

Hi, I'm Eilidh Macpherson and I'm from Arran.

As a MSYP I'd strive to listen to local young people's concerns, needs and issues throughout Cunninghame North and represent them with passion in parliament.

If I'm elected, my main and most important focus would be to help expand our education on sexual health in secondary schools.

We only hear about contraception and STDs, although that is not the definition of practising safe sex.

Teachers often don't discuss:

- LGBT relationships

- Consent

- The relationships that form around sex/the consequences

Usually, there's a huge stigma attached to young folk having intercourse. I believe it is seriously important for young people to have somebody to talk to about this as it affects a number of teenagers all over Scotland. 50% of school children don't know where to get help over sexual abuse in the UK, I want to help change that. I will try my utmost to make it easier for young people to talk about these issues in a mature fashion. I will fight for significant improvement in sexual education for young people at youth council meetings, with head teachers at joint cabinet meetings and at Scottish Youth Parliament.

I have worked with present MSYPs in the past and have formed a close bond with many. After hearing the wonderful things they do, I also want to help represent North Ayrshire's young people.

I'm a very active member of our local youth organisation, Arran Youth Foundations. I take part in a broad spectrum of activities 5 days a week, including Youth Forum. Our forum has recently organised gigs for young people and refurbished our youth cabin.

I look forward to embarking on this opportunity and helping the young people of Cunninghame North for the better.