**Glasgow Youth Council Meeting**

Wednesday 19th February 2020 – 18.00 , Committee Room 8 , Glasgow City Chambers

**Present:** C-Jay Quigley (CJQ), Jenny Newton (JN), Emily Harle (EH), Ellie Craig (EC), Lauren Kelly (LK), Amy Taylor Smith (AS), Michael Shields (MS), David Blisland (DB), Ella Miller (EM), Revati Campbell (RC), Hayden Atkin (HA), Marissa Roxburgh (MR), Rose Martin (RM), Rimi Deol (RD)

**Apologies:** Sophie Reid (SR), Danyaal Raja (DR), Cameron Noble (CN), Jack Dudgeon (JD), Alastair Thomson (AT), Catherine Mackie (CM), Kerry- Lee Dalgleish (KLD), Fatima Bari (FB), Brogan McAloon (BM), Danyaal Raja (DR), Josh Kenney (JK), Kieran O’shea (KO), Mark Hume (MH), Pamela Brogan (PB), Ross McArthur (RM), Carly Horne (CH)
**Absent:** Alana Mckenna , Azkah Sardar , Chloe Carmichael, Chloe Jordan, Claire-Marie Rozario, Dean Wood, Declan McLean, Eunis Jassemi, Holly Hamill, Isla Douglas, Isma Triq, Jason Black, Jessica Gow, Lamis Ahmed, Lewis O’neil, Maia Daly, Mashaim Burkhari, Megan Mclean, Morven McLaren , Nagineh Azar, Niamh Margaret Dillon , Riya Banjeree, Tom Montgomerie, Tooba Shah, Zanib Ahmad

**Chair:** Jenny Newton (JN)
**Minutes:** Ellie Craig (EC)
**Attending:** A Dick (AD), S McLeod (SM), Jim Bevungton (JB), A Iannetta (AE)

**Welcome**

* JN welcomed all present, and explained that attendance had been noted upon arrival.
* The membership introduced themselves to new members.

**Social Media Code of Conduct**

* CJQ explained that the exec reviewed the CoC and read it to the membership
* RC asked if the GYC was as a whole politically impartial , the exec explained and confirmed that it was
* The Youth Council held a vote on the Coc and it was passed (present – 14, Yes – 14, no – 0, Abstain 0)

**Policy**

* EH explained that the policy review and any new motions submitted would be voted on.
* motion submitted by HA
* HA explained the background of the Springburn youth forum bench project to the membership.
* ‘Glasgow Youth Council supports the work of Springburn Youth Forum’s bench project, which aims to create seating spaces out of derelict areas, and GYC further believes the project is a great way to encourage young people in Glasgow and Springburn to be more eco-conscious.’ - Proposed – Hayden Atkin, Seconded – Revati Campbell (present – 14, yes – 13 , No – 1, abstain -0) – Motion Passed.
* motion submitted by CJQ: CJQ explained the background of the motion of the gender recognition certificate cost to the membership
* AS spoke in favour of the motion
* EM also Seconded the motion
* The membership voted on the motion
* ‘The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the cost of obtaining a Gender Recognition Certificate should be substantially reduced, to ensure that it is more accessible.’ Proposer – C-Jay Quigley, Seconded – Marissa Roxburgh( present - 14, Agree – 13, Disagree – 0 , Abstain – 1) MOTION PASSED
* The membership then moved on to the policy review chaired by EH
* EH explained the background of each motion and the exec and support workers answered any questions from the membership.

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| **DEMOCRACY** |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that Youth Councils, forums and parliaments led by and for Young People are essential in ensuring the participation of Young People in the political system, and calls on the UK government, Scottish government and local governments to guarantee their continued existence and funding.”

(Present – 13, Agree – 12, disagree – 0 , abstain- 1 |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that 16 and 17 year olds should have the right to vote in all elections and referenda.”

(Present – 14, Agree – 12, disagree – 2, abstain - 0 |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that all future referenda held by the UK government should be subject to a ‘four nation veto,’ meaning that no individual nation of the United Kingdom can be forced to accept a result it rejected at the polls.”

(Present – 14, Agree – 10, disagree – 2, abstain- 2 |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that all local and national elections should be held through the Single Transferrable Vote to improve the quality of democracy in Scotland, and to ensure that young Voters’ voices are heard through their votes matching seats.”

(Present – 13, agree – 10, disagree – 2, abstain – 1) |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the Scottish Government should devolve greater powers and responsibilities to Local Authorities across Scotland to ensure accountable and effective decision-making.”

(Present – 13, Agree – 9, disagree- 2, abstain -2) |
| **HEALTHCARE** |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council supports ASH Scotland’s ‘Charter for a tobacco Free Generation’ which aims to achieve an adult smoking rate of 5% or less in Scotland by 2034.” (Present – 13 , agree – 9, disagree – 2,abstain -2)
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| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that there should be quality mental health services available to every Young Person in Glasgow.”

(Present – 14, Agree – 13, disagree – 0 , abstain – 1) |
| 1. The Glasgow Youth Council believes that health inequalities in Glasgow, specifically amongst Young People, should be tackled so that everyone has the same opportunity to live a healthy life.”(Present – 14, agree – 14, disagree – 0 , abstain – 0)
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| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that assisted suicide should be legalised, provided that protections are put in place to ensure that individuals are mentally capable of making the decision to end their lives.”

(Present – 14 , agree – 9 , disagree – 3, abstain – 2) |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that there should be quality counselling services in all secondary schools in order to tackle mental health issues and relieve pressure from CAMH Services.”

(Present – 14, agree – 14, disagree – 0, abstain - 0 ) |
| 1. The Glasgow Youth Council believes there should be dedicated mental health support in all GP surgeries and A+E Departments.”

(Present – 14, agree – 13, disagree – 1 , abstain – 0) |
| 1. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the NHS is one of our most important and valued institutions, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to ensure that there is a strict policy of no detriment with regards to the allocation of resources to ensure our NHS is the best universal healthcare system in the world.”

(Present – 14, Agree – 13, disagree – 0, abstain- 1) |

* ALL MOTIONS PASSED
* EH then noted that due to timing we would move on to the next agenda item and the finance and transport policy will be reviewed at the next meeting

**Scottish Land Commission Workshop (7pm)**

* JN explained that the next workshop would be ran by a representative from Ice cream Architecture on behalf of the Scottish Land Commission
* JB explained that the workshop would be about the Scottish land commission for part of ongoing research
* the youth council took part in the workshop
* The GYC thanked JB for coming and noted that they thoroughly enjoyed the meeting

**Strasbourg Update**

* EH talked about the issues with the hotels but confirmed it has been sorted and noted that there were still two places left on the trip , they must be filled by the end of the week.
* EH explained to the new members how the trip would be run and general details about the trip including the costs etc.
* EH encouraged the YC to take up the places.

**Confirmation Vote**

* Danyaal Raja – Strasbourg Deputy (present - 8 yes-8 no-0 abstain-0 )
* Danyaal Raja has been confirmed by the youth council as a deputy for Strasbourg, his remit will include overseeing the running of the trip working with the executive committee.

**AOCB**

**Close**

MEETING CLOSED