

The Scottish Rural & Islands Youth Parliament

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The Scottish Rural & Islands Youth Parliament was the culmination of partnership work between:



+ More!

Background on the SRIYP...



- 2023 was the inaugural SRIYP
- 75 young people aged 16 to 30 from across
- Held in the Ceol Centre in Fort William
- Consisted of workshops and discussions
- Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Highlands and Islands MSP in attendance.
- Youth delegates presented 10 priorities that they would like to see focused on by decision-makers



The 10 Priorities Were:



ARTS & CULTURE

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT



SKILLS, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

HOUSING



EQUITY & ACCESSIBILITY

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD



YOUNG CARERS

PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP

Parliamentary Debate on Rural Issues – 18.01.24

- Debate at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh
- Introduced to the Scottish Cabinet, Permanent Secretary and the First Minister of Scotland.
- Split into 10 sub-groups and assigned a cabinet minister to discuss each theme.
- Young people were praised during debate for bringing issues to Parliament.



Next Steps?



- Help strengthen the emerging rural youth network
- Build on the network of organisations that collaborated to create the SRIYP
- Support this network to further the youth priorities



Thank you!



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