

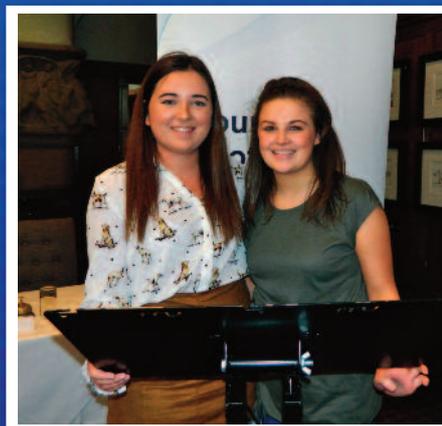
# YOUNG SCOTLAND PROGRAMME AUTUMN 2018

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18–21 September  
North Queensferry

Our major international event of the year in conjunction with  
the Young Ireland Programme

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# YOUNG SCOTLAND PROGRAMME

AUTUMN 2018 *Developing new talent*

The autumn **Young Scotland Programme** is a major highlight of the charity-run Young Programme calendar. Held concurrently with the annual Young Ireland Programme, the international mix of delegates under the same roof always engenders a vibrant and rewarding atmosphere.

As in all of our events, the core aims are to **develop communication skills, build confidence, and broaden the intellectual horizons** of people in the early years of their careers.



*A discussion group at work at a recent programme.*

Although the minimum age is 18, **there is no upper age limit**: delegates may be young in years, or in terms of professional development, or both. People who have come late to a career, for example, are positively encouraged irrespective of age.

A central part of the course is the presentation by each delegate of a 900-word paper (“Argument”) on a topic – of the delegate's choice – of current interest or controversy. Researched, written and submitted in advance, the paper is delivered during the event. **Our coaches provide useful advice – in a written briefing before the programme and then in rehearsal before the papers are presented.**

And there's much more, including:

- ❖ guest speakers sharing their extraordinary life experiences in the **Testimony** sessions
- ❖ the **Group Challenge**, where small discussion groups are allocated a topic, and given a short time to prepare an informal presentation
- ❖ **On the Spot**, in which delegates ask themselves a question on a topic of their own choice and then answer it without notes in as close to two minutes as possible
- ❖ and **Yes, No, Don't Know**, a major debate on a big issue of the day

The entire event adds up to a rich and unique experience.

Everyone who completes the course will receive a certificate – in recognition of an outstanding achievement. In addition, based mainly on the Argument paper, the title **Scotland Young Thinker of the Year 2018** (a title shared with the winners of the two other Scotland programmes held this year) will be awarded to a delegate on the final evening. There will also be an award for **Best Group** in the Group Challenge.

**See page 4 for just some of the organisations which took part in Young Programme events in 2017**

# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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## How does the programme benefit our delegate and our organisation?

By nominating a member or members of staff to take part in the 2018 Young Scotland Programme you will:

- ✓ enhance their communication skills and presentational abilities
  - ✓ inspire them to have confidence in themselves
  - ✓ expose them to a wide range of ideas, thoughts and life experiences
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## Where and when?

The venue is Doubletree by Hilton – Queensferry Crossing hotel in North Queensferry. Enjoying panoramic views of the Forth Bridges (right), the hotel is just 12 miles from Edinburgh city centre.



**Registration is in the afternoon of Tuesday 18 September. Delegates will check-out after breakfast on Friday 21 September.**

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## Who's eligible?

People aged 18 or over who live and work in Scotland, and who are considered by their employers to be in the early stages of their careers. There is no upper age limit.

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## What is the enrolment fee?

£1250 + VAT (total £1500) per delegate, inclusive of accommodation (single room occupancy) for three nights plus all meals.

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## How do we register?

Book online at [www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org). See page 5 for full details. **The closing date is Friday 10 August.**

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## What advice and information do delegates receive in advance?

A delegate pack containing guidance on writing the Argument paper, details about other aspects of the course, travel information, etc will be sent to all delegates on the closing date for booking.

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**Any other questions? If so, call us on 01292 478510 or email [enquiries@youngprogramme.org](mailto:enquiries@youngprogramme.org)**

**The Young Scotland Programme is part of the wider Young Programme group of events in the UK and Ireland. Here are some of the organisations which took part in these in 2017...**

- Aberdeenshire Council
- Broadcasting Authority of Ireland
- Cairngorms National Park Authority
- Courts Service of Ireland
- CYBG
- Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Ireland)
- Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Ireland)
- Department for Communities and Local Government (UK)
- Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (Ireland)
- Department of Defence (Ireland)
- Department of Health (Ireland)
- Department of Justice and Equality (Ireland)
- Department of the Taoiseach
- Department for Transport (UK)
- Direct Line Group
- Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council
- Fife Council
- Food Standards Scotland
- Golden Jubilee National Hospital
- General Medical Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- Kent County Council
- Leeds City Council
- Legal Ombudsman
- Lincolnshire County Council
- London Borough of Bexley
- London Borough of Southwark
- Ministry of Justice
- Moredun Research Institute
- National Crime Agency
- National Library of Scotland
- National Physical Laboratory
- NHS Tayside
- North Ayrshire Council
- Ofsted
- Pension Protection Fund
- Public Health Wales
- Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
- Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Save the Children UK
- Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service
- Scottish Government
- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Scottish Water
- Security Industry Authority
- Skipton Building Society
- Student Awards Agency Scotland
- Virgin Atlantic Airways
- Warwickshire County Council
- Water Industry Commission for Scotland
- Welsh Government

## SCENES FROM RECENT YOUNG PROGRAMME EVENTS



# HOW TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR DELEGATE/S IN THE YOUNG SCOTLAND PROGRAMME AUTUMN 2018

go to our website –

[www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org)



– and complete the booking form. This brochure is also available on the website. **See the Young Scotland page for both.**

The cost per delegate is £1250 + VAT (total: £1500). This covers three nights' accommodation and all meals at Doubletree by Hilton – Queensferry Crossing hotel in North Queensferry, and is inclusive of enrolment fee.



There is no limit on the number of places each organisation can book.

**Closing date for registration:  
Friday 10 August 2018**

The name/s of your delegates must be received no later than the above closing date. All delegates will receive an information pack – with full details including advice on preparing the Argument paper and travel information – by e-mail on that date.



If you would like to discuss any aspect of the event, please call us on 01292 478510, or email [enquiries@youngprogramme.org](mailto:enquiries@youngprogramme.org)

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**Book now!**

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