**Glasgow Youth Council Meeting**

Wednesday 15th April 2020 – 18.00 Zoom

**Present:** Danyaal Raja (DR), Ellie Craig (EC), Emily Harle (EH), C-Jay Quigley (CJQ), Jenny Newton (JN), Sophie Reid (SR), Marissa Roxburgh (MR), Brogan McAloon (BM), Cameron Noble (CN), Lauren Kelly (LK), Mark Hume (MH), Ilsa Kennedy (IK), Matthew Bellingham (MB), Michael Shields (MS), Ryan Kelly (RK), Hayden Atkin (HA), Alastair Thomson (AT), Ella Miller (EM), Catherine Mackie (CM), Amy Smith (AS),

**Apologies:** Fatima Bari (FB), Jack Dudgeon (JD)
**Absent:**  Alana McKenna, Azka Sardar , Carly Horne, Chloe Jordan, Claire – Maire Rozario, David, Bilsland, Dean Wood, Eunis Jassemi, Holly Hamil, Jason Black , Jessica Gow, Kerry- Lee Dalgleish, Kieran O’shea, Lewis O'Neill, Maia Daly, Mashaim Bukhari, Megan Mclean, Nagineh Azar, Niamh Margaret Dillon, Pamela Brogan, Revati Campbell, Riya Banerjee, Tom Montgomerie, Tooba Shah, Zanib Ahmad, Rimi Deol , Ross McArthur
**Chair:** D Raja (DR)
**Minutes:** Ellie Craig (EC)
**Attending: -**

**Welcome and Attendance**

* DR Welcomed everyone to the second virtual meeting and welcomed all new members

**Working Group**

* EH announced working group survey had opened and explained details of how the group would work. EH then encouraged members to join to get more involved within the GYC and explained the effect that lockdown has had.
* The survey link will be posted in the GYC messenger chat, thanks was then gave to those who had already signed up

**Confirmation Vote**

* DR explained to the membership that Keiran O’shea had resigned from the role of campaigns officer and that the exec had had a meeting and decided to nominate SR who accepted the nomination. He then explained how the confirmation vote would take place
* **Sophie Reid – Campaigns Officer**
* SR did a speech explaining to the membership why she thinks she should be confirmed as Campaigns Officer.
* DR then opened it up to the membership to ask any Question to SR.
* EC sent out the survey link for the vote to take place and DR explained the requirements needed to be eligible to vote
* The results of the vote were (Agree-12, Disagree – 0, Abstain – 1)
* **Lauren Kelly – Deputy for social media and design**
* LK gave thanks for the nomination
* The results of the vote were – (Agree- 17, Disagree -0 , Abstain -1 )

**Policy**

* EH explained how the voting for the policy which had been proposed would take place.
* **Motion 1- Education on Sectarianism in Schools:** "The GYC believes in order to alleviate issues arising from sectarianism in the city, schools should teach the troubles in Ireland from a neutral stance, to better inform young people of the history of sectarianism, and promote understanding and compassion."

 Proposed by Mark Hume, Seconded by Brogan McAloon

 Present- 18 | Agree: 17 | Disagree: 1 | Abstain: 0 (Motion Passed)

* **Motion 2- Overcrowding on Scotrail Trains:** “The GYC believes that ScotRail should implement more carriages on all services, in order to prevent severe overcrowding, which contributes significantly to the spread of contagious diseases.”

Proposed by Catherine Mackie, Seconded by Hayden Atkin

 Present- 18 | Agree: 12 | Disagree: 4 | Abstain: 2 (Motion Passed)

* **Motion 3- Homelessness and COVID-19:** ‘“GYC believes homeless people in Glasgow are more vulnerable to COVID-19, and therefore calls on Glasgow City Council and other relevant bodies to provide them with safe accommodation during this public health crisis, in order to protect their physical and mental wellbeing.”

Proposed by Brogan McAloon, Seconded by Amy Smith

Present- 18 | Agree: 14 | Disagree: 1 | Abstain: 3 (Motion Passed)

* **Motion 4- COVID-19 Crisis:** “The GYC welcomes the measures put in place by government on all levels to support young people and their families during the COVID-19 crisis; urges said governments to ensure the protection of young people's interests going forward - particularly in relation to mental wellbeing; notes the importance of all young people playing our part to limit the spread of the virus by staying at home; and sends thanks to our amazing key workers in the NHS, retail and the emergency services for their service to our country during these unprecedented times.”

