



Alasdair Paisley MSYP - Update April 2024

MSYP Training

Over the course of the last two months, I have been completing training for my new role as MSYP for Argyll and Bute. I have been completing online training with the Scottish Youth Parliament and I also attended a two-day training course in Helensburgh delivered by our liveArgyll support workers.

SYP National Campaigns

The SYP National Campaigns are areas of focus for this year's SYP Manifesto, and MSYPs consult with young people in order to vote on what National campaigns to focus on. Me and my colleagues consulted with seventy-one young people using an online survey and we found that the top three choices for young people in Argyll and Bute was to increase mental health training, end gender based violence and, finally, improving hate crime law. This is what we voted for on their behalf.

Next Steps

Next, I will attend the SYP's first Annual Sitting of the year in order to further develop my understanding of this role. This will be in Stirling on the 22nd to 23rd of June. Over the next few months I will consult with as many young people across Argyll and Bute in order to fully represent their views to decision-makers.