



DEMOCRACY.
INCLUSION.
POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.
PASSION.



BACKGROUND

- For young people by young people
- Listening and representing
- Young volunteers (MSYPs)
- 10 years old!



OUR VISION

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



WHY A YOUTH PARLIAMENT?

- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child - Article 12
- Supporting young people to be involved in decision-making



WHAT IS THE SYP - REPRESENTATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC YOUTH VOICE

- Not party political
- Represents 14-25yr olds across Scotland on issues affecting them
- MSYPs (Members of the Youth Parliament) are democratically elected



WHAT IS THE SYP? - YOUTH LED

- For young people by young people
- Young people involved in making decisions about the organisation
- Directors are 14-25



HOW IT ALL WORKS: MEMBERSHIP

Geographical area

- The constituencies mirror those of the Scottish Parliament
- Young people who live, work or study in the area are eligible to vote.



HOW IT ALL WORKS: MEMBERSHIP

National Youth Involving Voluntary Organisation

- Represent particular groups of young people
- Ensuring SYP is representative



HOW IT ALL WORKS: NATIONAL SITTINGS

- Meet a minimum of three times a year
- Discusses issues which affect young people
- Tries to propose solutions to these problems



HOW IT ALL WORKS: SUBJECT COMMITTEES

- Each MSYP is a member of a subject committee
- Subject committees grouped by theme
- The views of young people, across Scotland, inform the work of subject committees



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Contact your local MSYP
- Join your local youth forum
- Sign up to our e-newsbulletin, follow us on Facebook, Bebo, or Twitter!
- Check out www.syp.org.uk for more info!



Thanks for listening!

Any Questions?

