

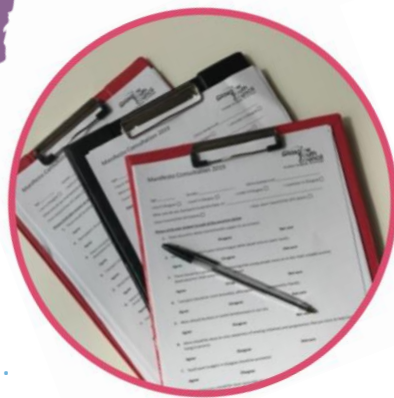


Glasgow youth Council

To Listen, To Speak, To Change

Policy Log

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Manifesto Statements (2016-19)

These policies are developed through our manifesto process, which consists of extensive consultation over specific issues of importance to the young people of Glasgow. Policies contained within a Manifesto take priority over all others and are valid for at least for 5 years, but can be reviewed following the publication of the next manifesto.

Policy Statement	Date	% in favour	Active Until
“The GYC believes that the minimum wage and living wage should be the same for all workers who do the same job regardless of age”	Published 2016, renewed 2019.	90% (at renewal)	2020
“The GYC believes that the more funding should be invested in increasing the college and university places for young people”	Published 2016, renewed 2019.	73% (at renewal)	2020
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that more should be done to tackle Youth unemployment”	Published 2016, renewed 2019.	67% (at renewal)	2020
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that funding for youth work should be protected in the Glasgow City Council budget”	Published 2016, renewed 2019.	67% (at renewal)	2020
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that combating the shortages of teaching staff in schools should be a priority for the Scottish Government.”	Published 2016, renewed 2019.	67% (at renewal)	2020
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that funding to social work and care should be protected”	Published 2016, renewed 2019.	82% (at renewal)	2020

Education

I) Inclusive Education

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
"The Glasgow Youth Council 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."	Mark Hume, seconded by Brogan McAloon April 2020	94%	April 2022
"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."	Aqeel Ahmed (on behalf of Jessica McGaw), seconded by Calum McLeod. Aug. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019.	85% (at renewal)	Nov. 2021
"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."	Jack Dudgeon, seconded by Alana McKenna Feb. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019	67% (at renewal)	Nov. 2021

<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Mhairi Fraser, seconded by Alana McKenna</p> <p>Nov. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>75% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation</p> <p>Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that school inspections should investigate instances of LGBTQI+ discrimination.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation</p> <p>Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>92% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation</p> <p>Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>91% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>

<p>“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.</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation</p> <p>Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>The Glasgow Youth Council believes that young people across the world are entitled to an education, as it is a basic human right.”</p>	<p>Samuel Cook, seconded by Jack Dudgeon.</p> <p>June 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>91% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>"The GYC believes that the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) application process should be substantially reformed and simplified to ensure that no student is faced with financial hardship as a result of minor errors on either side"</p>	<p>Zanib Ahmad, seconded by Aqeel Ahmed</p> <p>March. 2018 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL MAY. 2020</p>	<p>83% (at renewal)</p>	<p>May. 2022</p>

II) Mental & Physical Wellbeing in Education

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“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.”	Carly Horne, seconded by Anthea Koon. Feb. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019.	83% (at renewal)	Nov. 2021
"The GYC believes that every school in Glasgow should have a 'safe space' - a dedicated quiet room to be used at any time during the school day by any pupil who is feeling down, anxious or distressed. GYC further believes that, if possible, these safe spaces should be staffed by volunteers or staff members to ensure that any young person who needs to can talk to someone if needed."	C-Jay Quigley, seconded by Catherine Mackie. May 2019	95%	May 2021
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that all secondary schools should help pupils to deal with bereavement, and that teachers should provide support to bereaved pupils to help ensure that pupils are supported during the difficult time of losing a loved one.”	Catherine Mackie, seconded by Keiran O’ Neill. June 2018 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL MAY. 2020	94% (at renewal)	May 2022

III) Education Curriculums

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
<p>“Glasgow Youth Council believes that pre-election education should be provided to all young people, to ensure that they are equipped to make an informed voting decision.”</p>	<p>Ellie Craig, seconded by C-Jay Quigley. Aug. 2020</p>	<p>100%</p>	<p>Aug. 2022</p>
<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that more must be done to educate Young People about their rights as outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), and further believes that rights education should be a mandatory part of all school curricula.”</p>	<p>Lewis McDermott, seconded by Amy Lee Fraioli. Aug. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020</p>	<p>81% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Jan. 2022</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Jason Black, seconded by Conor Eskdale May 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019.</p>	<p>83% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>

