

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another busy week in Braes, it has been good to see our young people continue to make progress in their studies and enjoy the many opportunities that they have for participation in the life of our school. Parents/carers may have noted the Daily Record article highlighting the fantastic artwork created by our young people in the school grounds by Holly Allison, Rebecca and Kayleigh Marshall, which is linked below. This showcases the creativity and positivity of our young people and we were glad to see the pupils have this recognition.

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/young-people-create-mural-falkirk-24752298>

Parents/carers may also recall a communication from Ms Malcolm, Faculty Head of Humanities, regarding our young people's participation in the forthcoming Scottish Trade Union Congress, around the theme "Women Organising Against Discrimination". Our pupils are looking to highlight stories of discrimination, and barriers that women and girls face in society in the UK and around the world, with stories of how these were overcome. Please see a message from our young people below:

We are asking for help!

We are asking the women and girls of our Braes community to help us by telling us your stories. Maybe you were not allowed to go to university because you were female. Maybe you went to university and were one of a handful of young women in a particular class. Maybe you were forced to give up work because you got married/pregnant. Maybe you chose to give up your job because you got married/pregnant. Maybe you were one of the first women in your company to be promoted. Maybe you worked in an NGO providing education for girls abroad. Maybe you have/had a successful career. Maybe you are a young person who feels strongly about the future of women and girls around the world and your ambition is to do something about it when you leave school/college/university. Whatever your story, we want to hear it!

How do you send us your stories?

Please see the poster below for details.

How will we use your story?

All stories will be anonymised and used in a play created and performed by Braes Youth Theatre. This play will then be sent for inclusion in the STUC Conference. Of course, the end product will also be posted on the Braes website and YouTube channel for you to view.

Many thanks for your support with this project.

HEROES FROM HOME



We need you to submit a story, song, short video, poem, etc. which highlights the theme of discrimination & issues faced by women & young girls in Scotland & around the world.

These stories can be about success despite adversity, overcoming adversity or discrimination & could include the topics below:

- Education
- Family
- Children
- Sports
- Stereotypes
- Myths
- Shopping
- Medical



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Finally, please remember that Monday 13th September is a holiday, and Braes High School will be closed, reopening again on Tuesday 14th September 2021.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone