

Primary Cost of the School Day Voice network meeting - summary

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Key Discussion Points

1. Interactive Quiz

The session opened with a fun quiz to introduce Cost of the School Day topics, including:

- School-related anagrams (e.g. school trip, packed lunch)
- School Clothing Grant information (minimum £120 for primary pupils)
- Discussion about the role of the First Minister and Scottish Government in tackling child poverty.

Pupils reflected on what every child deserves, highlighting the following as important:

Safe housing, Healthy food, Water, Clothing, Care, Education

2. Pupils share good things in their schools

Schools highlighted a range of successful initiatives, including:

- Walk-in wardrobe/uniform bank promoted through a whole-school assembly.
- Cluster-wide pre-loved uniform hub involving five schools, making uniforms available during school holidays through a community venue.
- Camp equipment packs (including sleeping bags and walking boots) provided through charitable organisations.
- Partnerships with community organisations, including Morrisons, to provide clothing and additional food.
- Free toiletries available within schools.
- Free concerts and affordable enrichment activities – Nick Morgan visited primary schools.

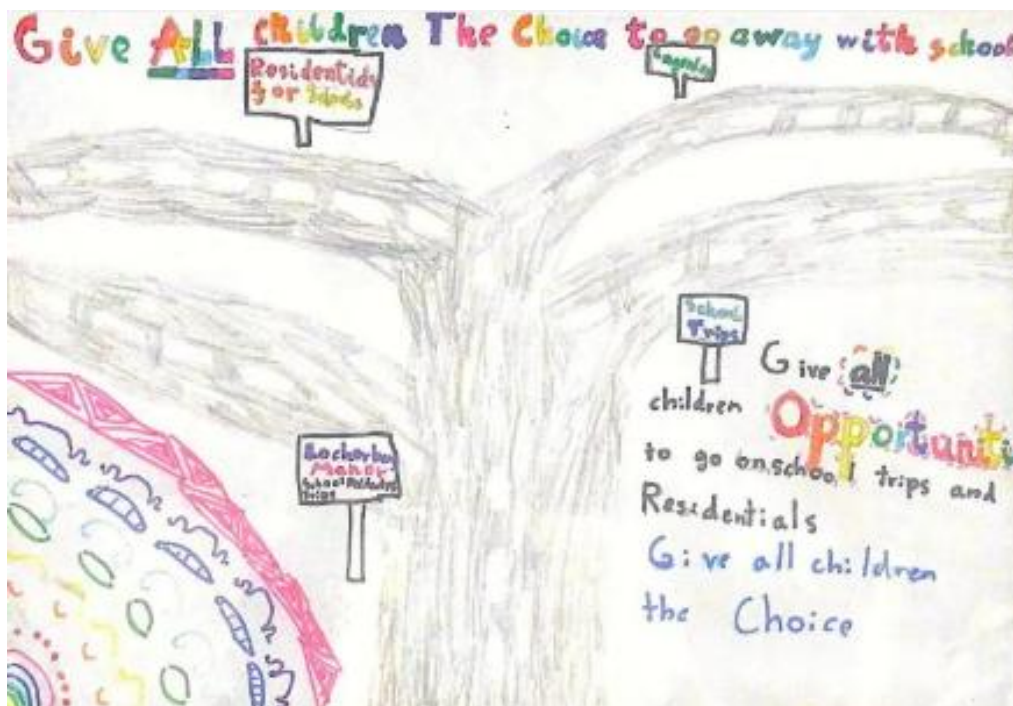
3. School Shouldn't Cost Manifesto

Revisited the manifesto developed at previous meetings, reminding pupils of the five priorities:

- Ending child poverty.
- Ensuring schools have sufficient funding.
- Providing essential school items (uniforms, meals and learning materials).
- Making school trips affordable.
- Giving children meaningful opportunities to influence decisions.

The group also discussed the activities for promoting the manifesto.

The winner of the poster competition was from a pupil at Linlithgow Primary; the poster shared a vision of access to school trips for all pupils.



4. Future Opportunities

Pupils were asked how future online training sessions should be designed, they said:

- Sessions should last around 20–30 minutes, with breaks if longer.
- Learning should be interactive, using quizzes and games such as Kahoot and Wordle-style activities.
- Opportunities to share ideas between schools are valuable.

Pupils would like:

- Better explanations of how government funding works.
- Information about funding available to schools.
- Politicians or government representatives to join sessions.
- Examples of successful Cost of the School Day projects.

Several pupils also volunteered to test future learning resources before they are launched. Kirsty will be in touch in the new school year about this.

5. Actions and Next Steps

- Explore inviting politicians to future online sessions.
- Continue providing opportunities for pupils to influence national decision-makers.

Teachers to complete end-of-year feedback to inform planning for next year. [Cost of the School Day Voice Network Check In – Fill out form](#). Kirsty will follow up with pupils and schools interested in taking part in future activities.

Close of meeting

A huge well done to all voice pupils this year for all your hard work reducing the cost of the school day. Can't wait to see what you do next year.