

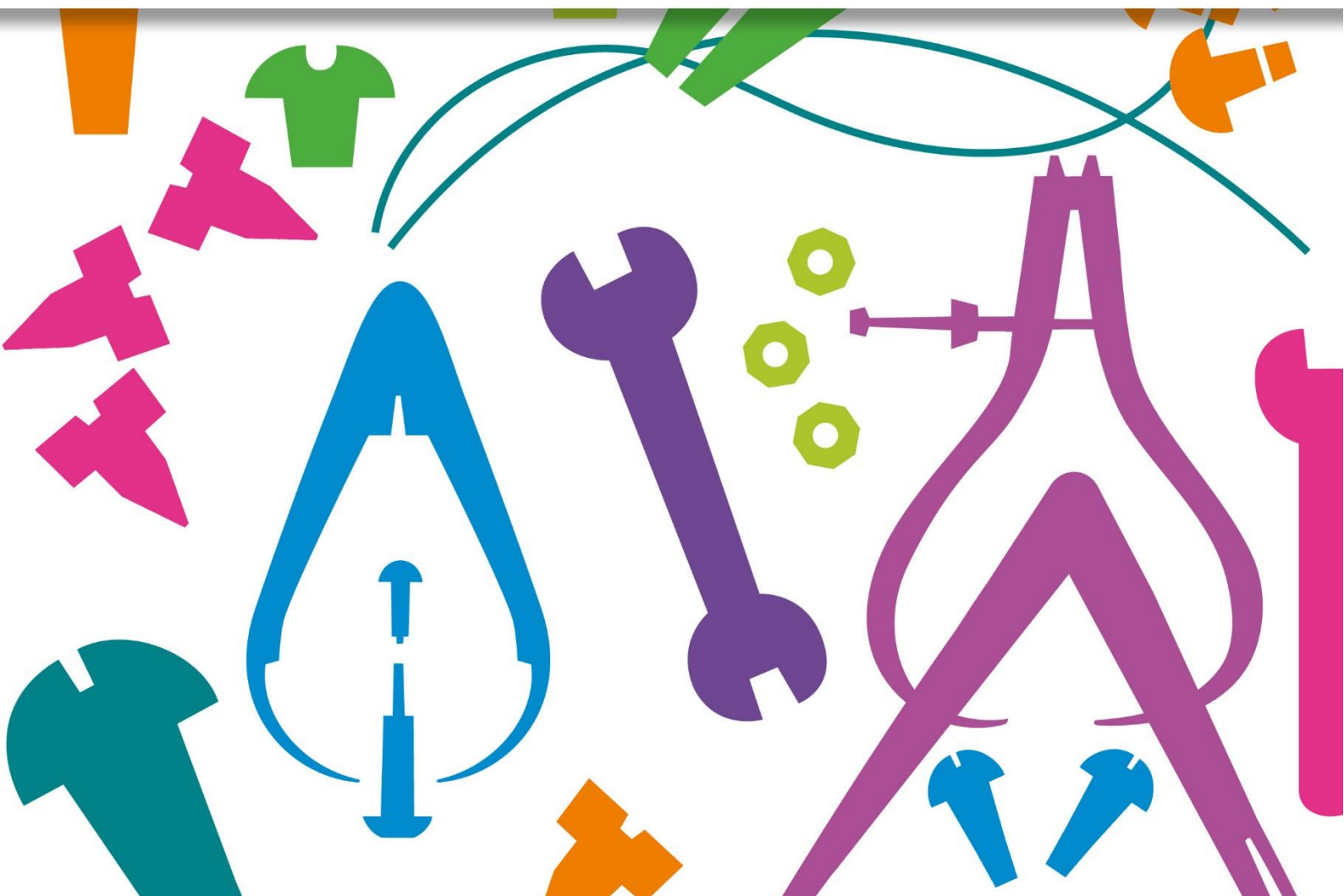


Fife Council Elections Equality Hustings

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Evaluation Report

Fife Centre *for*
Equalities



Equality Hustings: Quiz Your Candidates

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FCE hosted an election hustings for the Local Council elections of May 2017 with the aim of giving members of the community the opportunity to quiz the candidates on a range of equality topics.

