



Faiza For Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok

Hiya! My name is Faiza Ali, I am an S6 pupil at King's park secondary and I am running to become one of the MSYP for Glasgow Cathcart and Pollok!

I am wanting to do Forensic science when I leave school, and I love video games (my favorites are NFS and Hitman)!

I am also part of PSYV out of school, which has gave me an opportunity to help at the commonwealth games!

I'm also apart of Youth-bank, which allow young people to help develop our local community.

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



why should you vote for me?

I want to be an MSYP as many issues affecting young people are either overlooked or decided by adults, such as the phone ban. I want to be a voice for young people to communicate any issues that are troubling them 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 as they also matter .

I believe people should vote for me as I will not be afraid to speak out for young people no matter what would happen. Young people deserve more from adults, and I want every young person in the constituency to feel apart of the decision-making process. As well as this, I will listen to concerns that people have and make sure that everyone is treated 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, but as well as making power-points (and talks) to inform people on issues young people should know.

My Manifestos

Environment

Parks are a great place for people to meet up and socialise or even discovering the beauty, however, many parks are underfunded, which leads for them to be neglected and have of lack control, this makes it harder to keep the environment at its best in parks. Parks are places that should feel safe walking in at any times of day. Parks deserved better to allow for biodiversity to keep thriving, and to help people better connect with nature.

Health and wellbeing

over 1 in 5 kids aged 8-16 in Scotland have experienced mental health problem during 2025. Mental health has a stigma which has stopped many from getting the help they desperately need. These stigmas need to be removed to give hope to young people that asking for help isn't a sign of weakness, but instead a sign of strength. We need to help more young people to discover their emotions and be able to talk about it, so when they grow up, they can have more of a positive mental health.

Education

Education is vital for kids to learn and communicate with others, The overall persistent absence rate for 2024/25 was 42.5%, meaning that 42.5% of secondary pupils in Glasgow were absent for 10% or more of the school year. This rate still remain higher from the periods from 2010/11 to 2020/21 which ranged from 35.8% to 26.9%. This stops pupils from getting the education and skills they need. This can be due to many contributing factors. We should be supporting kids to make sure they feel safe and give support for their learning in schools and find out why they aren't attending to help them to succeed; we should not dismiss those just because they aren't attending school as often as everyone else.