Today, the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) achieved the Investors in Young People (IIYP) Gold accreditation. SYP is one of only six organisations in Scotland to have achieved the gold level accreditation, demonstrating its commitment to helping young people grow and develop in the workplace.

Introduced by Investors in People Scotland, IIYP is an accreditation scheme which helps organisations implement a nationally recognised framework helping them to engage and develop a talent pipeline for the future. Working across the private, public and third sector, the framework provides advice, recommendations and best practice regarding the recruitment, employment and training of young workers.

The Scottish Youth Parliament first achieved the Investors in Young People accreditation in January 2015.

As a youth-led organisation, investing in young people and supporting them to achieve their full potential is at the heart of the Scottish Youth Parliament’s core values and vision.

Jordan Linden MSYP, Chair of the Scottish Youth Parliament, said: “I’m delighted that the Scottish Youth Parliament has become one of the first organisations in Scotland to achieve the gold level accreditation. We are totally committed to empowering Scotland’s young people, and supporting them to lead the way in shaping their own future.

“Employers across all sectors have a crucial role to play in supporting and empowering young people. I hope we will see more organisations in Scotland undertake this fantastic accreditation scheme.”

Peter Russian, Chief Executive of Investors in People Scotland, said “This is a fantastic achievement for the Scottish Youth Parliament, and I and the whole IIYP team would like to wholeheartedly congratulate them. The Investors in Young People framework not only recognises and supports organisations in the employment of young people, but marks them out as an employer of choice.

“The benefits of recruiting and developing young people are countless. These include the creation of a talent pool for the future, new and increased skills in areas such as IT and social media, fresh eyes and mind-sets into business operations along with enthusiasm and unique talents.”
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