



Scottish Youth Parliament Policy Log

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Key - 'Manifesto' statements are listed in orange; Statements are listed in blue; Recommendations are listed in green.

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Date	Policy	% Agree	Level	Notes
13 th January 2016	We are supportive of the commitment to make equality and transparency a key element in all public contracts to government as part of an initiative to eliminate the gender pay gap.	N/A	Recommendation	Scottish Labour consultation on Achieving Women's Equality response
13 th January 2016	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that young people should be closely consulted in order to effectively tackle gender-based violence in Scotland.	N/A	Recommendation	Scottish Labour consultation on Achieving Women's Equality response
13 th January 2016	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that it is essential for young people to be involved in the design of sex and relationship education in order for it to be as relevant, informative and up-to-date as possible.	N/A	Recommendation	Scottish Labour consultation on Achieving Women's Equality response
13 th January 2016	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that all professionals who deliver sex and relationship education should receive gender equality training.	N/A	Recommendation	Scottish Labour consultation on Achieving Women's Equality response

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13 th January 2016	There should be more exploration into the delivery of sex and relationship education in higher education as well as schools.	N/A	Recommendation	Scottish Labour consultation on Achieving Women's Equality response
24 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that there should be one mandatory living wage for everyone, no matter what age they are.	68%	Statement	Members' Motion by Andrew Kirk MSYP and Skye Brettell MSYP
24 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament opposes the cuts to public spending implemented by the current UK Government.	77%	Statement	Members' Motion by Terri Smith MSYP
24 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes schools should impartially assist pupils in registering to vote.	85%	Statement	Members' Motion by Kain McLeod MSYP
24 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes young people should be involved in the design of PSHE course content, which must be kept up-to-date and relevant to our rapidly changing world.	93%	Statement	Members' Motion by Ruraidh Stewart MSYP, Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch
25 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the 50:50 by 2020 pledge.	51%	Statement	Members' Motion by Kirsty McCahill MSYP
25 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes the BBC should remain in public ownership.	91%	Statement	Members' Motion by Ewan McCall MSYP
25 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the worldwide Action/2015 campaign.	83%	Statement	Members' Motion by Heather Cameron MSYP
25 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the use of neonicotinoids should be banned, given their harmful impact on bees.	60%	Statement	Members' Motion by Lewis Douglas MSYP
25 th October 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that music tuition should be free to all secondary school pupils in Scotland. Local	74%	Statement	Members' Motion by Euan Waddell MSYP

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	Government should strive to implement this by 2021.			
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that there should be education about autism in all schools in order to raise awareness about the condition.	98%	Statement	Members' Motion by Thomas Mair MSYP
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that mandatory foreign languages education should be introduced at primary school and continue through secondary school.	76%	Statement	Members' Motion by Kirsty McCahill MSYP
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the freedom of movement is a fundamental pillar of the European Union.	79%	Statement	Members' Motion by Scott Simpson MSYP
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the minimum age to stand in all elections should be lowered to 16.	55%	Statement	Members' Motion by Nicola Bruley MSYP
20 th March 2015	The Scottish supports the United Nation's "HeForShe" campaign.	93%	Statement	Members' Motion by Rhianne Carroll MSYP
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that a Scottish anti-human trafficking implementation strategy, that offers more support for survivors, should developed in the absence of, or alongside, any legislation.	88%	Statement	Members' Motion by Terri Smith MSYP
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the recognition of Sexual and Reproductive Rights, as human rights, is integral to the protection of an individual's inalienable and indivisible rights under the Universal Declaration of	60%	Statement	Committee Motion by the Justice Subject Committee

