

MCR Pathways Manifesto 2026: Trusted Adult Guarantee



Trusted Adult Guarantee

We're asking policymakers to adopt a Trusted Adult Guarantee. Help ensure every young person who needs one has a Trusted Adult to find a path to a brighter future across Scotland.

A Trusted Adult is a consistent, reliable person who holds a vital place in the wider support network of a young person. Every young person has a vital spark within them - a unique potential waiting to be seen, nurtured, and set alight. Through encouragement, empathy, and belief, a Trusted Adult becomes the catalyst to igniting the vital spark.

By nurturing this spark, a Trusted Adult helps young people to find the confidence to pursue their passions, talk about what matters, believe in themselves, overcome challenges and re-imagine what their future will look like.

MCR Pathways supports young people through the power of mentoring. Last year, we supported **5,930 young people across Scotland**. This is just one way a Trusted Adult can make a meaningful difference. They can be found across a wide range of settings, including youth work, advocacy support, education, careers, sports and beyond.



Our Vision is to ensure every young person, who needs a Trusted Adult, has someone to help them find their way.



Our Mission is to connect every young person with a Trusted Adult mentor, someone who sparks confidence, awakens ambition, and walks beside them as they find their path to a brighter future.

Last year,
MCR Pathways
dedicated over

103,228
volunteering hours,
translating to over
£1.3M
in social value.



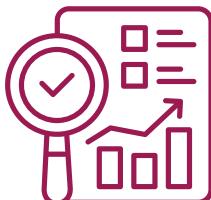
Young People and Trusted Adults are at the heart of our Manifesto



The voices of young people and our volunteer mentors have shaped our call to ensure a Trusted Adult Guarantee becomes a reality in Scotland.

We have listened and responded to what they have had to say through a series of workshops, roundtables, surveys and wider consultations.

The Trusted Adult Guarantee will help forge paths to brighter futures, positively impacting these crucial policy areas:



Meeting the Promise in full by 2030, providing greater transparency and clear reporting to ensure this is met, fully sustained and resourced beyond this deadline.



Achieving 2030 Widening Access targets of 20% of further and higher education students coming from SIMD20 postcodes by ensuring these places are sustained and students are supported to complete their studies.



Fulfilling the Scottish Parliament's commitment to lower child poverty to less than 10% of the population by 2030, with the goal of eradicating poverty in the longer-term.



Revitalising the goals for the 'Volunteering Action Plan' through the recognition of the societal and economic value volunteers bring to communities.

Join us in taking action.

Champion a new national entitlement to a Trusted Adult Guarantee!

Together, with your support, we can ensure everyone has someone in their corner. Someone to encourage them, believe in them, spark their potential, and awaken ambition.

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