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Glasgow Theosophical Society email of 23 November 2016

I am writing on behalf of Glasgow Theosophical Society (a faith neutral body) in support of the above petition on Church appointees on Local Education Committees.

Our view is that any appointments should be both democratic, inclusive and openly transparent in line with Scottish government policy on elections.

Our members are concerned that the present arrangement does not support non-religious individuals and groups or promote the views of rational philosophy in shaping educational learning.

We have no objections to the co-opting of representatives from all faiths and none, and the election rather than appointment of such individuals.

As a parent and grandparent myself, I would expect a balanced view of religious philosophy to be presented within the Scottish educational system.

We hope that you will take our opinions into consideration on your committee investigation and outcome leading towards a fairer Scotland.