What Should The Scottish Solution Be?

Last year's <u>snowy student protests</u> may now be fading from memory a little, but the <u>Scottish Youth Parliament</u> is keen for young people aged 15-25 to have their say on what the next step should be for universities in Scotland.

Education is of course a devolved matter, and <u>The Scottish</u> <u>Government</u> have recently published a consultation paper called '<u>Building a Smarter Future</u>' as part of their aim to find a uniquely 'Scottish Solution' to funding our universities and colleges.

The government have ruled out upfront tuition fees for students as an option, which the SYP see as "great news for young people, as it puts ability to learn above ability to pay."

However, providing good quality higher education doesn't come cheap and some changes will need to be made if the university system is to continue running smoothly. The SYP are keen that young people's views are listened to before any final decisions are made, so they have put together a short survey on the subject, which should only take 5 minutes or so to complete.

They then intend to use the results to tell the Scottish Government what you think they should do to fund higher education.

If you are aged 15-25 or know someone who is, don't miss having your say on the future of Scotland's universities. To take the survey, just click this link before **9am on Monday 21st February**.