

Spring 2014 Edition. Issue 3:

# Calling Coleman

## Referendum Debate

On the 14th March 2014, DYC hosted a Referendum Debate for Young People which approximately 140 people attended. The debate was hosted in a simple format, with opening speeches from each panelist then straight onto questions. There were 4 pre-set starter questions, then thereafter questions were taken from the floor. Daniel was pleased to have chaired such a historic debate and had this to say:



“I am delighted that we are finally doing something to inform the Young People of Dundee the facts before they take what will be the biggest vote of their lives. I thank everyone who supported this great event namely: the Education Department, National Express, Matthew Landsburgh, Bruce Hosie, Willie Rennie, Stewart Hosie, Marc Winsland and CLD Youth Work Staff. I also thank everyone who came along to the event!”

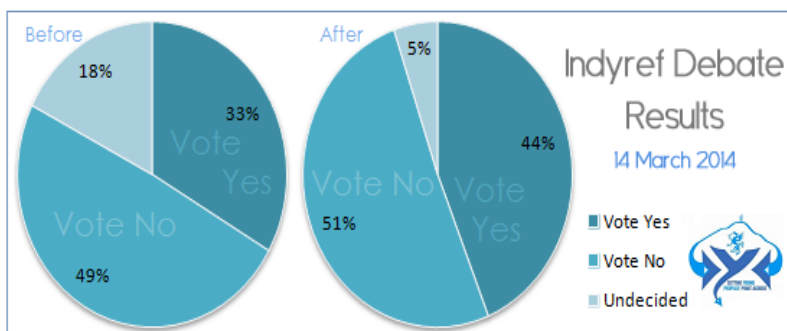
The debate lasted for 2 hours and was kindly hosted by the Steps Theatre. The debate was marked with some great questions from the floor which really did challenge the panel. Willie Rennie MSP had this to say about the debate:

“The event provided an open and friendly environment and atmosphere for new voters to participate in a critical debate on our country's future. The light touch of the Chair allowed the discussion to flow - exploring avenues the audience thought important. The victory for Better Together was the icing on the cake.”

Matthew Landsburgh had this to say:

“It was great to be part of Dundee Youth Council's debate - the questions from the pupils showed how important this referendum is to young people and showed the need for more events like this. Today's young people will decide Scotland's future, whatever the result, so it's encouraging to see so many taking such an interest. I want to congratulate the Y.Cllrs for fantastic event and I look forward to supporting their future efforts to improve the lives of young people. The large swing a Yes favour was a great result”

There was a before and after vote. This is how the results looked:



Back left to Right:

M. Landsburgh, D.Coleman, M Winsland

Front Left to Right:

S.Hosie MP, W.Rennie MSP

### Dates for the Diary

Thursday May 1st 2014: DYC Full Council, Committee Room 1 City Chambers

LCPP Date: 28th May 6pm Ardler Complex

Thursday June 5th: DYC Full Council, Committee Room 1 City Chambers

Weekly DYC drop in sessions every Thursday, 6pm-8pm, The Shore

Public welcome along to ALL DYC meetings.

## It's No Fare Update

Earlier this Year, Daniel met up with some people from National Express including the Director Phil Smith. Daniel went into the meeting armed with statistics galore and had some good discussion putting your views across to the company. Some great success came as a result with National Express committing to:



- 1) A Q&A with Young People
- 2) To display DYC poster on their busses
- 3) Lower the price of the 10 week student bus pass
- 4) Look in to a multi pass system

## It's No Fare Campaign

As well as other benefits for DYC. Daniel was overjoyed with how the meeting went and hopes to continue a good working relationship with National Express who have been nothing but helpful throughout the entire process.

They were also very generous and provided us with discounted bus tickets for the referendum event.

