

## Scottish Youth Parliament event – 27 October 2019 – Dunfermline High School

The National Planning Framework (NPF4) team was delighted to be invited to participate in a discussion with members of the Scottish Youth Parliament to consider the sort of place Scotland can be in 2050.



Attendees represented the breadth and diverse geography of Scotland, having travelled from Shetland, the north east, Mull, Grampian, central areas, including the cities of Glasgow, Dundee and Stirling, and Ayrshire.

An initial session saw delegates send 'postcards' from the future with four colour coded themes offering ideas to describe what the country was like. A sample of comments included:

**Land-use** – wind and tidal renewable energy; protecting agricultural areas and wild land; retaining green belt; building sustainable communities.

**Buildings** – equalities + accessibility to include disabled access; energy efficient; green roofs, solar panels and charging facilities; need for supporting infrastructure along with new housing.

**Connections** – greener, more carbon efficient travel with hydrogen powered public transport; better connected rural areas; speedy broadband coverage.

**Green / blue places** – more national parks including coastal and marine; support community growing; tree planting to reduce carbon; well-lit accessible green spaces and parks.

Following this, the various ideas were spatially mapped to show where ideas may take place and how they could possibly link up. Some examples of the mapping ideas are shown below:



The NPF4 Team would like to thank everyone who took part for all of their positive input and constructive ideas.

We're also very grateful to Laura, Liam and everyone at SYP for their help in organising such a successful event.