

# Who are the Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament?



## MSYPs by gender

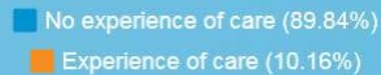


There are slightly more male MSYPs than female MSYPs.

Both the Chair and the Vice Chair are female.

## MSYPs with experience of care

A high percentage (10.16%) of MSYPs reported having an experience of care. This number is significantly higher than Scotland's population of young people as a whole, with approximately 2% of young people (12 to 21-years-old) in Scotland currently in care or eligible for aftercare support.



## Sexual orientation of MSYPs

A large number of MSYPs (29%) identify themselves as other than heterosexual, while 2% preferred not to say.



## MSYPs who are young carers



Nearly 7% of MSYPs carry out roles as young carers in addition to their SYP duties, providing unpaid care for a family member.

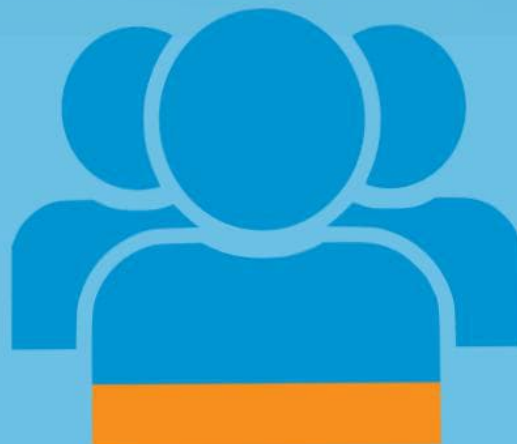
## MSYPs with disabilities

SYP is committed to removing barriers to representation for young people with disabilities. 14.5% of MSYPs consider themselves to have a disability.



■ No disability (85.50%) ■ Disability (14.50%)

## MSYPs' ethnicity



■ White (85.61%) ■ Non white (14.39%)

More than 14% of MSYPs are non-white. According to the 2011 Census, 4% of the population of Scotland is non-white.

## MSYPs per SIMD decile

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) breaks down Scotland into 6,505 areas, each containing around 800 people, ranked from 1 (most deprived) to 6,505 (least deprived). This pie chart records the percentage of MSYPs in each decile (grouping of 10%) of the SIMD scale.

There is a fairly even representation of MSYPs from all ten deciles.



■ Decile 1 (10.43%) ■ Decile 2 (8.59%) ■ Decile 3 (4.91%)  
■ Decile 4 (11.04%) ■ Decile 5 (8.59%) ■ Decile 6 (11.04%)  
■ Decile 7 (7.98%) ■ Decile 8 (9.20%) ■ Decile 9 (11.04%)  
■ Decile 10 (14.11%) ■ Unknown (3.07%)

The Scottish Youth Parliament is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people. Our vision for Scotland is of a nation that actively listens to and values the meaningful participation of its children and young people.

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