

HOW YOUR  
VIEWS WILL  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE

A summary will be produced using all of the responses.

The results will be presented to the press and to all members of the Scottish Parliament.

Your group may wish to continue meeting to discuss ways of tackling local issues.

HOW YOU  
CAN GET  
FEEDBACK

If you would like a summary of the results before the Parliament meets, please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope with your Response Sheet.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**  
Freephone 0800 3289634

People & Parliament is an independent project. It is not linked with any commercial business or political party. It works with the Consultative Steering Group on the Scottish Parliament and the Civic Assembly. The project is sponsored by Vision 21 which represents all the main Scottish churches working together. The members of the project steering group live in Scotland but they have come from widely differing backgrounds.

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In May 1999 we will elect our first Scottish Parliament for 300 years.

**Once in many generations there comes to a people the chance to take their destiny into their own hands, to say with confidence who they are and what they want, and to reshape their society in line with their vision. That time has come for Scotland.**

“HOW

TO

HAVE

YOUR

SAY”

Don't wait for Scotland's Parliament to meet in Edinburgh.

NOW is the time to get involved, to say

- who we are
- what we care about
- how we think Parliament should work so that we, the people, can be part of it, and feel it is truly ours.

This leaflet is your invitation to set up a People & Parliament group. It explains how you can take part in a unique and important process.

**Canon Kenyon Wright** Convener of the People & Parliament project. June 1998

# PEOPLE & PARLIAMENT

People & Parliament should help people discover and express what they value. Everybody who lives in Scotland is invited to take part so that the results show the richness of our multicultural society. Any group can use the process. It could be an existing group such as a family, a circle of friends or neighbours, a class at school, a community action group or a board of directors. It could also be a group formed especially for the purpose.

## SETTING UP A GROUP

- Arrange a time and place to meet.
- Decide how often you want to meet. Normally the process takes about three hours.
- So that everyone gets a chance to speak, large groups could divide into small groups of 4-6.
- Choose someone to lead the discussion.

## LEADING THE DISCUSSION

- The aim of the discussion is to complete the three paragraphs which are listed on the opposite page and on the Response Sheet.
- Draw out the group's ideas and feelings for each of the three questions.
- Summarise these ideas and feelings on the Response Sheet.
- If there is a common characteristic about your group (e.g. all men, women, schoolchildren, nurses, farmers etc.) please tell us on the Response Sheet.
- Ask at least two members of the group to sign the Response Sheet, and return it to us.

Please feel free to photocopy this leaflet.

## HELPING THE GROUP ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

### GETTING STARTED

To get the group warmed up, each person is first invited to spend a few minutes sharing a personal experience of life in Scotland today. Now move on to the questions.

#### QUESTION 1

Describe what living in Scotland means to you.

From your answers find out what the group cares about most.

Now complete the first paragraph: "We are a people who..."

#### QUESTION 2

What is your vision and hope for Scotland as it could be in about 20 years time?

Now complete the second paragraph: "By the year 2020 we would like to see a Scotland in which..."

#### QUESTION 3

To bring about your vision, how can Scotland's Parliament listen to your voice and represent your views?

Now complete the third paragraph: "We therefore expect our Parliament to work with the people in ways which..."

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## RESPONSE SHEET

Please complete these paragraphs

1

We are a people who

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2

By the year 2020 we would like to see a Scotland in which

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3

We therefore expect our Parliament to work with the people in ways which

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If you wish, please note here any other important issue raised in your discussion.

Name of group contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Number in group \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe your group. If there is a common characteristic (e.g. all men, women, schoolchildren, nurses, farmers etc.) please say so \_\_\_\_\_

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Signatures of at least two members of the group \_\_\_\_\_

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Please try to return this Response Sheet as soon as possible to:

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