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	Human Rights and the United Nations Population Fund.			
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the right to protest in a peaceful manner should be protected.	90%	Statement	Committee Motion by the External Affairs Subject Committee
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes all Local Authorities in Scotland should support a youth-led sports body in order to increase and improve the availability of minority sports in Scotland.	63%	Statement	Committee Motion by the Sports and Leisure Subject Committee
20 th March 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes more effort and resources should be dedicated to ensuring an equal gender balance in the promotion and allocation of modern apprenticeship places.	56%	Statement	Committee Motion by the Jobs and Economy and Equalities Subject Committees
15 th December 2015	SYP agrees that the provision of high-quality school libraries, with professionally trained librarians to provide support and guidance to students, is an absolutely necessary resource to enable young people to achieve their fullest potential both in and outside of education.	N/A	Recommendation	Response to Public Petition PE01581: Save Scotland's School Libraries
15 th December 2015	There is a need for research into how cuts in library services have had an impact on literacy and learning.	N/A	Recommendation	Response to Public Petition PE01581: Save Scotland's School Libraries
15 th December 2015	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes all pupils in Scotland should have access to high quality school library services.	N/A	Recommendation	Response to Public Petition PE01581: Save Scotland's School Libraries

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15 th December 2015	Pupils should have access to high-quality library resources and support all year round rather than just term-time to comply with the right to equality of opportunity as outlined by article 28 of the UNCRC.	N/A	Recommendation	Response to Public Petition PE01581: Save Scotland's School Libraries
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should issue statutory guidance on the Carer's Support Plan which will include guidance for those undertaking the Carer's Support Plan on managing the stages of caring.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should introduce a duty on local authorities to provide short breaks.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should introduce a duty to support carers and young carers. All young carers and young adult carers should have the access to the same high quality services, no matter where they live.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes the current requirement to submit Carer's Information Strategies should be retained.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
12 th April 2014	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response

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(Extended August 2015)	introduce a duty for local authorities to establish and maintain a service for providing carers with information and advice relating to support.			
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the Scottish Government and COSLA should work with local authorities to take forward improvements to the portability of assessment.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the introduction of a duty for local authorities to inform the carer of the length of time it is likely to take to receive the Carer's Support Plan.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the removal of "ability [to provide care]" from the statute.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the introduction of two routes through to the Carer's Support Plan, including the ability for a young adult carer to request a Carer's Support Plan and a requirement for the local authority to offer a CSP where a young adult carer has been identified.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
12 th April 2014	The Scottish Youth Parliament agrees with removing the element of the assessment process whereby the cared-for person is a person for whom the local authority must	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response

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(Extended August 2015)	or may provide community care services/children's services.			
12 th April 2014 (Extended August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should change the name of the "Carer's Assessment" to "Carer's Support Plan.", with the substantial and regular test removed from its eligibility criteria. In addition, we believe that a Carer's Support Plan (CSP) should be offered to young carers as well as, or instead of, a Child's Plan, especially if they are identified as a potential future adult carer.	N/A	Recommendation	Carers Consultation Response
4 th October 2014	The Scottish Youth Parliament recognises that young drivers have to pay unfairly high prices for car insurance and calls for action to be taken to reduce insurance premiums for young drivers. We do not believe that proposals to restrict night time driving among newly qualified drivers are an appropriate solution.	63%	Statement	Members Motion by Scott Simpson MSYP
4 th October 2014	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that there should be national guidance in Scotland outlining national minimum expectations about the provision and quality of work experience to ensure all young people have an equal opportunity to access a high quality learning and development experience.	68%	Statement	Members Motion submitted by Luke McLeod MSYP, and presented by Nicole Dempster MSYP

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4 th October 2014	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should introduce comprehensive first aid training as a compulsory part of the education curriculum.	84%	Statement	Members Motion from Ehsan Salim MSYP
5 th July 2014	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) should have a minimum national standard to ensure that all young people are equipped with real life skills preparing them to become successful citizens. The Curriculum for Excellence should include mandatory guidelines on subjects and areas related to PSHE.		Statement	Members Motion by Struan King MSYP, Robbie Nicol MSYP and Eilidh Collins MSYP
5 th July 2014	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes smoking should be banned in cars carrying children in order to protect our current and future generation, and will support efforts to tackle this issue.		Statement	Members Motion by Nicola Bruley MSYP
22 nd March 2014	Whilst employers can expect an appropriate standard of professionalism from an employee's presentation, employers should not be allowed to discriminate against job applicants on the basis of the applicant's appearance.	113 votes 79%/14%	Statement	Members Motion by Eilidh Collins
26 th October 2013	The Bedroom tax should be repealed	88%/4%	Statement	Members Motion by David Linden

