

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY
YOUTH COUNCIL
ELECTIONS 2021

Candidate Information
Scottish Youth Parliament



Galloway & West Dumfries
Constituency



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Alasdair Marshall (He/Him)

Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I CARE ABOUT:

I would like to encourage the 'Take the Lead' campaign amongst young dog owners to help reduce the cases of Livestock worrying within the region.

I will encourage the building of more bus shelters at bus stops especially in rural locations to stop people getting wet when waiting for a bus and also encourage more young people to use public transport.

I would like to see schools break down gender-stereotyped subjects and help to surpass the gender stereotypes which lessen the uptake of certain genders in certain subjects. For example, Girls in Science, Maths, Geography and PE and Boys in Home Economics, Music, Modern Studies and Languages.

I am enthusiastic, hard-working and approachable. If you have a problem, you can be assured I will do my best to fix it.

'Be Bold'



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Andrew Sinden Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I CARE ABOUT:

AVAILABILITY - I will be available for all young people to come and discuss any issues they are facing/concerned about.

ADVOCATING- I will speak on the behalf of my fellow young people to those who make decisions.

EQUALITY- As the word implies, I will give everyone in the community equal opportunities.

I believe I have the qualities to make a good Youth Councillor, I am approachable, patient, reliable, conscientious and thorough.

'Every Voice Heard, Every Voice Matters'



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Anya McCreadie (Any Pronouns)

**Galloway & West Dumfries
SYP Candidate**



I CARE ABOUT:

I want to make my area more LGBTQIA+ friendly.

I would like to help raise awareness for the elderly people in our area that have been lonely during Covid.

I would like to try and help my area be not only aware of environmental issues but know how to take action and be fully educated on the topic.

I truly care about our community and the topics I would like to focus on and am willing to hear what people in our community think and the problems they have and do my best to help in any way I can.



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Edward Christie (He/Him)

Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I WILL CAMPAIGN FOR:

If elected, I will try to make local young people more engaged in their council and government, to give them more say in how they live their lives.

I will campaign for better facilities for young people, with more opportunities to get active in social and sporting clubs throughout the region.

I am concerned over bullying in schools, and will work with pupils and teachers on an equal level to resolve this pressing issue, making life better for all young people.

I believe I would be a good councillor because I am an honest, hardworking person who deeply cares about our local community, and the people who form it. I want life to get better for all the young people in Dumfries and Galloway, and I know I can help with that if elected.



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Elli Wadsworth (She/Her)

Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I WILL CAMPAIGN FOR:

1. I want my area to be more environmentally conscious
2. Campaign to improve mental health services for young people
3. Improving career support for young people

I will listen to the voices of the young people, take action on what is brought to me and use everything in my power to do something about any issue. No young persons voice should be left unheard.



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Ellie Miller (She/Her)

Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I CARE ABOUT:

I want my area to be more aware of what is happening around them.

I want people to start taking into consideration how their actions affect what is going on around them and help out people that are struggling.

I will campaign to make people understand more about what is happening in our world and how we can help it.

People should vote for me because as I am looking forward to learning and listening to the people around me taking tips as i go. I am looking forward to supporting new projects and helping us much as I can. I also want to make the voice of young people to be heard.



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Eve McCamon (She/Her)

Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I WILL:

I would like my area to be more aware of the amount of litter and waste in the surrounding areas and beaches etc. as we can see first hand the effects that the sheer amount of it is doing to our local wildlife. Working towards small goals to help others around us become more eco friendly, as well as the greater community, we could work together to tackle this problem with the help of those willing to help.

I will campaign to encourage schools to do more education regarding consent and inappropriate harassment within schools and the overall community as that seems to be a prevalent issue in our school and whole area that I, and many others have experienced, as well as witnessed. Along with providing support for those that choose to raise their voice. During my entire time at my school I have heard a discussion about these matters once, which in my opinion is clearly not enough.

I would like my area to clean up the surrounding areas and town, as bus stops buildings and shops , are being spraypainted , destroyed and tagged with obscene images . Things like bus stops are being destroyed everywhere . Abandoned buildings are being treated the same it it brings down the over look and atmosphere of the entire town.

I believe I would be a good councillor because I have a passion for getting things done, I believe that I can work with others to make a positive change throughout the community.



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Finlay Anderson Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



The main thing I am passionate about is disability awareness, fighting children & young people's rights and enabling our voices to be heard.

