

CULTURE, TOURISM, EUROPE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS INQUIRY
SUBMISSION FROM THE SCOTTISH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

As the Convener of the External Affairs, UK & International Relations Committee at the Scottish Youth Parliament, I am writing to you on behalf of my Committee in response to the External Affairs inquiry. Apologies for not sending an official response via the template. As our Committee are changing over next week, members have had limited availability to engage online in this piece of work (we do not meet outside of Sittings).

However, three active members have prepared short responses to a few questions in the inquiry I'd like to draw your attention to.

1) What principles young people think should inform the focus of the Scottish Government's external affairs policy with regard to the EU, in relation to:

- Relationships with European counterparts
- Employment, education, economy, cultural, climate change, energy security, immigration.



We believe in the principles in the world on the right hand side. Our External Affairs policy should be internationalist in outlook and committed to strengthening relations with other countries in and outside the European Union. We should be open, willing to cooperate and build relations with nations across the world. We should make sure that young people have as many opportunities as possible through such relationships to broaden horizons, such as the current Erasmus programme.

2) What principles young people think should inform the focus of the Scottish Government's international engagement? How Scotland can remain a global citizen?

- Where the priorities lie – issues to be working with other countries on.

- Global citizenship.
- Build friendships with other countries.
- Provide young people with opportunities to engage with those from other countries.
- Look to provide opportunities to live, work and learn in other countries.

Yours sincerely,

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