

Saturday 6 June 2020 First Zoom meeting of YesHighland during Covid 19 lockdown

Present YSL (Carole, Gavin)
YRS (Peadar, Erik, Lorraine)
InverY (Alastair, Irene, Alison)
Y Elgin (Douglas)
Y Caithness (Ian S)
LochY (Marjorie, Malcolm)
Y Nairn (Iain B)
Aye2aye (Eddie)
Outer Hebrides for Independence (Cathy Hannaway)

Despite the ratings of the Scottish government and the FM's handling of the Covid!9 pandemic rising, there was a general dissatisfaction expressed within the group about the perceived lack of vision, energy and progress within the SNP on moving on Independence. eg

- still expecting the PM to finally allow a referendum due to pressure
- lack of Plan B
- lack of cooperation with Yes groups and Common Weal
- controlling motions at Conference on topics members want
- promising to take on suggestions from groups and doing nothing about them
- frightened of the new Alliance group

Discussions

1. Campaigning for 2021 election in lockdown
 - not overt at the moment
 - doing things locally eg greener issues, local transport
 - form groups to discuss eg constitutional issues
 - open air street stalls with distancing
2. What can we do right now
 - compose a letter to be sent to all SNP MP's and MSP's expressing dissatisfaction on progress on Independence from Yes Highland
 - circulate this to other Yes groups and encourage them to support
 - circulate to the National and Joanna Cherry
3. Bringing the Islands into the Zoom YesHighland group
 - Peadar to draw a map of the whole Highland and Islands area

Announcements

1. **Thursday 11 June** 7pm Zoom with Peter A Bell on Scottish UDI tickets from Eventbrite
2. **Friday 12 June** 7pm Yes Caithness Zoom meeting with Dave Thompson on the Alliance group
3. **Saturday 4 July** Yes Elgin looking for singers for a ceilidh with AUOB
4. **Jason's Indyapp** with new secure and easy access video conferencing should be ready to go in a few weeks' time. Very easy to use and will have an alert this time.
5. **Saturday 13 June** next Yes Highland Zoom meeting 10.30am