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26 th October 2013	There must be greater regulation of public transport to ensure an affordable and reliable service	71%/10%	Statement	Members Motion by Nairn McDonald
26 th October 2013	Zero hour contracts should be banned	49%/38%	Statement	Members Motion by Braden Davy
26 th October 2013	Action should be taken to stop people being portrayed as sex objects in the mass media. As an important step in this process, pictures of topless glamour models (such as the Sun's 'Page 3') should not be published in newspapers"	50%/41%	Statement	Members Motion by Terri Smith
26 th October 2013	The Scottish Government and local authorities should invest more in social housing to provide an affordable solution to housing shortages	74%/17%	Statement	Members Motion by Jamie Ross
26 th July 2013 (extended January 2014 and August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament recommends that the Bill be used to fully incorporate the UNCRC into Scots Law.	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response
26 th July 2013 (extended January 2014 and August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the introduction of a duty on Scottish Ministers to promote public awareness and understanding of the rights of children.	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response

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August 2015)				
26 th July 2013 (extended January 2014 and August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the extension of the investigatory powers of Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People (SCCYP). This function must be suitably resourced to enable it to meet demand, and caution must be taken when promoting the function to children and young people to ensure that unrealistic expectations of what is likely to happen as a result are not created.	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response
26 th July 2013 (extended January 2014 and August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament recommends that a requirement be placed on Parliament to debate the findings of SCCYP's investigations.	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response
26 th July 2013 (extended January 2014 and August 2015)	We would also recommend that the Commissioner is empowered to investigate potential rights violations relating to reserved matters as well as devolved.	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response
26 th July 2013 (extended January 2014 and August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the inclusion of a provision of a point of contact for children, young people and families through an appointed Named Person. However, we recommend that the	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response

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August 2015)	focus of the function should be as a first point of contact for children, young people and their families looking for information and advice about their wellbeing and ensure that their views are being taken into account when decisions regarding their wellbeing are being made; rather than the Bill's focus on the role serving as an information sharing hub for agencies.			
26 th July 2013 (extended January 2014 and August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament recommends that the circumstances in which information about a young person can be shared between agencies without their permission should be made clear in the Bill as well as accompanying guidance. Young people's right to privacy and confidentiality should be respected unless they are at substantial and immediate risk of harm.	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response
26 th July 2013 (extended January 2014 and August 2015)	The Scottish Youth Parliament recommends that the Bill should include provision for children and young people to have a say in who their Named Person is, and request a change if their working relationship has broken down.	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response
26 th July 2013 (extended January	The Scottish Youth Parliament supports the provisions in the Bill in principle related to Children's Services Planning,	N/A	Recommendation	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill response

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2014 and August 2015)	the Child's Plan, Aftercare, Corporate Parenting and Support for Kinship Care.			
29 th June 2013	Parents should not be allowed to smack children	52 votes (51%; 48%)	Statement	Members Motion by Emily Shaw
29 th June 2013	Family planning services should be increased within education including free contraception and child care workshops.	67 votes (64%; 58%)	Statement	Members Motion by Melissa Gorman
28 th October 2012 (Extended 24 th October 2015)	Scotland should fully endorse the use of renewable energies	35 votes (81%, 74%)	Statement	(Oct 2015 - 91%)
28 th October 2012 (extended 24 th October 2015)	<i>Effective pupil councils - led by the pupils - should be made compulsory in all secondary schools from first to sixth year.</i>	33 votes (73%, 72%)	Statement	(Oct 2015 - 52%)
29 th June 2012 (Extended 24 th October 2015)	Child poverty rates are too high in Scotland. We believe that Government must tackle it through early intervention, education and employment	66 votes (100%; 95.6%)	Statement	Members Motion by Kyle Thornton MSYP (Oct 2015 - 96%)
18 th March 2012 (Extended October 2015)	Assisted suicide should be legalised.	71 votes (77.2%/71.7%)	Statement	Debate - March 2012 Sitting (Oct 2015 - 58%)