<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Aqeel Ahmed, seconded by Calum MacLeod.</p> <p>Feb. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Mhairi Fraser, seconded by Alana McKenna</p> <p>Nov. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation</p> <p>Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>”The Glasgow Youth Council believes that all Young People should be informed and educated about their rights with regards to the justice system.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation</p> <p>Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>

<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that young LGBTQ+ people should be represented equally and included in all forms of education, through the teaching of diverse sexual & gender identities as well as LGBTQ+ history in all Scottish schools.”</p>	<p>Proposed by Chloe Whyte, seconded by Jenny Newton</p> <p>Nov. 2019</p>	<p>63%</p>	<p>Nov 2021</p>
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IV) Higher & Further Education

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Carly Horne, seconded by Lewis McDemott.</p> <p>Nov. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019.</p>	<p>83% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that funding to all higher and further education institutions should be protected at all levels of government.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation</p> <p>Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>92% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation</p> <p>Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>

<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Carly Horne, seconded by Thomas McEachan.</p> <p>July 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>67% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Khaled Emkidh, seconded by Joel Meekison.</p> <p>Feb 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>92% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>

V) Positive Destinations & Attainment Opportunities

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Danny Raja, seconded by Carly Horne. JUNE 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL NOV. 2019</p>	<p>82% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Nov. 2021</p>
<p>“The GYC opposes the idea of school league tables and believes that they are not an accurate reflection of the quality of education a school can offer pupils. GYC calls on the print media to move away from the creation of exam result- orientated league tables, and to ensure that schools in the city are recognised for the extracurricular opportunities they provide to create well rounded citizens.”</p>	<p>Danny Raja, seconded by Alana McKenna. May 2019</p>	<p>82%</p>	<p>May 2021</p>

<p>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”</p>	<p>Catherine Mackie, seconded by Ross McArthur.</p> <p>March. 2018 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL APRIL. 2020</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>April. 2022</p>
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Social Justice

I) Equality & Inclusion

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“Glasgow Youth Council recognises that LGBTQ+ characters are often over-sexualised in all forms of media, and calls on the media and entertainment industry to address this, and portray them in a more realistic light.”	C-Jay Quigley, seconded by Ella Miller Aug. 2020	88%	Aug. 2022
‘The Glasgow Youth Council supports the use of disability assistance initiatives, such as the Thistle Assistance Card scheme and the Sunflower Lanyard scheme, and calls for their implementation across the transport sector and beyond’	Christopher Winters, seconded by Jenny Newton. June 2020	75%	June 2022
‘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.’	C-Jay Quigley, seconded by Ella Millar. Feb. 2020	100%	Feb. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council notes the work of Monica Lennon MSP and Scottish Government regarding the provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products; believes that access these products is a basic human right, and more should be done to ensure that those in disadvantaged financial situations have access to these products.	Suki Wan, seconded by Keiran O’ Neill. Nov. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	89% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022

<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that while the fight for gender equality is an important one, and a fight that we resolve to support, gender-based quotas and contracts exclusive to one gender are not the best way to achieve this. The Council further believes that preferential treatment towards one gender only breeds resentment, and in turn creates more inequality.”</p>	<p>Jason Black, seconded by John White.</p> <p>Aug. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020</p>	<p>65% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Jan. 2022</p>
<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council notes with sadness the tragic death of Matthew Bloomer in March 2017, and believes more should be done to tackle homelessness in Glasgow. Council further notes that Young People are especially vulnerable to homelessness, and as a result further believes that more funding should be allocated to homeless shelters across the city.”</p>	<p>Catherine Mackie, seconded by Thomas McEachan.</p> <p>May 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020</p>	<p>94% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Jan. 2022</p>
<p>The Glasgow Youth Council believes that greater awareness should be made of the issues and challenges facing young deaf people, and supports the work of the National Deaf Children’s Society in resolving these issues.”</p>	<p>Grace Adam, seconded by Mashaim Bukhari.</p> <p>May 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020</p>	<p>94% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Jan. 2022</p>
<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that there should be greater support provided by Glasgow City Council to LGBTQI+ youth groups in the city to ensure that Young People have dedicated support and safe spaces amongst peers.”</p>	<p>Anthea Koon, seconded by Calum MacLeod.</p> <p>Feb. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020</p>	<p>94% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Jan. 2022</p>

