Humanist Society Scotland DIY election kit

For members, supporters, humanists and allies!

Everything you need to campaign for ethical and secular causes ahead of the July 2024 UK General Election:

- Template letter to MP candidates
- Questions for discussions & debate with prospective MPs
- Social media graphics and template posts

Humanist Society Scotland
For an ethical future

Letter

Template letter to MP candidates

We've drafted a letter to MP candidates which you can access here and edit as you see fit. It makes clear that you support humanist principles and will hold your elected constituency MP accountable on issues of religious privilege, human rights and bodily autonomy, climate change, and more.

Use our template letter to MPs

Questions

Questions for discussions and debate with MP candidates

1. The 26 bishops in the House of Lords are unelected religious advocates who hold undue power over democratic processes in the UK. Do you support removing bishops from the House of Lords?
2. Will you advocate for the UK Foreign Office to promote freedom of religion and belief in all its bilateral work with other nations, and lobby for it to lead global efforts to scrap blasphemy and apostasy laws?
3. The climate emergency is an international crisis. A recent report in the journal *Nature* shows that 89% of people demand greater action from our leaders on this issue. What steps will you take to push for meaningful action on climate change?
4. I support assisted dying because I want to see choice and compassion for terminally ill people. Last year, a poll for YouGov found that 77% of Scottish voters agree with me. Can you confirm you support the legalisation of assisted dying across the UK?
5. I believe that compulsory religious observance in UK schools undermines children's right to freedom of religion and belief as defined by the UN. Do you support a shift to opt-in religious observance at schools in Scotland and around the UK?
6. We need to end abusive LGBT+ conversion practices. Progress across the UK is being derailed by calls for exceptions and special cases. Will you confirm your support for unqualified bans on conversion practices?
7. LGBT+ people have been demonised and scapegoated in political and cultural discourse over recent years to score political points. Will you stand up to this rampant discrimination against LBGT+ people across the UK?

Social

Social media graphics and template posts

We've created graphics for social media that you can use to show your support for humanist candidates in the general election, from action on climate to freedom of belief, support for asylum seekers, reproductive rights, and the LGBT+ community. See next page

Download our social graphics here

Posts

The below are just suggestions, to adapt as you see fit. You can also find them **here**. We suggest using the hashtag **#ImVotingHumanist**.

- This general election, I'll be voting for the candidate who promises to remove bishops from the House of Lords, because I believe in democracy and I want to see an end to religious privilege. **#ImVotingHumanist**
- This general election, I'll be supporting the candidate who wants the UK to take a leading role in promoting religious freedom around the world, and who supports scrapping blasphemy and apostasy laws. **#ImVotingHumanist**
- The climate crisis is an international emergency. This general election, I'm voting for the candidate who backs the scientific consensus and supports urgent and equitable action to tackle climate change. **#ImVotingHumanist**
- This general election, I'll be voting for the candidate who wants to see asylum seekers treated like human beings. That includes faith-leavers fleeing religious persecution, often treated less favourably than others on arrival in the UK. **#ImVotingHumanist**
- This general election, I'm voting for the candidate who wants to fight discrimination against LGBT+ people in Scotland and across the UK. **#ImVotingHumanist**
- This general election, I'm voting for a candidate who supports humanist principles: secularism, bodily autonomy, reproductive rights, LGBT+ rights, and meaningful action on climate change. **#ImVotingHumanist**

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Find all our general election materials at
www.humanism.scot/campaigns/general-election-2024

Find our letter template to MSPs at
humanist.eaction.org.uk/general-election-24

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