

Get the Picture event

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Hi Hamira

Just wanted to say an official "Thank You" to SYP for all of the help that you gave us with the Get the Picture event on Saturday. It went really well and we had 150 young people in attendance who appeared to enjoy all aspects of the day. There was a great buzz about the building and some thoughtful debate around the issues.

I think this was down to the excellent planning that we were able to do, by involving MSYPs in the focus group to shape the event, and also to the presence of MSYPs on the day – both those that came as facilitators and those that came along with groups.

Everyone worked really hard but special mention needs to go to Grant and Rae for helping with the Chamber part of the debate, providing John with support in his role as facilitator. A tricky task as it is never easy to speak publically from the Chamber well, as I well know, so huge thanks are due to them.

I'd also like to thank Kate for arranging for John to chair the session as this did go down really well and helped to achieve media interest which was great. Also for being here to assist on the day of course and for all her help in the run up to the event.

We appreciated Marie's assistance in facilitating the ice breaker (thanks to Grant for hosting that as well!) and the SYP workshop, which was well received by all who attended. Thanks definitely due to Terri, Sara, Lachlan, Daniele and Gina also for helping to run the event and workshops. It was great to have young people to work alongside Parliament staff as event officers as this contributed to the atmosphere and seemed to help all of the young people to feel a real sense of ownership of what was going on.

SYP helped us to make social media a feature of the event too – not just through the 1st Tweet Wall that we've had in the Parliament but also through Terri helping my colleague Bob to record the workshops via Sound Cloud for example. Hopefully you'll get a flavour of some of the event through these various online records of the day!

I thought that it was a very positive way for our two organisations to work in partnership and we even picked up some support for the day from Kezia Dugdale MSP via her SYP link so that was a bonus. Hopefully the feedback you've got suggests that it has gone well for your side too. It would be good to get a chance for a catch up sometime soon maybe so we can think about how we can continue to build on this partnership work and on the Connect! project too.

Best wishes

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