Scottish Youth Parliament Elections 2015

Candidate Manifesto

Candidate Name: Nicola Bruley

Sixteen years old and current MSYP for Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth with a passion for making positive change.

I have experience of working and speaking in both the Scottish Parliament and The House of Commons.

I am a confident individual who is capable of delivering what YOU, my constituents, need!

I am not ready to stop fighting for the voices of Levenmouth’s young people just yet!

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I have been the MSYP for Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth since March 2013. In the last two years I have:

- Spoke in the House of Commons to urge MP’s to improve mental health services for young people in the UK.
- Submitted a motion to ban smoking in cars carrying children under 16 in Scotland.
- Attended all the Scottish Youth Parliament and UK Youth Parliament National Sittings.
- Supported and attended British Youth Council Conventions.
- Worked closely and built a good working relationship with my local MSP, local Councillors and regional MSPs.
- Current Convenor of the Social Justice Committee of The Scottish Youth Parliament.
- Attended Local Area Committee meetings.
- Campaigned on all SYP national campaigns.
- Supported Local charities and attended local gala events.
- Met many well-known national political bodies including: Tommy Sheridan, Johann Lamont, William Hague, Mr Speaker, John Bercow, Scotland’s Commissioner for children and young people Tam Bailie, Government Minister for education, Mike Russell and Minister for Children and young people Aileen Campbell, Ex Leader of the Liberal Democrats Charles Kennedy, Annas Sarwar MP and Patrick Harvey Leader of the Scottish Green Party.
- Spoke on television twice voicing constituent’s views.
- Campaigned to get sixteen and seventeen year-olds to register to vote for the Scottish Independence Referendum.
- Achieved my entire 2013 Manifesto, the things I pledged to you!
If you re-elect me as your MSYP I will:

**Set up and establish a Levenmouth Youth Forum:**
A voice for active young people who are keen to take part in their community. For 12 – 25 year olds who live, work or are educated in the Levenmouth area.

- Build a connection with and invite local Councillors and community councils.
- Fortnightly meetings.
- Have a working connection with other youth forums in Scotland.
- Attend the annual Fife youth forum.

**Health Service improvements with a Healthier generation:**

In 2013, 40 children died of cot death with the cause being second hand smoke. These are my future constituents. Each week 430,000 young people aged 11 – 15 are exposed to second hand smoke in the family car. I want to help abolish this.

In 2014 I submitted a member’s motion to the Scottish Youth Parliament to ban smoking in cars carrying children. I can proudly say this has been granted SYP policy by the 2013 – 2015 membership. But I don’t believe my work is done there.

- Campaign for a ban on smoking in cars carrying children in tandem with my local Breathe Easy group and The British Lung Foundation.

*In November 2014 I spoke in the House of Commons in front of MP’S to call for them to improve mental health services for Britain’s Young People.*

- Improve mental health services across Fife for young people by working alongside the NHS.
- Raise awareness of mental health issues affecting young people.
- Support young carers caring for others affected by poor mental health.

**Support all current and future SYP campaigns.**

**Child Poverty and Youth Homelessness & Votes at 16 in all Public UK elections:**

- Continue to raise awareness of national SYP campaigns locally and make sure my constituents are kept up to date, have enough information to make informed choices and have every chance to participate in the campaigns.
- Continue to keep working alongside my local and regional MSP’s, MP and all other elected members to keep the connection between young people and elected members.
- Keep votes at 16 in the public eye, pressurising elected individuals to support the motion and work tirelessly campaigning for young people’s voices to be heard.

*This is our country, our Parliament and our opinions count!*

*I am passionate about improving the future for all young people in Scotland.*