

Yes Ross Sutherland Yes Ros Cataibh



Aithris Rùin ~ Mission Statement

'S ann ann an Ros no Cataibh a tha a' chuid as motha de bhuill Yes Ros Cataibh (YRS) a' còmhnaidh. 'S e am prìomh amas againn gum bi neo-eisimeileachd aig Alba. Tha sinn a' creidsinn gu bheil gach cothrom aig an nàisean bheag seo gum bi e na eaconamaidh soirbheachail. Ach cuideachd, tha sinn a' creidsinn gu bheil e na rùn aig muinntir na h-Alba gum bi buannachd an t-soirbheis gu math an t-sluaigh gu lèir, gu math na h-àrainneachd agus gu math an t-saoghail. Tha sinn a' faicinn nach eil Alba, mar phàirt dhen Rìoghachd Aonaichte, idir a' gabhail cothrom air a cothrom, agus gu bheil a stòras ga chosg gu math a' bheagain. A bharrachd air a bhith a' dèanamh na h-argamaid airson neo-eisimeileachd, tha YRS airson 's gum bi luachan mar cho-ionannachd is chothromachd is sheasmhachd aig bun Saor Alba, agus gun gabh i gu dùrachdach ri a dleastanas eadar-nàiseanta.

Mar ghluasad sluaigh, chan eil YRS an lùib pàrtaidh poilitigeach sam bith agus tha e air cur roimhe gun structar rangaichte a bhith aige. Na àite, tha uallach rianachd làitheil na buidhne air sgioba beag, is iad a' gabhail ghnìomhan os làimh nuair as urrainn dhaibh gun chomain, gun chasg. Tha YRS geur air dòigh obrach a tha cothromach, co-ionannach; dòigh a bheir spèis do gach

Yes Ross Sutherland (YRS) is a group mostly, but not exclusively, made up of members from the Ross and Sutherland area. Our primary purpose is to promote the aim of an independent Scotland. We believe that Scotland has everything it needs to be an economically successful small nation. But more than this, we believe that the people of Scotland have the will to ensure that this success will be to the benefit of all of its people, its environment and to the wider world. We see that, as part of the United Kingdom, Scotland is far from reaching its potential and its resources are squandered for the benefit of a few. As well as making the case for independence, YRS seeks to ensure that an independent Scotland will place values such as equality, fairness and sustainability at its core while taking seriously its responsibilities on the world stage.

As a grassroots movement, YRS is not affiliated to any political party and has chosen not to structure itself with a hierarchy of specified roles. Rather, a small team conducts the general day-to-day administration of the group, taking on tasks as and when they are able and without obligation or exclusion. YRS is committed to working in a fair and equal way,

ball agus cothrom dhaibh uile am beachd a chur an cèill. Tha sinn cuideachd làidir nar rùn gun lean an iomairt airson neo-eisimeileachd oirre gu sìtheil agus le spèis do gach duine eile ann an Alba agus sa UK, ge be dè an taobh dhen deasbad air a bheil iad. Ann an ùine nach bi ro fhada, tha sinn an dùil gum bi Alba na dùthaich neo-eisimeileach. Rè na h-iomairt agus às a dèidh, tha e mar fhiachaibh oirnn nochdadh gu bheil Alba is na h-Albannaich airidh air meas.

showing respect to all members and providing the opportunity for all to express their views. We are also determined that our campaign for independence will remain peaceful and will show respect for our fellow citizens in Scotland and the wider UK, whichever side of the debate they are on. One day, hopefully soon, Scotland will be an independent country. During the campaign and thereafter, it is our responsibility to ensure that our country and its people are worthy of respect.

Constitution

Adopted 16 March 2019

1. NAME

The official English name of the group is *Yes Ross Sutherland* and the official Gaelic name of the group is *Yes Ros Cataibh*; the group may also be called *YRS*.

2. AIMS

The aims of YRS are to promote popular support for Scottish independence, and to represent its members on how to achieve this popular support.

3. POWERS

To further these aims the membership of YRS has the power, through an administration team, to:

- (a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of sales, contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of YRS.
- (b) Associate with those individuals or voluntary organisations associating with Ross and/or Sutherland in a common effort to carry out the aims of YRS.
- (c) Do any lawful things which will further the aims of YRS.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Voting membership is open to anyone aged 15 or over who supports the aims of YRS.
- (b) The YRS members have the power, through general meetings and online

forums, to reject applications for membership or to terminate the membership of any member who does not adhere to this constitution, provided that the member has the right to be heard at a general meeting or via online forums before a final decision is made by the members.

5. ADMINISTRATION

(a) The YRS members will elect annually at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the membership an administration team of between four and eight members of YRS, with a gender balance or near balance among them.

(b) The administration team will collectively be responsible for implementing policy set by the YRS membership, but will have no formal titles or set roles appointed among them.

(c) The YRS members will elect annually at the YRS AGM a Treasurer for the forthcoming year from among the YRS members not in the administration team, and a financial Second Signator for the same period from among any YRS members.

(d) No positions other than that of Treasurer and Second Signator will be appointed within YRS other than on a temporary basis for such as the conducting of meetings, or for specific support tasks.

(e) The administration team will meet at least once between each general meeting; at least three team members must be present for a team meeting to be able to make decisions.

(f) The administration team will ensure that a proper record of all general meetings will be kept and will be made available to any member of YRS.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The AGM will be held within 13 months of the date of the adoption of this constitution, and within 13 months of each AGM after that.

(b) Notices of the AGM will be published at least three weeks beforehand and a report on the financial position of YRS for the previous year will be made available at the same time.

(c) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at the request of the administration team, or by not less than one quarter of the membership; a notice explaining the place, date, time and reason will be sent to all members at least three weeks beforehand.

(d) A General Members Meeting needs ten members to be present to take binding decisions or to set policy; a notice explaining the place, date, time and reason will be sent to all members at least one week beforehand.

(e) Proposals to change this constitution must be made in writing to a general meeting for consideration at the subsequent general meeting, when they will require approval by at least two thirds of those present and voting to be adopted.

7. ACCOUNTS

(a) The funds of the group, including all donations, contributions and bequests, and funds raised from transactions and events, will be paid into an account operated by the Treasurer; all payments drawn on the account must be formalised by the Treasurer and at least one member of the administration team, or by at least two members of the administration team.

(b) Funds belonging to YRS will only be used to further the aims of YRS.

(c) A current record of all income, funding and expenditure will be kept by the Treasurer.

8. DISSOLUTION

(a) YRS may be dissolved by a resolution passed by at least two thirds of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting.

(b) If dissolution is confirmed, the administration team will distribute any assets remaining, after the payment of all bills, to other charitable group(s) or organisation(s) having aims similar to YRS or some other charitable purpose(s) as YRS members decide at the Special General Meeting.