

## **Candidate Profile – Charlie Haddon**

I know as well as anyone in Shetland that life for a young person can be frustrating. This is not improved by residing on a rock 160km north of mainland Scotland. My personal experience packing bags at tesco for hours to fundraise for sports trips along with restrictions in school subjects or the availability of affordable tutoring have opened my eyes for the need for me to help change these things. I would like to become an MSYP so that I can work alongside my fellow MSYP for Shetland to listen to the opinions of other young people experiencing similar issues.

I would like to develop my skills and work alongside other enthusiastic adolescents to make Scotland a better place for young people like myself.

I believe that the current price of £4.90 for me to visit the gym is too much. Particularly in Shetland where in the winter months the weather can restrict the amount of exercise someone can do outside. I want to work with the SRT to bring that cost down.

I think there is an issue with young people waiting for buses. From personal experience, getting the 11pm bus to Weisdale is a nightmare. The latest bus before 11pm is 5.15. there is now nowhere in Lerwick to wait for buses, particularly in bad weather, with venues not being very welcoming to young people at this time of night.

As well as starting my own Scottish Youth Parliament social media pages, I will also make myself approachable to all students across Shetland and host surveys and Twitter poll's in order to ensure that the young people in Shetland are as best represented as possible. I aim to consult with young people in Shetland by working with pupil councils across Shetland to ensure their voices can be heard.

I am an enthusiastic individual who is willing to work hard and listen to all opinions to represent Shetland's youth to the best of my ability.

I know firsthand as do all young Shetlanders how isolated and restrictive living here can be. In order to ease the sense of isolation I don't wish to simply resolve the issues, I see the need for change. I wish to resolve the issues in which ALL young people in Shetland see need for change. Be it sports funding, part time job availability or concerns about school, I aim to help young people in Shetland live less isolated lives. I cannot achieve this goal alone. Help me help you. Vote for me.