Key Action

- Provide a safe and inclusive platform for individuals and community groups to engage with policy makers in matters of local public policy

Impact

- **Contribution to Strategic Outcome 2:** Individuals and groups feel better connected and are able to contribute to public policy and the planning and delivery of local services.

Programme

18:00	Refreshments
18:30	Welcome and Quick Poll
18:45	First Panel:
1.	Independent
2.	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
3.	Scottish Green Party
4.	Scottish Labour Party
5.	Solidarity
19:30	Comfort Break
19:45	Second Panel:
1.	Independent
2.	Scottish Liberal Democrats
3.	Scottish Libertarian Party
4.	Scottish National Party
5.	Independent
20:30	Quick Exit Poll / Debate Ends

Speakers

FCE set the event as a public and open meeting. An estimated 40 people attended the session, with candidates from the following political parties:

- Bill Brown (Independent)**
- Craig Duncan (Solidarity)**
- Judy Hamilton (Labour)**
- Neale Hanvey (Scottish National Party)**
- Lauren Jones (Liberal Democrat)**
- Calum Paul (Scottish Libertarian Party)**
- Daniel Penman (Independent)**
- Marie Penman (Independent)**
- David Ross (Conservative)**
- Lorna Ross (Greens)**



Welcome and Audience Poll

Leah Ganley, FCE's Communications Officer welcomed all attendees and kicked off the hustings with a short poll of the audience to find out what issues matter to Fife voters. The following questions were asked:

1. Had you heard of Fife Centre for Equalities before this event?

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
YES	57.89%	11
NO	42.11%	8
Totals	100%	19

2. Which issue do you rate as most important in the upcoming council election? (can vote for up to three issues)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Affordable housing	16.67%	9
Tackling hate crime	7.41%	4
Transport	1.85%	1

Inclusive education	9.26%	5
Public spending cuts	22.22%	12
Jobs	16.67%	9
Welfare reform	12.96%	7
End to gender pay gap	3.7%	2
Accessible services	9.26%	5
Other	0%	0
Totals	100%	54

3. What factors influence who you will vote for? (can vote for up to three)

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Manifestos	22.45%	11

Personal knowledge of candidate	14.29%	7
Achievements of previous councillors of same party	16.33%	8
Commitment to local issues	34.69%	17
Commitment to equality and inclusion	12.24%	6
Totals	100%	49

4. Do you know how to contact your local councillor?

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
YES	95.83%	23
NO	4.17%	1

Totals	100%	24
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5. Have you contacted your local councillor in the past?

