

GA Presbytery Youth Rep Role Description

Title: Presbytery Youth Representative, General Assembly 2019
Event: General Assembly 2019
Dates: 4pm Fri 17 th May to 4.30pm Fri 24 th May 2019, Edinburgh
Duration: The reps will hold this role for the length of the event. Responsibilities outside of this time are to give a report to the presbytery, and produce a written report for the M&D council. Other opportunities for feeding back (churches, youth groups, NYA) will exist and are to be encouraged.
Person Specification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be aged between 18 and 25 on the day GA commences, 18th May 2019• Must be a member of or regularly attend a CofS church within the presbytery• Ideally will not have attended the GA more than 3 times already• Ideally will not have attended the GA as the presbytery rep for the last 2 years• Should be committed to attending as much of the event as possible (we are flexible when attendance at exams is needed!)• Should be committed to attending the specific youth rep programme

Responsibilities:

- Play an active part in the programme arranged for youth reps
- Read the 'Blue Book' and prepare appropriately for the debates
- All youth reps must commit to reporting back to their presbytery after the GA. It is recommended that the presbytery invite their rep to deliver a verbal report at one of their meetings.
- Youth reps are encouraged to report back to their church/youth group after the GA. This could take a variety of forms, for example writing an article for their church magazine, speaking to the congregation during a service, leading a youth group session or speaking to a guild.
- Youth reps are required to write or film a brief report about their GA experience for M&D, some of which may be used on our websites.

Experience/Skill:

- It is recognised that this is a learning opportunity for the individual, so aspects of this role will be new.
- The week is very intense and demanding with debates during the day and preparation sessions during the evening. While they will be well supported by the youth reps staff team all participants need to be able to cope with such intensity.
- No previous experience of debating is necessary although being able to articulate thoughts succinctly will be an advantage.

Training/Supervision/Pastoral Care:

The youth reps will be supported throughout their term by Suzi Farrant (Young People and Young Adult's Development Worker with the Mission & Discipleship Council) and a team of volunteers.

Cost should not be a barrier as all youth reps get their expenses paid (accommodation in a hotel Edinburgh will be provided and reps are able to claim back food and travel costs they incur).

