**Glasgow Youth Council Meeting**

Wednesday 20th November 2018 – 18.00

Chamber, Glasgow City Chambers

**Present:** D Raja (DR), Jenny Newton (JN), Claire-Marie Rozario (CMR), Brogan McAloon, Hayden Atkin, Ellie Craig, Ross McArthur, Sophie Reid, Pamela Brogan, Mark Hume, Catherine Mackie, Michael Shields

**Apologies:** Emily Harle, Kieran O’Shea, Fatima Bari, Holly Hamill, Kerry-Lee Dalgeish, Jason Black, Marissa Roxburgh, Isma Tariq

**Absent:**

**Chair:** D Raja (DR)

**Minutes:** Claire-Marie Rozario (CMR)

**Attending:** A Dick (AD), Anna Iannetta (AI), Pamela McAloon

1. **Welcome and Previous Minutes**

* DR welcomed all present, and explained that attendance had been noted upon arrival.
* The minutes of the October 2019 meeting were moved and seconded

1. **December Social**

* Bowling and Nando’s on 17th December

1. **General Election**

* Consent forms need to be filled out by members
* 12th December

1. **Sexual Health Workshop**

* Carried out by Jill from Sandyford Health Clinic
* She gave a presentation about teenage pregnancies

**5. Policy Review**

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| Policy Statement | Moved by | Seconded by | For | Against | Abstain | Pass/ Fail |
| 1.The Glasgow Youth Council believes that Young LGBTQI+ People should be represented equally and included in all forms of education, through the teaching of diverse sexual and gender identities as LGBT history in all Scottish Schools | Amendment proposed by Chloe Whyte | Amendment proposed by Chloe Whyte | 7 | 2 | 2 | Amendment passed |
| 2.The Glasgow Youth Council believes that young people across the world are entitled to an education, as it is a basic human right.” | Hayden Atkin | Ellie Craig | 10 | 0 | 1 | Policy Passed |
| 3.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that teaching staff numbers in Glasgow schools should not be reduced to ensure that all students can reach a positive destination upon leaving school.” | Mark Hume | Sophie Reid | 9 | 1 | 1 | Policy Passed |
| 4.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that higher education should be available to anyone and everyone who merits it, and further believes that free university tuition should be extended to all students who secure a place at a Scottish University or Higher education institution.” | Mark Hume | Hayden Atkin | 8 | 3 | 1 | Policy passed |
| 5.”The Glasgow Youth Council believes that all Young People should be informed and educated about their rights with regards to the justice system.” | Jenny Newton | Hayden Atkin | 11 | 0 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 6. “The Glasgow Youth Council believes that higher and further education institutions should formally recognise the awards and accreditations that Young People can receive through voluntary organisations.” | Sophie Reid | Pamela Brogan McAloon | 11 | 0 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 7.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that in a modern society there is no excuse for an “educational attainment gap,” and steps must be taken to remove it. | Hayden Atkin | CMR | 11 | 0 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 8.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that there should be vegetarian, vegan, dairy free, gluten free, halal and kosher menu options in the cafeterias of all Glasgow-based educational institutions.” | Sophie Reid | Ellie Craig | 10 | 0 |  | Policy Passed |
| 9.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that all students who require it should be financially supported to ensure their economic status does not limit their ability to participate in higher or further education.” | Catherine Mackie | Jenny Newton | 12 | 0 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 10.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that funding to all higher and further education institutions should be protected at all levels of government.” | Hayden Atkin | Mark Hume | 11 | 0 | 1 | Policy Passed |
| 11.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that educating primary school pupils on all major religions is essential to tackling religious discrimination and promoting a tolerant society.” | Brogan McAloon | Sophie Reid | 12 | 0 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 12.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that school inspections should investigate instances of LGBTQI+ discrimination.” | Hayden Atkin | Sophie Reid | 11 | 1 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 13.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that there should be more training opportunities available for teachers to tackle homophobic and transphobic bullying in schools and other education institutions.” | Sophie Reid | Jenny Newton | 12 | 0 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 14.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that inclusive and comprehensive sex education should be provided to pupils in all Glasgow secondary schools, regardless of an institution’s religious denomination.” | Jenny Newton | Hayden Atkin | 12 | 0 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 15.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that in order to ensure a truly inclusive school environment that promotes equality for all gender identities, uniform policies should not reinforce gender stereotypes.” | Hayden Atkin | Brogan McAloon | 9 | 1 | 2 | Policy Passed |
| 16.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that Independent and Private schools should not be able to claim charitable status unless they take measures to become more inclusive and strive to benefit the public as a whole, not just those with the ability to pay.” | Jenny Newton | Pamela Brogan | 8 | 3 | 1 | Policy Passed |
| 17.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that European exchange programmes such as Euroscholar and Erasmus should be protected regardless of the outcomes of the Brexit negotiations.” | Brogan McAloon | Hayden Atkin | 11 | 0 | 1 | Policy Passed |
| 18.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the Scottish Government and Local Authorities should implement an improved and comprehensive PSHE curriculum that would include issues such as bullying, mental health and tackling discrimination in all its forms.” | Mark Hume | Michael Shields | 12 | 0 | 0 | Policy Passed |
| 19.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that Glasgow City Council should ensure that there is a sufficient number of school-based counsellors to support pupils to ensure that all Young People are receiving the support and information they need.” | Sophie Reid | Ellie Craig | 10 | 1 | 1 | Policy Passed |
| 20.“The Glasgow Youth Council commends the positive steps taken by the Scottish Government in tackling the attainment gap through the ‘pupil equity fund,’ which plans to share £120 million amongst schools in deprived areas. However, Council believes that the fund could be more effective and serve more Young Glaswegians if further steps were taken to guide the spending decisions of senior management teams by providing them with evidence from academics, experts and pupils.” | Brogan McAloon | Michael Shields | 4 | 3 | 3 | Policy Fails |
| 21.The Glasgow Youth Council believes that examinations are an altogether ineffective method of testing students’ knowledge, and that continuous assessment of coursework and performance is a much better indicator of how well students understand a particular subject. Council further believes that the Scottish Government should review the current system of exam-based testing, and instead move to a more comprehensive and fair testing system to award qualifications.” | Mark Hume | Jenny Newton | 10 | 0 | 1 | Policy Passes |
| 22.“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that more training must be provided to primary and secondary school teachers in Glasgow with regards to young people with autism and Asperger’s syndrome being included in mainstream schooling.” | Pamela Brogan McAloon | Jenny Newton | 11 | 0 | 2 | Policy Passes |
| 23.“The Glasgow Youth Council notes that tuition-free education has failed to see more working class young people graduate from higher and further education institutions.” | Pamela Brogan McAloon | CMR | 10 | 1 | 1 | Policy Passes |

**6. Opportunity**

* European youth event in Strasbourg
* Funding has been secured for 20 members to attend
* Over 16s only and based on GYC participation
* £150 is payable to GYC, £50 is refundable following participation in the trip

1. **Hustings**

* Chloe Whyte currently organising
* First week December
* Venue to be confirmed
* The Albany centre?

1. **Close**

* No AOCB was noted

MEETING CLOSED

NEXT MEETING (DECEMBER SOCIAL) OF THE GYC IS ON Wednesday 17TH November 2019