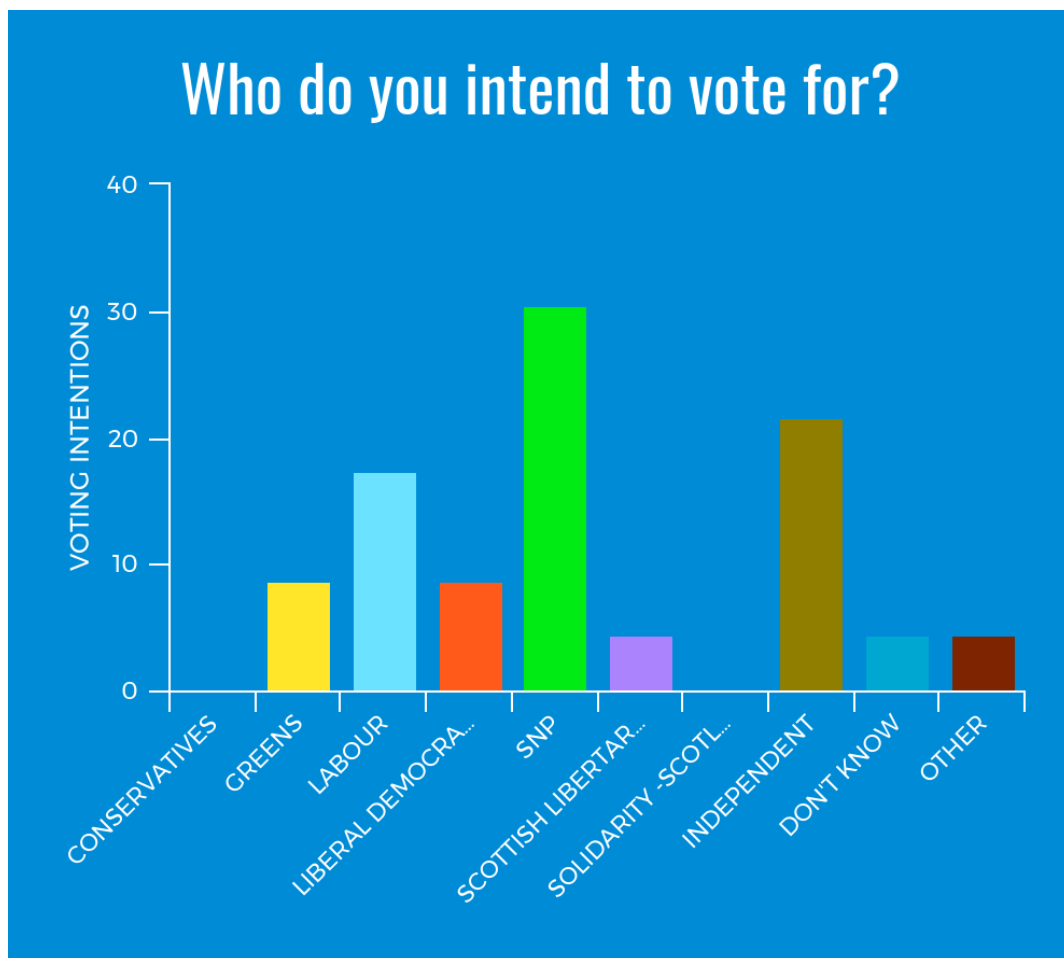
	Responses	
	Percent	Count
YES	50%	10
NO	50%	10
Totals	100%	20

6. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being extremely positive and 1 being extremely poor, how would you rate your experience when contacting your councillor?

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Extremely positive	22.73%	5
Good	18.18%	4

Average	9.09%	2
Quite poor	4.55%	1
Extremely poor	4.55%	1
N/A	40.91%	9
Totals	100%	22

7. Which party do you intend to vote for on 4 May?



First round

Due to the interest generated about the hustings, particularly as this was a Fife-wide event, we decided to hold two sessions so we could we didn't exclude any of the parties or independent candidates that wanted to speak. Throughout the evening we had ten candidates in total speaking, five on each panel.



Speakers, from left to right:

- Craig Duncan (Solidarity)**
- Lorna Ross (Greens)**
- Judy Hamilton (Labour)**
- Daniel Penman (Independent)**
- David Ross (Conservative)**

The speakers were given two minutes to introduce themselves and their policies. This was followed by questions from the audience to the candidates. Over the course of the evening a huge variety of topics were covered. Some of the issues that were raised in the first session included:

- issue of diversity in politics (initially focused on gender split)
- pro and cons of quotas,
- pollution
- poverty and foodbank policy

Second round



Speakers from left to right:

Calum Paul (Scottish Libertarian Party)

Bill Brown (Independent)

Neale Hanvey (Scottish National Party)

Lauren Jones (Liberal Democrat)

Marie Penman (Independent)

