

Young people discuss climate change at Holyrood

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This meeting was one of many taking place across the country, with The Moment bringing together hundreds of children and young people with their elected representatives to make their voices heard on one of the most important issues for their

future.

Presiding Officer, Alison Johnstone MSP said: "There has rightly been a lot of focus on how we tackle the climate emergency in the run up to COP26. As part of this, it's essential that children and young people can explore the issues and develop their own thoughts and ideas to articulate their hopes for their future.

"It was inspiring to hear the solutions proposed by young people and to learn more from their perspective about what needs to be done to tackle the climate emergency."

Bruce Adamson, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland said: "It was significant to be with children today, sharing their views on climate justice and challenging power. The Scottish Parliament's commitment to hear from, and listen to children and young people on such issues is an important part of its role as human rights guarantor. Children have shown incredible leadership on the issue of climate justice, acting as human rights defenders for everyone's rights across Scotland and internationally, and we should be thanking them."

The outcomes of The Moment will be presented by children and young people to MSPs and international parliamentarians at a Summit being organised by GLOBE International and hosted by the Scottish Parliament on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 November.



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