

PAULINE AIRLIE. MANIFESTO.

Hi, my name is Pauline Airlie, I am 14 years old and live in Dalry. I currently attend Garnock Academy and I would like to present to you why I believe that I will make a success of being a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYP) for Cunninghame North.

Coming from a rural community I have become aware that there are limited resources and services available for specialist needs with regards to young people living in my community. If I am successful in my quest to become a MSYP, I will try to raise awareness and tackle the following issues:

LGBT: I will hopefully use my position to raise awareness of LGBT issues that primarily affect young people; I would like to see a wider range of services that can be easily accessed, without fear of discrimination, through school and community groups.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION: I would like to raise awareness of the work that MSYP's, pupil councils and youth forums do. I would like to show there are transparent links between the community and school life and that young people should be an integral part of the decision making process.

BULLYING: I believe that bullying still plays a major part in many students school experience. I would like to raise awareness of the effects that bullying can have on people and would like to see an easier process where young people can access support services that genuinely work.

I feel that I have the necessary skills and abilities that will allow me to commit fully to the role of representing young people at a local and national level. I'm fully aware of the issues that affect young people and am willing to listen to support the process of creating positive change.

I can do no more than try my best and that is what I promise to do, I will work tirelessly to support and represent young people from all backgrounds and take forward their issues and concerns.