

2018 IS THE YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE



Are you aged 8+?

Do you like meeting new people, and working with others?

Do you like to chat to people, and express yourself?

Can you listen to others and be open to others peoples views?

THEN WE NEED YOU!

What's this all about?

The people at the Scottish Government like to have a special focus each year. In 2018, they would like to have this special focus on young people! That's where you come in.

The Scottish Government would like to make sure that the ideas and plans for that year come from children and young people themselves. They have asked Children in Scotland, Young Scot and the Scottish Youth Parliament to work with a group of young people across Scotland to share their ideas and make these plans together. This would be the first step in bringing together an even bigger group that would include the voices of lots more young people!

All are welcome – we will make sure that everyone who would like to take part, can. If you have an additional support need, let us know and we'll make sure that you can participate.

What's involved?

The group would meet up about once a month between now and the end of the year. Once you've had a chance as a group to share your ideas, the Scottish Government will ask more children and young people across Scotland to build on these ideas over the next 2 years until we reach 2018. You could ask to carry on being part of the bigger group next year if you're enjoying it.

What will you get out of it?

- Improve your confidence
- Make new friends
- Build up important skills like listening, sharing and speaking in front of others (though only if you want to!)

What will the group do?

Lots of people are going to be part of the Year of the Young Person and we want to find out how they think it should run and what should happen.

For example, this group will help:

- Organise fun and interesting "chatting days"
- Help develop a Year of the Young Person logo and website

We're keen to hear your voices. We want to know what YOU think. We'd like you to share your ideas with us as well as the people at the Scottish Government, like Aileen Campbell MSP, the Minister for Children and Young People.

Interested or want to know more? Get in touch!

We'd like to hear from you, but be quick! We need to get an email or a call from you by Wednesday 16 June 2015. There will also be a meeting on Saturday 27 June 2015 at the Young Scot office in Edinburgh for all of you who are taking the next step and signing up.

Contact Jamie at the Scottish Youth Parliament to sign up, or find out more -
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