

Drawings and posters examples



'Everyone is included', Linlithgow Primary School



'School shouldn't cost... let us help', St John Ogilvie High School, Hamilton



Food drawing, Holyrood High School, Glasgow

School Shouldn't Cost: The Young People's Manifesto for Scotland

A collective voice from young people across Scotland to eliminate financial barriers and end school-day poverty.

THE PROBLEM: THE HIDDEN COST OF SCHOOL

Poverty Creates Barriers to Learning

Financial stress affects everything from having the right uniform to accessing school trips.

Exclusion Harms Wellbeing

Worrying about school costs leads to anxiety, stress, sadness, and loneliness.

“Every child deserves an education; it shouldn't only be if you can afford it.”

- St Joseph's Primary, Argyll and Bute.

THE SOLUTION: 5 DEMANDS FOR AN EQUAL START

- 1. End Child Poverty**
Increase financial support so families can afford essentials and come to school ready to learn.
- 2. Fully Fund All Schools**
Ensure consistent funding to remove costs and invest in vital support staff for students.
- 3. Provide the Basics for All**
Universal free school meals, 1:1 digital devices, and affordable uniforms are essential.
- 4. Guarantee Equal Opportunities**
Fund school trips and activities so that family income is never a barrier to participation.
- 5. Involve Us in Decisions**
Build clear systems for young people's views to genuinely influence education policy.

MANIFESTO SHAPED BY BROAD YOUTH PARTICIPATION

- 5,000 Respondents to the "Big Question"
- 350 Schools in the Voice Network
- Over 500 Young People in Consultations

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School Shouldn't Cost manifesto infograph, Auchenharvie Academy, Stevenston