

Local Authority Religious Representatives - An Audit

March 2016

Overview

All local authorities in Scotland have been required by law to appoint three unelected religious representative to their education committee since 1973¹. All local authorities are required to appoint one representative from the Church of Scotland, and (with the exception of Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands and Western Isles) one representative from the Roman Catholic Church. Local authorities are then required to appoint an additional 'third representative' based on the "comparative strength within their area of all the churches and denominational bodies", except Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands and Western Isles who appoint two.

A petition was brought forward by Edinburgh Secular Society on December 2013 to ask The Scottish Parliament's Public Petition Committee to ask the Scottish Government to repeal the legislation requiring this. This petition fell on 6 May 2014 after John Finnie MSP announced he would be seeking to bring forward a Members' Bill which would have the same effect². John Finnie announced in November 2014 that he would not be seeking to bring forward the Bill following a public consultation³.

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¹ Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended by Section 31 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.

² <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/GettingInvolved/Petitions/PE01498>

³ <http://johnfinniemsp.org/2014/11/17/members-bill/>

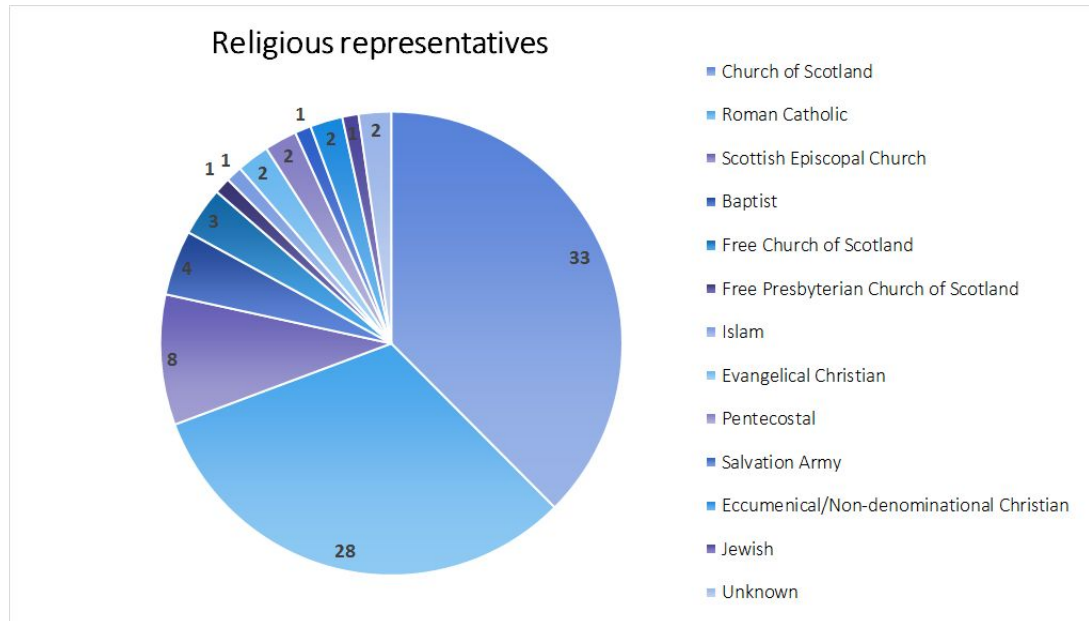
Analysis of Local Authority Religious Representatives, March 2016

The Enlighten Up campaign has gathered details of all religious representatives appointed to local authorities as of March 2016⁴. There are 88 individual representatives, across all local authority areas.

Gender Balance: Male 58, Female 30

Vacancies: There are currently 8 vacancies for religious representatives.

Analysis by denomination (of all 88 religious representatives):



⁴ Gathered through FOI, or other publicly available information.



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Denomination	Number of religious representatives
Church of Scotland	33 (<i>of which 2 are classed as 'third representatives'</i>)
Roman Catholic	28
Scottish Episcopal Church	8
Baptist	4
Free Church of Scotland	3
Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland	1
Islam	1
Evangelical Christian	2
Pentecostal	2
Salvation Army	1
Eccumenical/Non-denominational Christian	2
Jewish	1
Unknown	2

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Full details of local authority religious representatives

Local Authority <i>(Information last updated)</i>	Committee <i>(*=when discussing education matters)</i>	Church of Scotland	Roman Catholic	Other	3rd Member Denomination	Voting arrangements
Aberdeen City Council <i>03/11/2015</i>	Educations and Children's Services Committee	Rev Edward McKenna South St Nicholas Church Kincorth Circle Aberdeen AB12 5NX eddiemckenna@uwclub.net	Mrs Irene Wischik Acting Principal Teacher St Peter's RC Primary School, 74 Dunbar Street, Aberdeen AB24 3UJ	Ms Anne Tree St Devenick's Scottish Episcopal Church, 2 Baillieswells Road, Bielside, Aberdeen AB15 9A office@stdevenicks.org.uk	Episcopalian	Council does publish voting records.

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Aberdeenshire Council <i>07/11/2015</i>	Education, Learning and Leisure Committee	Dr. Eleanor Anderson Presbytery of Buchan Drumblair Cottage Forgue, Huntly AB54 6DE buchan@cofscotland.org.uk	Mrs Mary Nelson <i>No contact information available</i>	Dr Ian Findlay Scottish Episcopal Member of the Provincial Mission and Ministry Board	Episcopalian - Representing Aberdeen shire Inter Faith Group	<i>Unknown</i>
Angus Council <i>20/10/2015</i>	Children and Learning Committee	David Adams Glebe House, Farnell, by Brechin DD9 6UH	Bill Simpson 19 Ferrier Street, Carnoustie, Angus, DD7 7HT	Georgina Mallie Vestry Member (Trustee) of St Mary and St Peter's Church, Montrose	Episcopalian	Council does publish voting records.