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1 st December 2011 (Extended 8 th December 2012 & 7 th December 2013& August 2015)	A Rights of Children and Young People Bill to enshrine the UNCRC is necessary.	Various	Recommendation	October Sitting - Rights of Children and Young People Bill response
1 st December 2011 (Extended 8 th December 2012 & 7 th December 2013& August 2015)	The Rights of Children and Young People Bill should fully incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into law, with its scope extended to cover other public bodies. There should be clear channels of redress created, to allow the rights of children and young people to be enforced and young people access to appropriate support to make complaints when they feel their rights have been breached. All efforts should be made to ensure that this information is clearly communicated to young people in an accessible way.	64%/Various	Recommendation	October Sitting - Rights of Children and Young People Bill response
1 st December 2011 (Extended 8 th December	Further close consideration is given to how closely the particular rights as outlined in the UNCRC might or might not apply to young people who are looked after, and young people over the age of 18 and how they could be enforced in	Various	Recommendation	October Sitting - Rights of Children and Young People Bill response

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2012 & 7 th December 2013)	practice before reaching a firm decision on what age range the Rights of Children and Young People Bill should cover.			
31 st October 2010	Disabled young people should have the opportunity to have a say about the services which affect them. Employers need to support disabled people in the workplace.	88.95%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	All laws regarding homosexual relationships, whether male or female, should be equal to those of heterosexual relationships.	73.50%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Government should ensure that all efforts are made to help teenage mothers stay in education.	78.70%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Young people with additional needs should be provided with sufficient access to resources to cater for the needs of the individual throughout their education. We further believe that young people with any disability should be given the opportunity to attend specialist schools if they wish to do so.	87.54%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Gay and bisexual men should be allowed to donate blood. Discriminatory and out-of-date rules stopping them doing so should be removed.	65.47%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Sectarianism in any form should not be tolerated and every person in Scotland has the right to live without bigotry. We believe that part of the solution lies in	78.52%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment

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	the education of young people together regardless of their faith.			
31 st October 2010	Disabled children and young people should have the same rights and opportunities as other young people. More support should be available so disabled young people can do more independently.	88.92%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	There should be increased LGBT education and information in all schools to reduce stigma and homophobic bullying.	70.55%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Local authorities and councils should do all they can to keep migrant children with their parents regardless of their immigration status.	79.17%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Providing suitable disabled access to all that require it and making them feel safe while using it is very important.	87.95%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	People should be paid equally for doing the same job. There should be an equal minimum wage for all, including those in training.	78.14%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	From primary level, schools should provide up-to-date and effective personal, social and sexual education, tailored to pupils' specific needs and lifestyles.	82.94%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	There should be an emphasis on the long-term development of young people as part of the labour market, emphasising the provision and availability of apprenticeships and placements which	83.45%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment

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	will equip young people with important skills and experience on which to build careers.			
31 st October 2010	The success of Scotland's students must not be compromised by financial worries. Immediate action needs to be taken to ensure students don't face poverty and hardship in pursuit of their education.	84.11%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	All young people should have the chance to participate in work experience.	91.90%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	There should be no excuse for taking advantage of young people in the workplace - everyone deserves equal rights. More action is required to inform young people of what their rights and entitlements are at work and how they can stand up for them.	89.99%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Education is not all about exams; Scotland's young people should learn more about the law and how it affects them, sexual health and about Scottish culture and heritage amongst others.	77.44%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	To tackle in-work poverty, the Scottish Government should set up a recognition scheme for employers that pay a Scottish Living Wage of at least £7 per hour to all employees, which is regularly reviewed to make sure it is meeting minimum income standards.	75.76%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Tuition should remain free in further and higher education. Top-up fees are not an	85.44%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment

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	option for a society which puts ability to learn above ability to pay.			
31 st October 2010	Employers should be required to be flexible for young volunteers.	81.21%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	The minimum purchase age for alcohol should not be raised above 18.	77.80%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	No child or young person in Scotland should have to live without a home. More support must be given to those who are homeless including improvements to supported accommodation, a fairer benefits system, assistance with rent arrears and furniture and more affordable rural housing.	87.51%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Young offenders should receive compulsory tailored education and training opportunities which will help in their re-integration into society. Young Offenders' Institutions should be twinned with Further Education Colleges to encourage learning and reduce re-offending.	64.99%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Asylum seekers should be given the right to work whilst they are still living in the UK, allowing them to contribute to society.	60.45%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Coroner's Inquests, that would allow investigations into the death of Scots overseas, should be introduced in Scotland.	82.78%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment

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31 st October 2010	Young carers in Scotland should be shown that they are appreciated members of society and should be offered more support inside and outside of education. The Scottish Government should produce a Young Carers Strategy to help improve the lives of young people who are young carers for the benefit every single young person who cares in Scotland.	88.02%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	The solutions to solving the problem of knife crime lie in working with young people to tackle the root causes, not by imposing mandatory jail sentences on those caught carrying a blade.	57.37%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	The Scottish Government should do more to help young people looking to buy a home for the first time. This could include continued funding and a high-profile awareness campaign for existing schemes to help first-time buyers.	85.60%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	No child or young person should be made to report regularly at reporting centres or police stations due to their immigration status.	61.71%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Scotland's local tax system should be changed so that it is based on household income rather than the value of your home or the area you live in.	76.32%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	There should be fairer prices on public transport and more travel discounts for young people.	91.81%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment

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31 st October 2010	Scotland and the UK should lead the way in taking greater action to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals.	64.97%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	The Press Complaints Commission should recognise ageism as a form of discrimination.	77.10%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Publicly-funded Sports Centres and Cultural and Arts facilities should consider their admission costs for young people to ensure they are affordable for all, with clear information for young people of offers and discounts.	88.51%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Transport operators should increase the number of trains and buses that run on Sundays. Extra train carriages should be put on for passengers at peak times.	85.40%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	The Trident nuclear missile system should not be replaced, and no part of the existing or new systems should be located in Scotland or in Scottish waters.	60.72%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Each local authority education committee should include pupil representatives as expert advisers.	74.09%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Greater investment in public transport is needed to ensure that young people can get where they want to go without a car. This is particularly important in rural areas.	85.12%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Entrepreneurship and enterprise opportunities should be encouraged and promoted through the provision of start-	78.70%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment

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	up funding and support geared directly at young people.			
31 st October 2010	The minimum age for voting in all elections and referendums should be lowered to 16.	65.13%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	The Scottish Government should develop and implement a national youth volunteering policy for Scotland and should demonstrate how it supports national youth volunteering opportunities which develop skills development for all young people in Scotland.	72.31%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	The 'Mosquito', a device that makes an unpleasant high-pitched noise that only those under 25 can hear, should be banned.	66.76%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Government has a responsibility to encourage more people to actively participate in politics. It is particularly important that constituency candidates reflect the people they represent, including women and people from minority ethnic backgrounds. Political parties should be encouraged to stand candidates aged 25 and under in winnable seats.	69.88%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Funding for youth projects and groups should be a priority for local authorities.	72.63%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Election days should be designated as 'democracy days' in schools, with opportunities for pupils to explore	69.64%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment

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	democracy and watch the voting process if their school is used as a polling station. This could include debates and mock elections.			
31 st October 2010	Young people are entitled to as much protection of their human rights as the law can give them. This means the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) should be given more force in Scots law.	85.13%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	Compulsory and good quality political, citizenship and democracy education should be provided in all schools in Scotland. Schools should help pupils register to vote.	71.97%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	A referendum should be held on Scotland's constitutional future, with the options of no change, more powers for the Scottish Parliament or full independence.	66.35%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010	All young people should be involved in the services which affect them and should have the opportunity to get involved in local decision making opportunities.	80.29%	Manifesto	'Change the Picture' commitment
31 st October 2010 (Extended 7/12/13 and 5/10/14 and 18/01/16 until Lead The Way	Following similar moves in Wales to tackle a severe shortage of organ donors, the system for organ donation should be changed to an opt-out system rather than an opt-in system.	68%	Statement	

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manifesto launches)				
26 th September 2009 (Extended 8/12/12, 7/12/13 and 5/10/14 and 18/01/16)	The Scottish Youth Parliament believes that young people must be given the opportunity to contribute to civic life if Scotland is to achieve its potential. A strong commitment from Government must be given to achieve genuinely effective youth participation.	87%	Statement	
26 th September 2009 (Extended 8/12/12, 07/12/13 and 05/10/14 and 18/01/16)	Votes at 16 is an essential part of encouraging young people's participation	79%	Statement	