II) Crime & Justice

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“Glasgow Youth Council believes more action should be taken through youth work and increased funding within community centres and hubs to reduce gang violence.”	Brogan McAloon, seconded by Ellie Craig. Aug. 2020	79%	Aug. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the Scottish Government should review the benefits of decriminalising the possession and consumption of drugs in Scotland as an effective means of tackling drug addiction and drug-related crime in Scotland, in particular amongst Young People in Glasgow.”	Jack Dudgeon, seconded by Lewis O’ Neill. Aug. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	76% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that Glasgow City Council, Police Scotland and the Scottish government should tackle crime by working with Young People to address its root causes.”	Executive Committee recommendation Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	88% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that all funding from local and national government to Rape Crisis centres should be protected.”	Alana McKenna, seconded by Carly Horne. July 2016	89% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022

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III) Environment & Preservation

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
<p>'Glasgow Youth Council supports the work of 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.'</p>	<p>Hayden Atkin, seconded by Revati Campbell. Feb. 2020</p>	<p>83%</p>	<p>Feb. 2022</p>
<p>"The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the Nuclear Arsenal based in HMNB Clyde should be immediately decommissioned, with the savings of this being invested in conventional means of defence and public services."</p>	<p>Jack Dudgeon, seconded by Alana McKenna. Nov. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020</p>	<p>77% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Jan. 2022</p>

IV) Democracy

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“The GYC believes that voting in all elections and referenda in Scotland should be mandatory.”	Keiran O’ Neill, seconded by Pamela Brogan May 2019	65%	May 2021
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the right to vote should be extended to all prisoners serving sentences of less than 5 years.”	Keiran O’ Neill, seconded by Alana McKenna. June 2018 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL MAY. 2020	69% (at renewal)	May 2022
“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.”	Keiran O’ Neill, seconded by Jack Dudgeon. Feb. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020	86% (at renewal)	Feb. 2022
“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.”	Jack Dudgeon, seconded by Calum MacLeod. Jan. 2017	86% (at renewal)	Feb. 2022

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“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.”	Carly Horne, seconded by Calum MacLeod. Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020	79% (at renewal)	Feb. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that 16 and 17 year olds should have the right to vote in all elections and referenda.”	Lewis O’ Neill, seconded by Thomas McEachan. Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020	100% (at renewal)	Feb. 2022
“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.”	Executive Committee recommendation. Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020	100% (at renewal)	Feb. 2022

Employment & Social Security

I) Employment

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“The Glasgow Youth Council notes the efforts of Stewart MacDonald MP to end unpaid trial shifts through a Private Member’s Bill in the House of Commons; believes that no individual should be expected to work for anything less than a fair wage; and resolves to support campaigns to end unacceptable working practices.”	Keiran O’ Neill, seconded by Jack Dudgeon. Aug. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	89% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council supports the work of the STUC Youth Committee in their ‘Better than Zero’ campaign, and their continuing campaign against exploitative employment and the injustice of zero hours contracts for Young People.”	Executive Committee recommendation Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	83% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that Young People in employment should be entitled to the same rights, protections and pay as all other employees.”	Executive Committee recommendation Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	94% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022

<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council condemns the ongoing discrimination against women in rates of pay by public and private sector employees in Glasgow. GYC further believes that in the interests of ending decades of pay inequality in Glasgow that Glasgow City Council must seek the support of the Scottish and UK Governments when seeking the settle the current disputes over equal pay.”</p>	<p>Ross McArthur, seconded by Keiran O’ Neill.</p> <p>March. 2018</p> <p>RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL MAY. 2020</p>	<p>72% (at renewal)</p>	<p>May 2022</p>
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II) Social Security & Finance

