



National Yes Network

Connecting Scotland's Independence Network

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The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry – The Stories of Scots Abroad



The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry, Part 2, has come to Dundee's Verdant Centre, where UK, Africa, Australasia and Asia panels take center stage. This exhibit is worth the trip to see how Scots have impacted the world. The tapestry panels are stunning. There is a brilliant free app that tells about each panel, so whether you can make it there or not, you can learn and marvel at the contributions of Scots and get up close to the tapestries. Their excellent website includes the free app link, and also has books you can purchase about the tapestry project. The exhibition is on until 12 September 2021.

<http://www.scottishdiasporatapestry.org/index>

News from the Networks

Perth Independence Network (PIN)

Gordon McIntyre-Kemp addressed the Perthshire Independence Network and yes group members recently to share his insights on the independence movement, including the new Believe in Scotland (BiS) collaboration with the National Yes Network (NYN). If you'd like him to address your Yes Network, contact BiS or the NYN.



Have you registered your Local Yes Group with NYN?



The registration of Independence groups is the absolute foundation of our work as a network. If you're not registered, we won't be able to communicate with you. Following our Facebook page and being included on the map is fantastic, we value your participation, but groups still need to register.

Please use this link to give us a few details about your group. It should only take you a few minutes. [Register here → https://forms.gle/3dj9GtZhgqaAuHSY9](https://forms.gle/3dj9GtZhgqaAuHSY9)

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Email invitations to become a campaign partner of Believe in Scotland, and the NYN, are being sent soon. Please check your group's email account so that you don't miss it. There will be a two-week window for your group to register. The campaign begins!

YESSERS – Out and About

Yes Rosyth Mobile Yes Hub



Yes Rosyth Mobile Yes Hub, is a Yes group who are prepared to travel anywhere in the Kingdom and beyond in support of spreading the overwhelming necessity that Scotland simply must regain her independence.

Sandy Donaghy and John Love are the drivers for this initiative, and they're looking for more volunteers to man the stall. They have a well-stocked range of information, merchandising and banter for the use of. They get their supplies from the Yes2 Cardenden Hub.

<http://www.yes2cdd.scot>

Greater Glasgow Pensioners4Indy



Greater Glasgow Pensioners4Indy are out and about again! Our stall stalwarts are back in Argyle St on Thursdays between noon-2pm.

Mary and Sheena are aiming to take our banners back up to Alexandra Park very soon. And we're hoping our other stall gets going again soon out in Milngavie.

We are members of the National Banner Library so our banners are swapped every couple of months with other groups. They are a great way to engage with people.

We keep socially distanced and wear masks. That doesn't stop us having some great chats with passers-by.

Flash banner shows in Leven



Activists from Yes Glenrothes and Mid Fife have been out doing Flash banner shows over the last three weekends. They have banners for all of the local towns and villages and are using them to tell the world that the Yes campaign is alive and well.

Most reactions, predominantly from passing traffic, are very positive. A wee bit different from a stall. Will you spot them next weekend? If you do, give them a wave.

Send us details and images of your events for inclusion next month.



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The Bank of Yes

Greg McCarra was guest speaker at our July 23rd NYN Rep's meeting. Here are the details of Greg's presentation. Greg is a retired academic and a university lecturer until 2014. A former Councillor, Greg was President of the Association of Nationalist Councillors (ANC), a member of SNP who is presently on the SNP National Executive Committee (NEC). Greg's major focus is Independence.



SIF was formed when Dr Willie Wilson, & 3 colleagues founded and funded the organisation, asking Greg to be their General Secretary. They began with £100,000. The SIF board wanted to support the grassroots to help prepare them for the campaign ahead. And so it began...

SIF have funded:

- Yes groups to buy materials
- contributed to the Business for Scotland Ambassador Project
- contributed to Lesley Riddoch's Nation film, Faroe Islands and others since then
- graphic artists in production of materials – AyeMail
- Broadcasting Scotland and Independence Live in getting the independence message out.

SIF are non-party-political believing that their assets are the people of the independence movement. They aim to "arm the people". Greg believes that the next campaign will be won on the doorsteps through one-to-one engagement. SIF are custodian of funds for the grassroots campaign returning 100% of all funds accrued to the movement.

Donating to SIF

Greg then gave a presentation using the content of the SIF website at sif.scot. The front page contains a video from The Proclaimers telling us why we should donate to the Scottish Independence Foundation and displays a large donate button. Donations can be one-of or regular monthly donations, large or small. ISF have been described as 'The Bank of Yes'.



How do you apply and what for?

The application forms and guidelines are available to download from the website. There are 4 main categories of funding that can be applied for, detailed below.

Category	Example
1. education or training of activists	Ambassador Training
2. design/production of materials, literature, etc, to be used in the campaign	worked with AyeMail – 150 x 44Kg packs
3. an event or series of events that will positively raise the profile of the campaign	Marches – Happy events encouraging people towards independence
4. development of infrastructure and/or processes to support a future campaign.	almost anything you want to ask for

The applicant must persuade SIF that their project will increase the vote for independence. The application is a process of persuasion. Although, the smaller the amount, the lighter the touch. info@sif.scot. Sincere thanks to Greg McCarra for sharing this guidance with the National Yes Network.