Faiza For Glasgow Cathcart (SYP).

Hiya! My name if Faiza Ali, I am an S5 pupil at King's park secondary and I am running to become an MSYP for Glasgow Cathcart!

I am into politics and comics with my favorite character being daredevil – my favorite comic is daredevil: Born again!

I am also part of PSYV out of school, which has given me opportunities to communicate with a bunch of different people and help out at different events such as doing scam prevention leaflet drops!

The Scottish youth parliament is a democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people.



why should you vote for me?

I want to become an MSYP as I believe issues affecting young people are either overlooked or decided by adults. I want to be a voice for people to communicate the issues they have been dealing with and to allow for more younger voices to be heard. I want to make clear to young people that they can have their concerns listened to without judgement or fear.

I believe people should vote for me as I will not be afraid to speak out for young people no matter the outcome. I believe it is a right thing to speak out to make sure young people believe that someone is here to speak out for the interest of them. As well as this, I will listen to concerns that people have and make sure I treat everyone with the upmost respect.

I will consult young people in the area by making surveys to find out the opinions of the people, focus groups to allow for issues to be discussed thoroughly – allowing for people to discuss their main issues with their opinions on the matter, and suggestion boxes online to find out what people believe are issues in Cathcart.

My Manifestos

Environment

Parks are a great place for people to meet up and socialise or to have a nice stroll, however in parks, they are underfunded, which leads for them to be neglected and lack control, meaning it makes it more difficult to ensure consistent environmental protections. I believe parks should be a place where people feel safe walking in at any times of day, parks should be maintained to allow for more biodiversity to thrive, and to help people better connect with nature.

Health and wellbeing

Approximately 1 in 10 kids aged 5-16 in Scotland have a clinically diagnosable mental health problem. Mental health has a stigma which has stopped kids from getting the help they desperately need. I believe we need aim to remove these stigmas around getting help and show young people that asking for help isn't a sign of weakness, but instead a sign of strength. I also believe that mental health should be talked about more to younger kids to help them talk about their emotions when they grow up to allow more people to have a more positive mental health.

Education

Education is vital for kids to learn and communicate with others, however in 2024, out of 700,000 pupils in Scotland, 218,000 pupils missed 10% or more of school, 83,600 pupils missed 20% or more of school, and 17,600 pupils missed 50% or more of school in Scotland. This stops pupils from getting the education and skills they need. This can be due to mental health problems, bullying, or academic struggles. I believe we should be supporting kids to make sure they feel safe and give support for their learning in schools and find out why they typically don't attend school to fix those problems to be inclusive to those pupils; we should all not dismiss those pupils just because they don't attend school often.