



Scottish 2026 election

Resources

With the Scottish election coming up in May 2026, there are resources to help you and your local meeting engage with candidates. This could be at a hustings, on your doorstep or because your local meeting decides to arrange a meeting with a candidate(s).

All of these resources can be found in the document section of the Parliamentary Engagement webpage of the Quakers in Scotland website at www.quakerscotland.org/election.

The resources available are:

- 1) **Scottish election 2026: A guide for Quakers.** This guide is for individuals, groups and meetings interested in knowing more about the upcoming Scottish election in May 2026. It gives an overview of some key issues for Quakers in Scotland, suggesting questions that Quakers may wish to ask their parliamentary candidates. It has advice about holding hustings and other ways to engage with the election.
- 2) **Scottish election 2026: Guidance on approaching Scottish election candidates.** This guidance is intended to help Quakers approach candidates standing in the 2026 Scottish Parliament election in a way that is thoughtful, effective and consistent with Quaker values. It offers practical advice on when to make contact, how to prepare, and how to communicate respectfully while remaining nonpartisan.
- 3) **Scottish election 2026: Draft email to candidates from a local meeting.** If you would like to invite your local candidates/newly elected MSPs to meet your local meeting, you can use this template email as a starting point.
- 4) **2026 Elections: Guidance for Quaker communities.** This document is UK wide and covers the 2026 elections for the Senedd Cymru, Scottish Parliament and for local government and mayoral elections in England. There are some laws and guidance documents that Quaker communities need to be aware of during the election period. Elections are regulated by the Electoral Commission, and charities are regulated by the Charity Commission or the Office for the Scottish Charity Regulator, so their websites are the main sources of information.
- 5) **Hosting a hustings in Scotland.** Ideas and advice on holding a question time meeting or hustings for the May 2026 Scottish elections. Produced by the Joint Public Issues Team and the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office (SCPO). Quakers in Scotland and other members of the SCPO have endorsed this guide.

If you do contact candidates:

- Please do let me know how it goes.
- We particularly want to know if you encounter candidates you think we could build a good working relationship with if they are elected.

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