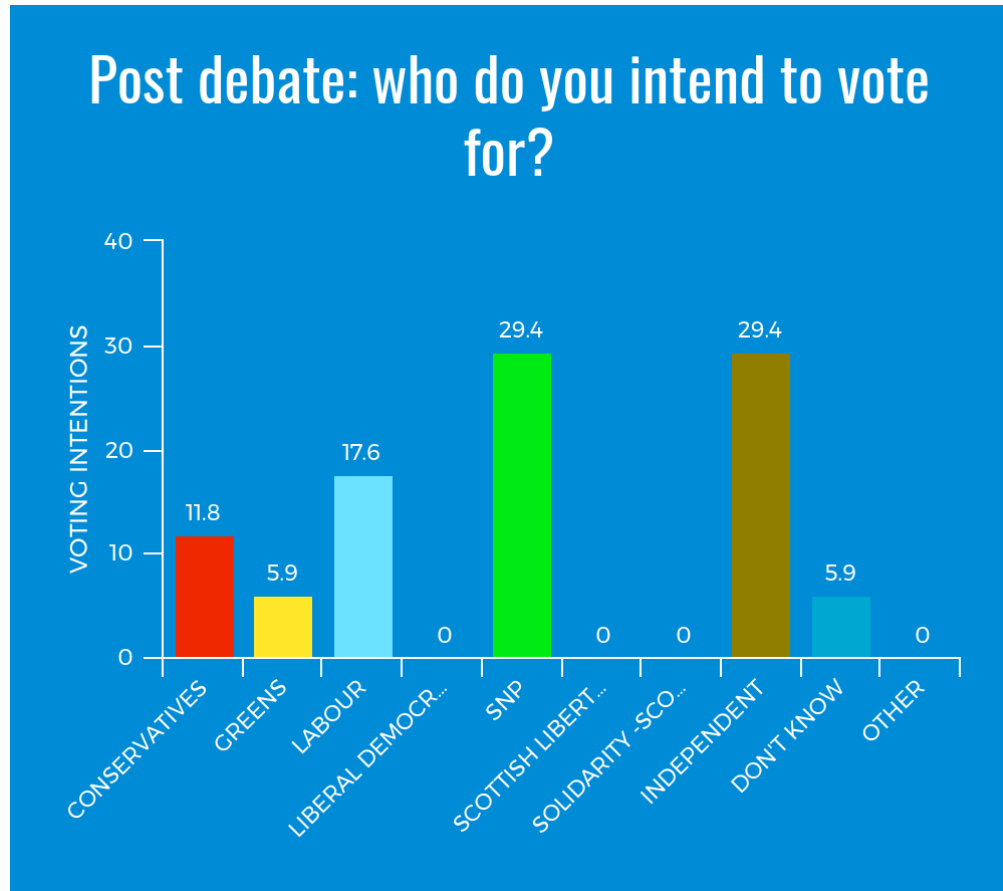
The topics covered in this session included:

- educational attainment
- school meals and the shame associated
- hate crime
- Strong question on the expenses and elitism of school trips

Exit Poll

At the end of the session, we asked the audience:

“Now we’ve had the debate, have you change your mind? Which party would you vote for now?” and obtained the following results:



Event Evaluation

How clear were the speakers, on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being excellent and 5 being very poor?

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Excellent	45.45%	10
Good	40.91%	9
Average	9.09%	2
Quite poor	0%	0
Extremely poor	4.55%	1
Totals	100%	22

Did you find the event informative?

	Responses	
	Percent	Count

Extremely	70%	14
Quite	15%	3
Not very	10%	2
Not at all	5%	1
Totals	100%	20

How did you find the management of the event?

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Extremely well organised	39.13%	9
Well organised	47.83%	11
Average	8.7%	2
Poorly organised	4.35%	1
Very badly organised	0%	0

Totals	100%	23
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Would you attend future events organised by FCE?

	Responses	
	Percent	Count
Yes	90.48%	19
No	9.52%	2
Totals	100%	21

Keywords

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More information about Inclusive Communication or other equality, diversity or inclusion matters, please contact Fife Centre for Equalities by email

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