Secondly, I believe in inclusion and equality for all regardless of circumstances.

Lastly from my own personal experience I know there is a great distance to go on these matters, with your help I feel we make a difference.

I feel I would be a good candidate for this role as I have personal experience, I understand and most importantly I want to make a difference to young people's lives.



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Hannah Birse (She/Her) Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I WILL CAMPAIGN FOR:

- Youth work
- Transport, environment, rural affairs
- Minority identities & protected characteristics

With each of these topics if elected I will campaign to raise more awareness around these topics and the specific barriers facing young people in rural areas and young people with minority identities and protected characteristics.

I believe I would be a good councillor because my passion for youth democracy has grown stronger over my last term, young people being able to influence decisions locally and nationally throughout COVID, really has placed young people's rights at the heart of decision making. Local issues have always been my main motivation throughout my term, being one of the finalists for "local Hero" award at SYP awards 2021, showed my commitment to local issues and my constituents (you, the young people). My passion for the region and its young people is the main reason you should vote for me.

Over the past term, I was elected as chair of DGYC last year, during this time I have spoken up on issues such as a climate change on BBC ONE, co-chaired a youth council and Dumfries and Galloway council joint meeting, led weekly meetings of the youth council & had loads of fun along the way.

My drive and determination doesn't stop, I am not afraid to question decisions or find out why a decision was made the way it was made. Not afraid to speak out, to ask those difficult questions, to represent your views.



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Katie Adams Henderson

Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I CARE ABOUT:

I would like my area to be more accepting towards the LGBTQ+ community, specifically in my school. The same goes for race and religion. I want to campaign for this as there is a lot of prejudice towards these groups in school.

I'd also like to campaign for schools in my area to think and act kinder as myself and others I know have a hard time so I'd like to campaign against bullying and unkindness.

Finally, I'd like to find a way for my area to be more environmentally friendly and to encourage young people to research into the environment crisis inside and out of school as homework, in a group or independently.

I think I would be a good youth councillor because I want to stand up for what I believe and make a positive change around me. I want this area to be a place for young people to feel happier and be in a more positive environment. I will work hard for what I believe in and I am very determined.



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'Live for positive change'



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Lacey McLachlan Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I CARE ABOUT:

I would like to help make a change & awareness of the level of dangers involved in social media, through personal experience & knowledge.

I will campaign and help wherever possible to bring mental health awareness a key topic & help people who are afraid to speak out.

I am also passionate regarding bullying and will help in anyway to prevent and support People who are affected by this.

I am approachable, open minded & easy to speak to. I have a range of friends different ages which helps me communicate age appropriately.



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May Tang Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I WILL CAMPAIGN FOR:

My area to be more aware of environmental issues.

I want people in my area want to make small changes to their habits, to help the environmental mental issues.

I want people in my area to have more options to take part in helping the environmental issues.

I want people in my area to be able to learn more about how our environmental issues affects nature and wildlife.

I believe I would be a good councillor because I care about the environment a lot and I am very passionate about it. I have good leaderships skills and can work well in groups. I am very hard working and determined.



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Robert Birkett Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I WILL CAMPAIGN FOR:

Improving the quality of our schools and school resources so young people can get into the workplace.

Make mental health a priority because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would like Dumfries and Galloway to have a better name and reputation for itself than it currently has, and more things for young people to do in our area.

I believe I would be a good councillor because I would be active (including on social media), and I would like to serve in the best interests of our area and the young people living here.

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campaigns

 Robert Birkett for
Stranraer & the Rhins



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Sophie Wilson Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I WILL CAMPAIGN FOR:

Making Stranraer a better and nicer place for the young people of the town.

I would also like to be the voice for people who are unable to speak out.

I would really like to help out with mental health too as it is something which is really important to me and help young people who are struggling and in need of support.

I believe I would be a good councillor because I am trustworthy and will not let others down. I am always there to listen and take on ideas.



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Violet Raphael (She/Her)

Galloway & West Dumfries SYP Candidate



I CARE ABOUT:

Everyone to be treated as an individual and is provided with what they need to be the best that they can be.

To inform people on young people's opinions on how they feel they are being treated and to find solutions to young peoples problems and worries.

To be a voice for young people in my area and to create a path for a better future.

I believe I would be a good councillor because I have good leadership skills, I believe myself to be very understanding and I am a good listener, I enjoy speaking about things that are important to me, I am passionate about making a difference.



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