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“The Glasgow Youth Council condemns the reforms to the Tax Credit System, including the abhorrent ‘rape clause,’ and calls on the UK Government to immediately review this policy so that no mother is forced to choose between financial hardship or declaring a child to have been conceived through rape.”	Alana McKenna, seconded by Suki Wan. May 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	89% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that a Universal Basic Income, otherwise known as a ‘citizens income,’ should be introduced to ensure that all citizens, no matter their circumstances, can live with dignity and economic security.”	Thomas McEachan, seconded by Carly Horne. July 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	72% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“GYC believes that the freedom of information (Scotland) act should be extended to all organisations which receive public money or contracts in order to make it easier for young people to make FOI requests.”	Keiran O’ Neill, seconded by David McNeill. May 2019	90%	May 2021
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that no one should be denied access to lease a property by a private landlord on the basis they receive housing benefit; and urges Glasgow City Council, the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament to consider what action can be taken to tackle this discriminatory approach.”	Jason Black, seconded by Keiran O’ Neill. June 2018	81% (at renewal)	May 2022

	RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL MAY. 2020		
“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.”	Lewis McDermott, seconded by Anthea Koon. Jan. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL APRIL. 2020	93% (at renewal)	April 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that the Scottish and UK governments should implement a higher 50p 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.”	Declan McLean, seconded by Eva Murray. Jan. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL APRIL. 2020	60% (at renewal)	April 2022

Transport

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“Glasgow Youth Council believes that action is necessary to prevent sexual harassment from occurring on public transport, and calls on decision-makers and service providers to review their policies.”	Sophie Reid, seconded by Ellie Craig. Nov. 2020	100%	Nov. 2022
“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.”	Lewis McDermott, seconded by Josh Kennedy. March. 2018 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL APRIL. 2020	93% (at renewal)	April 2022
“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.”	Declan McLean, seconded by Anthony Carroll. Nov. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL APRIL. 2020	93% (at renewal)	April 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that discounts on rail travel through 16-25 railcards and Young Scot cards should also apply at peak times.”	Executive Committee recommendation. Aug. 2016	93% (at renewal)	April 2022

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Healthcare

I) Mental Health

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“Glasgow Youth Council calls on both the Scottish and Local Government to ensure support for the mental health of young carers, and to take action to reduce the amount of stigma placed upon them.”	Ellie Craig, seconded by Danny Raja. July 2020	100%	July 2022
The Glasgow Youth Council believes there should be dedicated mental health support in all GP surgeries and A+E Departments.”	Executive Committee recommendation. Nov. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020	100% (at renewal)	Feb 2022
“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.”	Executive Committee recommendation. Nov. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020	100% (at renewal)	Feb 2022

<p>“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that there should be quality mental health services available to every Young Person in Glasgow.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation.</p> <p>Aug. 2016, renewed Aug. 2017</p> <p>RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Feb. 2022</p>
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II) Physical Health

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
<p>“Glasgow Youth Council stands in solidarity with women in Poland who are protesting Poland’s Constitutional Tribunal’s incoming ruling, which bans all abortions where the foetus has serious and irreversible birth defects, rendering the large majority of Poland’s legal abortions unconstitutional. GYC regards this as a serious violation of human rights, and urges MSPs to support Sandra White MSP’s parliamentary motion which condemns this legislation.”</p>	<p>Emily Harle, seconded by Ella Miller Nov. 2020</p>	<p>76%</p>	<p>Nov. 2022</p>
<p>"The GYC believes that there should be greater awareness of sepsis amongst young people and the public, especially medical professionals. GYC understands that sepsis is a very serious medical condition which not enough people know about, and that a greater distribution of information about the illness could be vital to saving lives."</p>	<p>Catherine Mackie, seconded by Pamela Brogan. May 2019</p>	<p>95%</p>	<p>May 2021</p>

<p>“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”</p>	<p>Riya Banerjee. March. 2018 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL APRIL. 2020</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>March. 2022</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Calum MacLeod, seconded by Jack Dudgeon. Jan. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020</p>	<p>86% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Feb. 2022</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Calum MacLeod, seconded by Keiran O’ Neill. Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020</p>	<p>64% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Feb. 2022</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation. Aug. 2016, renewed Aug. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Feb. 2020</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Feb. 2022</p>

<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Executive Committee recommendation.</p> <p>Aug. 2016</p> <p>RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL</p> <p>Feb. 2020</p>	<p>100% (at renewal)</p>	<p>Feb. 2022</p>
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Culture & Media

