

'Teach the Future Scotland' and the place of the Climate Challenge in Education

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 3 September 2021, proposed by Councillor Robert Brown, seconded by Councillor Mark McGeever, as follows:-

"The Council notes the continuing climate emergency, the efforts, both local and national, being undertaken to tackle this and the welcome focus on the issue with the forthcoming UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31st October to 12th November 2021.

The Council welcomes the positive work of 'Teach the Future Scotland', led by young people in schools and further education, to ensure that the climate emergency is high on the education agenda. Teach the Future has noted that only 4% of students feel they know a lot about climate change, 68% of students want to learn more about the environment and 75% of teachers feel they have not received adequate training to education students about climate change.

Council supports the call by Teach the Future Scotland for the Scottish Government to commission a review into how the Scottish education system is preparing students for the climate emergency and ecological crisis and asks the Chief Executive to write to the Scottish Education Secretary in support of this.

The Council further:-

1. commits to reviewing how education in South Lanarkshire prepares students to help tackle the climate change crisis and deliver climate justice, and to develop this in consultation with a panel of school students
2. notes the need to look at continuous professional development within the Council in order that teachers are equipped and confident to teach understanding of climate change issues
3. calls for a paper on Climate Change education to be brought to the Education Resources Committee in the near future, detailing what action is currently being taken."