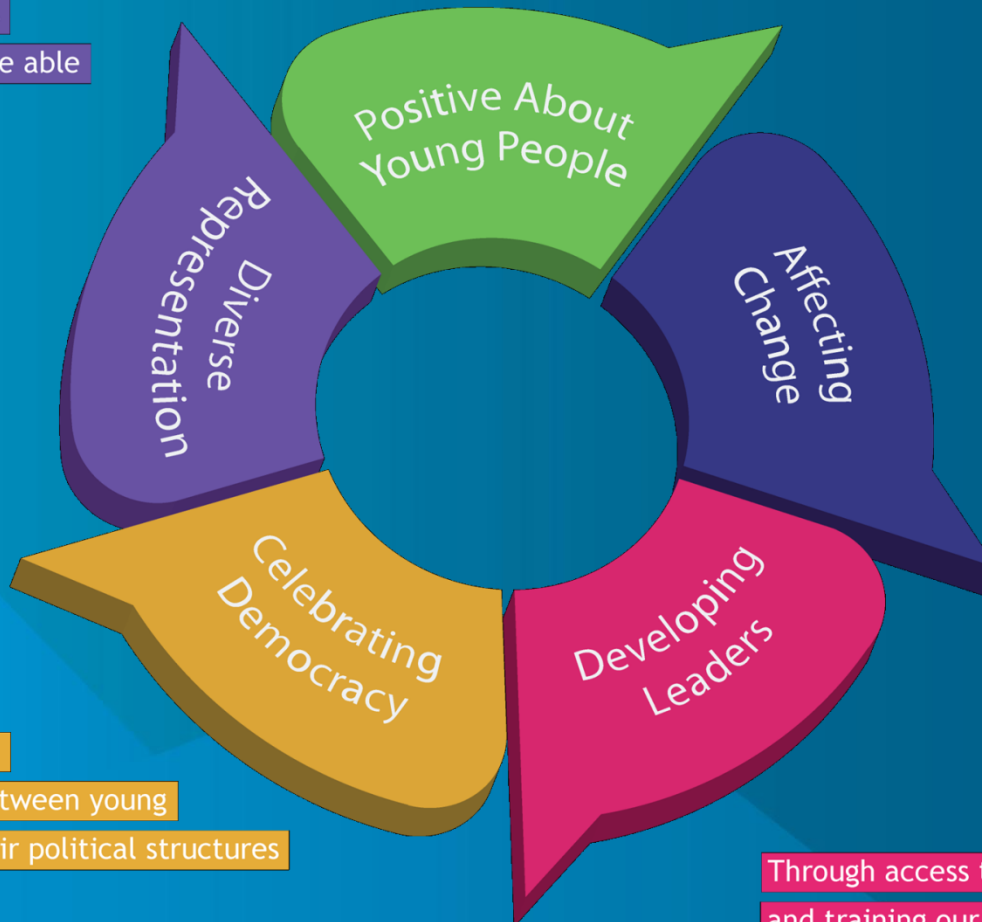
The programme we deliver



5 Impact areas

Young people are recognised as key contributors to Scottish society

All of Scotland's young people are able to participate

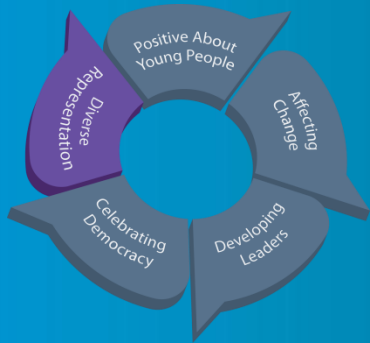


A Nation that listens to the voices of its young people

A strengthened relationship between young people and their political structures

Through access to opportunities and training our young people lead the way





Diverse Representation

All of Scotland's young people are able to participate

By developing representative structures which facilitate the active participation of young people from all sections of Scottish society and actively connecting young people and decision-makers, the Scottish Youth Parliament will ensure young people are at the heart of Scotland's key political processes.

National Sittings of SYP

Outreach and engagement

Consultations with young people

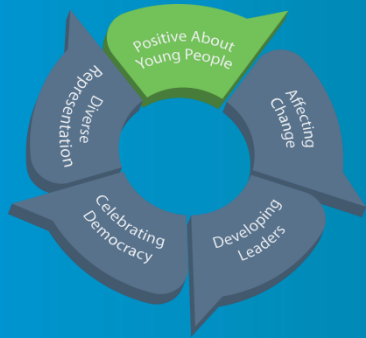
Representation on UK and international platforms

Voluntary organisation Engagement

“Approaching Inclusion” - ensuring that our activities are accessible and include those with additional needs

Inclusion projects





Positive about Young People

Young People recognised as key contributors to society

Through the active promotion and presentation of informed engagement and participation of young people across all sectors of society, the SYP will continue to challenge negative media stereotypes, by demonstrating the positive contributions of young people on society.

Showcasing the SYP and activities of young people

“Young Opinions” - influencing the media

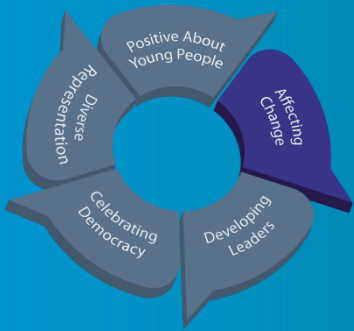
Facilitation of MSYPs as event speakers, presenters, panellists and participants

Challenging perceptions

Engagement in wider initiatives

Connections to young people





Affecting Change

A Nation which listens to the voices of its young people

Building on regular consultation with MSYPs and the young people they represent nationwide, the SYP will continue to actively promote the views of young people, challenge decision-makers and campaign visibly to influence and bring about change.

Campaigns

The Youth Manifesto

Parliamentary and political engagement

Membership of strategic policy groups

Consultation responses and policy input

Events on specific policy areas





Developing Leaders

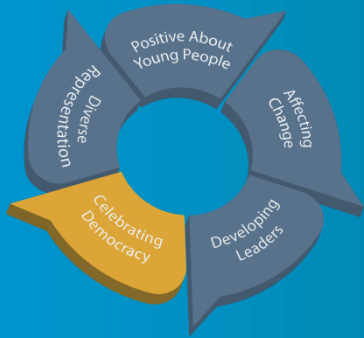
Young leaders with access to opportunities and training

By building the capacity of young people to represent themselves and others, the SYP will support young people to raise and take action on issues of concern to them and to help bring these issues further up the public and political agenda in Scotland

Capacity building
Training and development programme
Access to opportunities
Support worker development
Development of accreditation system

Learning exchanges
Extended participation and leadership training
Post-SYP development support for MSYPs
SYP Fellowship





Celebrating Democracy

Strong relationships between young citizens & politics

By raising awareness of the importance of representation, encouraging and involving young people in the democratic process, the SYP seeks to engage and empower a wide and diverse group of young people as Active Citizens helping create a healthy future for democracy in Scotland.

- Connecting young people to democracy and politics
- Encouraging young people to vote
- Citizenship opportunities
- Pupil Councils
- Unified SYP Elections
- Social Networking Applications

Assisting others to develop Youth involving Structures



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