

Meet Your MSP - One Year On

The Meet Your MSP project is one year old! If your church hasn't met up with your local MSPs or is interested in holding an event, please go to www.scpo.scot/meet-your-msp for ideas, resources, and information on which churches have taken part across Scotland and how you can too.

Summer is a great time to meet with your local politicians as they are on parliamentary recess – please get in touch and let us know how you get on.

The Project So Far

Since June 2016, the Meet Your MSP project has achieved the following success

- Over 85 meetings have taken place or are planned
- Meetings have included visits to foodbanks, care homes, chats in the church, afternoon teas, coffee mornings, as well as more targeted meetings such as a church's local eco group discussing the Scottish Climate Change plan with a number of their local MSPs. A variety of different types of meeting are encouraged, including meeting up purely to get to know one another.
- Motions have been submitted in the Scottish Parliament by MSPs praising the Meet Your MSP project.

The project is ecumenical in focus with a number of denominations taking part, including the Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the United Reformed Church, the United Free Church and the Salvation Army.

Meet Your MSP has also been supported by Scottish Churches Housing Action, Eco Congregation Scotland, Go For It (Church of Scotland), Priority Areas, Faith in Community Scotland, Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees and Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS).

In February 2017, SCPO held a Meet Your MSP event at the Scottish Parliament with members of congregations and church groups that have taken part in the project, those who were interested in taking part and many of the MSPs who have lent their support.

To find out more about the progress of the project and its geographical spread across Scotland, go to www.scpo.scot/meet-your-msp

Please continue to promote the Meet Your MSP project – within your churches, groups and online via #meetyourmsp – we want to get as many churches and as many MSPs involved as possible!

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