



Demonstrations at COP26 in Glasgow.

We are the changemakers, the peacemakers, the mighty of heart.

Christian Aid is the relief and development agency of 41 Christian denominations in the UK and Ireland.

It's a global movement of people, churches and local organisations who passionately champion dignity, equality and justice in countries worldwide.

We exist to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

Calling Scotland's decision makers!

The 2026 Scottish Parliament elections are a pivotal moment to shape Scotland's role in tackling poverty, injustice, and the climate crisis.

We believe that Scotland can lead on the world stage with integrity, justice, compassion and wisdom.

Our manifesto asks decision makers to:

- address the climate crisis
- promote a culture of peace
- make amends for Scotland's colonialism
- be a responsible global citizen.

We work in partnership with faith organisations and NGOs on campaign issues. These include Scotland's International Development Alliance, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, Tax Justice Scotland and the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office.

Addressing the climate crisis

- Deliver on Scotland's just transition commitment with a focus on rapid de-carbonisation within domestic heating, transport, and agriculture.
- Deepen Scotland's support for climate-impacted communities globally, by strengthening the Climate Justice Fund and championing Loss and Damage, including via the Humanitarian Emergency Fund.
- Use of progressive taxation to generate funds and change behaviors
- Sign up to the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Promoting a culture of peace

- Build on existing proposals for a peace programme in Scotland to ensure that Scotland is a force for peace domestically and internationally.
- Incorporate peace education into the curriculum as a cornerstone of learning for sustainability. Increase the priority and funding afforded to Global Citizenship Education (GCE).
- Conduct a comprehensive review of previous and current government commitments to promoting justice, rights and equality within international policy. Create mechanisms for all policy teams across government to report against those commitments.
- Ensure that Scottish Government money, including that spent through Enterprise Scotland, is not actively enabling governments or groups who are violating international law or human rights.
- In collaboration with gender experts from the Global South, implement a feminist approach to international relations.
- Ensure that maximum use is made of the new Human Rights Bill to strengthen the liability of Scottish-based companies for human rights violations abroad.
- Renew the Scottish Business Pledge around human rights and business, and ensure businesses are required to consider global supply chain impacts
- Use Scotland's voice on the international stage to challenge the root causes of war: economic inequality, the climate crisis, and breaches of human rights and international law.



Break bread with your future MSP

In the run-up to the Scottish Elections the people hoping to represent you in the next Scottish Government will be vying for your vote.

A new Parliament offers a fresh start to build relationships with MSPs and show them what you and your church expects of them.

We invite you to follow in Jesus' footsteps: to sit down and break bread with decision makers and urge them to act on poverty.

Making amends for Scotland's involvement in colonialism and the transatlantic slave trade

- Establish an independent commission to interrogate the impact of Scotland's colonial legacies, including colonialism's continued manifestation in current policy making and decisions. This should include an interrogation of the relationship between colonialism and Scotland's choice of partner countries.
- Issue a public national apology for the harm caused through colonialism that also recognises the additional and continued harm to marginalised communities.
- Use international political platforms to address systemic racism, domestically and internationally,
- Work with communities harmed by colonialism to find ways forward on reparations, reconciliation, and commemoration.
- Support antiracist and anticolonial activist groups to review the Curriculum for Excellence and to work with teachers on global education programmes.
- Working with museums, universities and anticolonial groups and diaspora communities, produce a national action plan for the proactive repatriation of stolen cultural goods.
- Continue to support the global calls for debt cancellation and promote debt justice internationally. Lobby for a UN mechanism for multilateral debt workouts and offer Scotland as a seat of arbitration for foreign debt.

Being a responsible global citizen

- Review and improve National Performance Framework indicators so that they better measure Scotland's global impact, including negative spillover effects.
- Establish an intergovernmental review body that looks at commitments to antiracism, disability inclusion and feminist approaches across domestic and international areas, and feeds into the Ministerial Working Group on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development.
- Implement a strong Wellbeing & Sustainable Development Bill to support better coordination across government.
- Ensure that Scotland's budgeting processes reflect both international and domestic goals around gender, disability and racial justice.
- Continue to fund and grow Scotland's Development Education Centres to equip and enable our schools to be leaders in Global Citizenship Education (GCE).
- Amplify the value of GCE by achieving the Target 2030 vision outlined in the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Fund and train more professional GCE educators.
- Improve the synergy between Learning for Sustainability (Lfs) and antiracism in education.
- Use GCE to enhance policy coherence across Scottish Government portfolios.

Find out more

Looking for resources to help you planning a meeting with your local candidates?

You'll find lots of information for churches, young people and Christian Aid supporters on our website. Or, email Leanne Clelland: lclelland@christian-aid.org

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