Proposed by Danny Raja, Seconded by Catherine Mackie

Present- 17 | Agree: 17 | Disagree: 0 | Abstain: 0 (Motion Passed)

* **Motion 5- Mental Health Support during COVID-19**: “GYC acknowledges that social distancing measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19, though necessary, may severely damage young people’s mental wellbeing, and restrictions on socialising will increase feelings of loneliness. With this in mind, GYC will explore ways to engage and support young people virtually, and encourages other youth organisations and charities to do the same, with a focus on providing mental health support and counselling if possible for those who in need.”

Proposed by Jenny Newton, Seconded by C-Jay Quigley

Present- 17 | Agree: 15| Disagree: 2 | Abstain: 0 (Motion Passed)

* **Motion 6- Uni/College Financial Support:** “GYC welcomes the steps that some Glasgow universities and colleges have taken to provide financial support for students whose income has been negatively affected by the effects of COVID-19. GYC calls on all universities and colleges to offer accessible financial support at this time, and to ensure that applications to these funds have relaxed evidence restrictions to cater for these unprecedented circumstances.”

Proposed by Emily Harle, Seconded by Jenny Newton

Present- 16 | Agree: 14| Disagree: 2 | Abstain: 0 (Motion Passed)

**Policy Review**

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| **Policy statement** | **Proposer/Date** | **Date Lapsed** |
| **Healthcare** |  |  |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that greater support should be provided to young people, especially in deprived areas of the city, with regards to preventing drug and alcohol addiction. GYC further believes that this support should take the form of more holistic and effective education surrounding drugs and alcohol in schools, in addition to dedicated social work services for young people struggling with addiction”

**Present- 15 | Agree: 15 | Disagree: 0 | Abstain: 0** | Riya Banerjee.March. 2018 | March 2020 |
| **TRANSPORT** |  |  |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that discounts on rail travel through 16-25 railcards and Young Scot cards should also apply at peak times.”

**Present- 15 | Agree: 14 | Disagree: 1 | Abstain: 0** | Executive Committee recommendation.Aug. 2016 | Aug. 2017 |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that public transport in Glasgow should be substantially reformed to ensure a high quality and user-friendly service which is run for the benefit of the people of Glasgow and not private corporations.”

**Present- 15 | Agree: 14 | Disagree: 1 | Abstain: 0** | Declan McLean, seconded by Anthony Carroll.Nov. 2016 | Nov. 2018 |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that bus travel is vital for the everyday needs of young people living in Glasgow and believes that further efforts should be made to ensure it is accessible, affordable, and suitable to meet the needs of Glasgow's Young People. The Glasgow Youth Council feels that significant action should be taken by both relevant public and private bodies - in partnership with the Glasgow Youth Council where applicable - in order to achieve this.”

**Present- 15 | Agree: 14 | Disagree: 1 | Abstain: 0** | Lewis McDermott, seconded by Josh Kennedy.March. 2018 | March 2020 |
| **FINANCE** |  |  |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes there should be a substantial increase in the finance allocated to Glasgow City Council to ensure that all vital services which are provided to citizens are sustainable and of the highest quality.”

**Present- 15 | Agree: 14 | Disagree: 0 | Abstain: 1** | Lewis McDermott, seconded by Anthea Koon.Jan. 2017 | Jan. 2019 |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the Scottish and UK governments should implement a higher 50% rate of tax for those who earn over £150,000 a year, and invest the revenue of this tax back into public organisation to ensure sustainable and quality public services for all.”

**Present- 15 | Agree: 9 | Disagree: 2 | Abstain: 4** | Declan McLean, seconded by Eva Murray.Jan. 2017 | Jan. 2019 |
| **Education** |  |  |
| 1. The Glasgow Youth Council believes that all secondary schools in Glasgow should offer work experience to pupils, to ensure that all pupils have an equal opportunity to gain vital work experience for jobs, UCAS applications and apprenticeships”

**Present- 15 | Agree: 15 | Disagree: 0 | Abstain: 0** | Catherine Mackie, seconded by Ross McArthur.March. 2018 | March. 2020 |

All Motions Passed and will remain in the Policy Log

**AOCB**

* BM raised the issue of Gang Violence in Glasgow and wanted to raise awareness of this in order to try and take action to keep more people off the streets. BM noted that the news doesn’t cover this issue enough

**Close**

MEETING CLOSED

NEXT MEETING OF THE GYC IS ON DAY 20TH May 2020