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that more must be done to increase accessibility to the arts and creative industries in Glasgow, and calls on the Glasgow City Council Administration to do more to ensure that everyone can access and benefit from our diverse arts and culture opportunities in the city.”	Keiran O’ Neill, seconded by Josh Kennedy. Nov. 2017 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	82% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that more action should be taken to address the issue of under-representation of ethnic minorities in the mainstream media.”	Suki Wan, seconded by Thomas McEachan. Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	83% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council believes that regional and national agencies should establish dedicated programmes to help Young People get into the creative and journalistic sector.”	Executive Committee recommendation Aug. 2016 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL Jan. 2020	67% (at renewal)	Jan. 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council Believes that in order to preserve the culture and heritage of working class Glaswegians, extra	Lewis McDermott, Ben Procter.	69% (at renewal)	May 2022

consideration and care should be taken in any 'modernisation' efforts undertaken in Glasgow".	June 2018 RENEWED BY FULL COUNCIL MAY. 2020		
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COVID-19 & Lockdown

Policy Statement	Proposer/Date	% in favour	Active Until
“Glasgow Youth Council believes that young people’s physical and mental wellbeing is at increased risk when living in student accommodation (including private halls) during the COVID-19 pandemic, and urges all accommodation providers to support isolating students with adequate food packages, as well as sufficient mental health support.”	Christopher Winters, seconded by Rimi Deol. Nov. 2020	82%	Nov. 2022
“Glasgow Youth Council is concerned that many people are not following government health advice regarding face coverings/masks or are wearing them incorrectly, and believes a public health campaign which teaches proper usage of face masks would be beneficial to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”	Catherine Mackie, seconded by Ellie Craig. Aug. 2020	75%	Aug. 2022
“Glasgow Youth Council believes that Glasgow City Council should do more to financially support local artists and production companies during the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure that jobs within the arts and creative industries remain protected.”	C-Jay Quigley, Seconded by Mark Hume. July 2020	89%	July 2022
“Glasgow Youth Council recognises that gym and swimming pool closures amidst the COVID-19 pandemic have been detrimental to young people’s physical and mental wellbeing. GYC calls on the Scottish Government to reopen these facilities as soon as it is safe to do so, and in the meantime encourages gyms and youth	Emily Harle, seconded by Ellie Craig. July 2020	63%	July 2022

organisations to provide and promote online exercise classes as widely as possible.”			
“Glasgow Youth Council regrets the dramatic increase in domestic abuse cases during lockdown, and welcomes the additional government funding for support services. However, GYC believes an increase in victim support, victim housing, and public awareness is necessary, and aims to support local domestic abuse charities and organisations.”	Mark Hume, seconded by Emily Harle. July 2020	100%	July 2022
“Glasgow Youth Council acknowledges the economic need to reopen Scotland’s retail and hospitality sectors following the COVID-19 crisis. However, GYC is concerned about the impact this may have on public health, and calls on all Glasgow businesses to ensure the safety and security of customers and employees, by providing sufficient PPE, enforcing strict social distancing measures, and providing reasonable furlough pay for those unable to return to work safely.”	Christopher Winters, seconded by Ellie Craig. July 2020	81%	July 2022
“Glasgow Youth Council believes that transgender and non-binary healthcare is a fundamental human right, and should not be overlooked during the COVID-19 pandemic. GYC therefore calls on the Scottish Government and any relevant health organisations to protect this right, and ensure that gender support services and surgeries resume as soon as possible.”	C-Jay Quigley, seconded by Taylor Smith July 2020	86%	July 2022
“The Glasgow Youth Council acknowledges the increased usage of food banks during the COVID-19 pandemic, and believes that the city council and relevant decision makers should provide better support	C-Jay Quigley, seconded by Catherine Mackie June 2020	100%	June 2022

for these organisations, so they can continue to provide for those most vulnerable throughout the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.”			
“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.”	Emily Harle, seconded by Jenny Newton April 2020	86%	April 2022
“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.”	Jenny Newton, seconded by C-Jay Quigley April 2020	88%	April 2022
“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.”	Danny Raja, seconded by Catherine Mackie April 2020	100%	April 2022

<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Brogan McAloon, seconded by Amy Smith</p> <p>April 2020</p>	<p>77%</p>	<p>April 2022</p>
<p>“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.”</p>	<p>Catherine Mackie, seconded by Hayden Atkin</p> <p>April 2020</p>	<p>67%</p>	<p>April 2022</p>