



Children's Parliament
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At Children's Parliament, we believe that children should grow up in a world of love, happiness and understanding. It is our mission to inspire greater awareness and understanding of the power of children's human rights and to support the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Scots Law.



"It's Up to You, Me and All of Us"

The Climate Assembly Secretariat invited Children's Parliament to support the participation of children under the age of 16 in Scotland's Climate Assembly from October 2020-June 2021.

Climate change is a human rights issue, and solutions to tackle the climate emergency must include the views of everyone who lives in Scotland.



Outcomes

The 12 Investigators and over 100 children created 42 Calls to Action on tackling the climate emergency, laid out in Scottish Parliament in June 2021.

The national impact and international interest in the children's contributions to the Climate Assembly process enabled Children's Parliament to continue to a second phase of the project in August 2021.



Impact

"Through being involved in the Climate Assembly and other events with adult decision makers on the climate emergency, I've noticed that other adults around me at school and at home have been inspired by our work. They've changed their attitudes and perspectives on climate change in one year." MCP in West Lothian, age 12

"It's easier for children to speak to an adult they have a bond with. It means stronger ideas." MCP in the Highlands, age 11



The Moment

On October 29th, 2021, over 2000 children and young people met with their local elected representatives to share their Calls to Action on the climate emergency in the lead up to COP26 in November.

This was supported by the co-creation of a toolkit by the MCPs from the Climate Assembly. The toolkit contains resources for any child in Scotland to participate in rights-based climate action.



Next Steps-Learning for Sustainability

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