

STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS

Holyrood 2016

Whoever you vote for on 5 May, tell them to support these 7 policies.

NO to the racist PREVENT strategy

YES to refugees

NO to military recruitment in schools

**YES to effective controls over
stop and search**

**NO to the Offensive Behaviour
at Football Act**

YES to the Human Rights Act

NO to mass surveillance



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Scotland Against Criminalising Communities

Scotland Against Criminalising Communities (SACC) isn't aligned with any political party. We want to put the struggle against racism and for human rights at the heart of Scottish politics. Please urge those standing for election to make a commitment to support these 7 policies:

NO to the racist PREVENT strategy

The UK Government's Prevent strategy is wrong. Prevent is said to be intended to stop people being drawn into terrorism. It will have the opposite effect and is in any case discriminatory, Islamophobic and anti-democratic. It has been discredited in England but it is now being rolled out rapidly in Scotland. Prevent should be scrapped. Holyrood doesn't have the power to do so, but it has substantial powers over the implementation of Prevent in Scotland. The Scottish Government must take a stand against Prevent, instead of promoting it.

YES to refugees

Asylum-seekers desperately need more support. Powers to provide support are reserved to Westminster. The Scottish Government must be imaginative in finding ways to help asylum-seekers, by providing funds for charities or by other means.

NO to military recruitment in schools

Kids aren't cannon-fodder. Strengthen the scrutiny of visits by the armed forces to schools to ensure they don't promote recruitment and don't promote a militaristic and pro-violence culture amongst young people.

YES to controls over stop and search

The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 rightly prohibits police from searching people except where they have explicit legal powers to do so (these powers are quite wide). The Scottish Parliament must make sure police respect the ban by introducing statutory compensation for people searched unlawfully.

NO to the Offensive Behaviour at Football Act

The Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012 is discriminatory and unnecessary. It must be repealed.

YES to the Human Rights Act

Use all the powers available to Holyrood to resist any attempt to scrap the UK's Human Rights Act.

NO to mass surveillance

Amend the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act to prohibit covert surveillance by local councils and review all devolved surveillance powers (including CCTV usage) in the light of emerging technological trends.