## Get Well Soon Fraser!

**"I wish Fraser a speedy recovery and I have no doubt he has been missed on the council"**

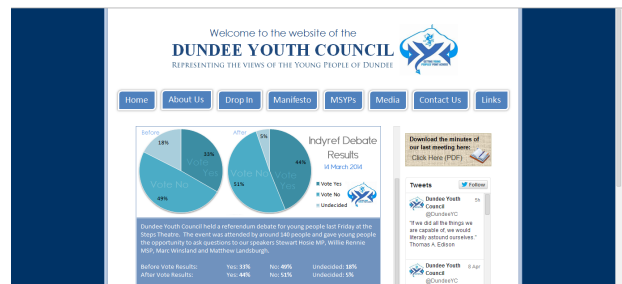


Earlier this year, City Councillor Fraser Macpherson (for the West End Ward, Liberal Democrat) took seriously ill and has been absent from Council work while recuperating. Daniel has worked closely with Fraser in both his professional and DYC life as well as being friends. Let us sincerely hope that he makes a speedy recovery. Daniel had this to say:

**"I was shocked when I heard that Fraser had been taken to hospital, I have always known him as such an active person and I hope that he is back in action soon. I have no doubt the city council will have missed his valuable input and I am sure everyone will join me in wishing him a most speedy recovery back to full action! Knowing Fraser, he probably can't wait to be!"**

## New Website

DYC now have a fully working website courtesy of Youth Councillor James Thomson. James worked for a few weeks at this and created a very impressive looking website packed full of interesting articles, links and documents for you to have a look at. Right, is a screen shot of the current home page. If you have anything you would like to suggest why not give James an email at [james@dundeeyouthcouncil.org](mailto:james@dundeeyouthcouncil.org).



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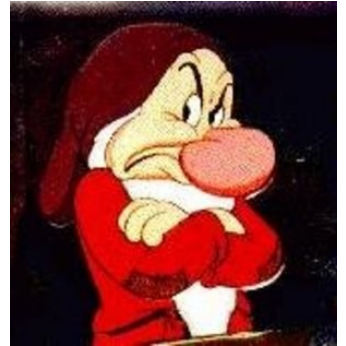
## Daniel's Grump

This Section will be a recurring segment in Daniel's quarterly newsletters. This aims to show that he is not all about politics and is a normal person like anyone else! This issues grump is: The State of the City Square.

Recently, the Dundee City Square was refurbished and it cost a grand total of over 2 million pounds upon completion. It is great we are doing this, and it is brilliant Tayside Contracts got the job for local labour purposes, but surely when we spend so much of tax payers money on a project like this, we can get it right?

There has been nothing but problems with the fountains in the square ever since day one, with them leaking all over the place and making the good job they did look a right mess. It is brilliant we are trying to revamp our city, it really is, but I would really like to see it done properly. The leaks from the fountains just ruin the city square, and they have had long enough now to fix it. There is a bit of a damp smell lingering around because of the persistent leak, it is high time that we decided to get a grip of things and sort this out.

After spending so much of our money on it, let's get it right!



**What's the worst vegetable to have in the city square?**

**A Leek!**



## Save the Banks!

The Royal Bank of Scotland are planning to close down their Perth Road branch which would be a disaster for Students, in particular, at Dundee University. The branch there is well accustomed to student clientele and very experienced at opening specific bank accounts such as society ones. Closing this branch will break down good customer relations and once again leave Dundee University students with no Royal Bank close by. Prior to this, RBS had a branch underneath the Student's Union and at the time promised to maintain a presence within the area when they moved from there.

Over 60 residents have already signed the petition to save the Perth Road Royal Bank of Scotland.

Please sign it at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/RetainRBSPerthRoad> if you haven't already done so and share this message!



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Keep informed with the on goings of the DYC and SYP as a whole at:

[www.dundeeyouthcouncil.org](http://www.dundeeyouthcouncil.org)

[www.syp.org.uk](http://www.syp.org.uk)

Both the SYP and DYC are youth formed and led organisations for the young people! Do not hesitate to get in touch with any MSYP or Dundee Youth Councilor regarding issues in your area!



Contact Coleman!

For your voice, contact  
Coleman's voice!

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## Complaining Corner

Coleman's Complaint Sheet— Daniel and his fellow councilors and MSYPs are here to help. If you have a problem or complaint that you'd like sorted, let Daniel know.

My problem/suggestion is::

Your Name:

Your Address:

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Send this to: Daniel Coleman The Shore, 15 Shore Terrace, Dundee, DD1 3DN

Or Email him at: [daniel.coleman@dundeeyouthcouncil.org](mailto:daniel.coleman@dundeeyouthcouncil.org)



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