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Argyll and Bute Council 21/10/2015	Community Services Committee *	William Crossan Gowanbank, Kilkerran Road, Campbeltown PA26 6JL	Fr David Connor St Margaret's, Argyll Street, Lochgilphead. PA31 8NE dconnor7@hotmail.co.uk	<i>Vacant</i>		Council does not publish individual voting records.
Clackmannanshire Council 22/10/2015	Education, Sport and Leisure Committee	Rev Sang Y Cha 7A Claremont, Alloa FK10 2DG syc@cantab.net	Father Michael Freyne Roman Catholic Church, St John Vianney.s RC Church, East Stirling	Pastor David Fraser Scottish Baptist Church, c/o Alva Baptist Church, 1 The Green, Alva FK12 5JQ	Baptist	Council does not publish individual voting records.

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Dumfries and Galloway Council <i>09/11/2015</i>	Education Committee	Robert McQuistan Old Schoolhouse, Carluith, Newton Stewart, DG8 7DT mcquistan@mcquist an.plus.com	Rev William McFadden St Andrews and St Cuthberts, High Street, Kirkcudbright, DG6 4JW rcchurchkb@btinter net.com	Canon Robin Paisley St John the Evangelist Newall Terrace, Dumfries DG1 1LW rectorstjohndumfrie s@me.com	Episcopal ian	Council does not publish individu al voting records.
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	Education and Children	Rev Hugh M Stewart	Fr Michael MacDonald	Murdo Macleod	Free Church of Scotland	Council does not publish

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(Western Isles Council) <i>02/11/2015</i>	Services Committee	4 Seaview, Knock, Point, Isle of Lewis HS2 oPD berneralwuig@btinternet.com	St Michael's, Ardkenneth, Iochdar, Lochboisdale. HS8 5RD. mjmacdonald@onetel.com	Free Church of Scotland, Gordon Street, Nairn IV12 4DQ murdo.macleod1@tesco.net and Rev A W MacColl F P Manse, Swainbost, HS2 oTA	and Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland	individual voting records.
Dundee City Council <i>21/10/2015</i>	Education Committee	Miss Kathleen Mands 27 Noran Avenue, Dundee DD4 7LE kathmands@blueyonder.co.uk	Monsignor Kenneth McCaffrey St Peter and St Paul, 29 Byron Street, Dundee, DD3 6QN	Mr Mohammed Bashir Chohan c/o Dundee Central Mosque 6 Miln Street	Islam	Council does not publish individual voting records.

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East Ayrshire Council <i>02/02/2016</i>	Cabinet Committee *	Mr Ian Rennie 46 Colonsay Place, Wardneuk, Kilmarnock KA3 2JU i.rennie@btinternet. com	Ms Maria Dorian <i>Contact information not available</i>	Mr Andrew Keachie <i>Contact information not available</i>	Salvation Army	Council does not publish individu al voting records, unless a vote is held by roll-call

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East Dunbarton hire Council	Education Committee	Mrs Barbara Jarvie 18 Cannerton Crescent, Milton of Campsie, Glasgow G66 8DR bj@bjarvie.fsnet.co.uk	Fr Paul Milarvie Saint Flannan 79 Hillhead Road Kirkintilloch Glasgow G66 2HY	Mr John Jackson Kirkintilloch Baptist Church 52 Townhead Kirkintilloch Glasgow G66 1NL	Baptist	Council does not publish individu al voting records, unless a vote is held by roll-call
City of Edinburgh Council <i>15/02/2016</i>	Education, Children and Families Committee; Placing in	Mr Craig Duncan 2 East Barnton Gardens, Edinburgh EH4 6AR acraigduncan@btinternet.com	Marie Allan <i>Contact information not available</i>	Rev Thomas Coupar The Robin Chapel Thistle Foundation Niddrie Mains Road Edinburgh EH16 4EA	Ecumenic al Christian	Council does not publish individu al voting records.

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	Schools Appeal Committee, and Sub-Committee on Standards for Children and Families Committee			tcoupar@hotmail.com		
East Lothian Council <i>23/10/2015</i>	Education Committee (in addition,	Mr Marjorie Goldsmith	Mr Michael McHugh Haddington, East Lothian	Mr Stephen Bunyan c/o St Annes, Westgate, Dunbar, EH42 1JZ	Episcopal ian	Council does not publish individu

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	where a head teacher is being appointed to a catholic school, the Catholic Church Representative sits on the appointment committee)	20 St Lawrence, Haddington EH41 3RL		secretary@stannedunbar.org.uk		al voting records, unless a vote is held by roll-call
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East Renfrewshire Council <i>02/11/2015</i>	Education Committee	Ms Mary McIntyre 5 Buchanan Drive, Glasgow G77 6HT mmmcintyre@ntlworld.com	Rev Thomas Boyle, Dip.Theol. M.Ed., MBA Our Lady of Lourdes, 66 Old Greenock Road, Bishopton PA7 5BE tboyle@bcos.org.uk	Dr Frank Angell c/o East Renfrewshire Council Eastwood Park Rouken Glen Road Giffnock East Renfrewshire G46 6UG eamonn.daly@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk	Jewish Community	Council does not publish individual voting records.
Falkirk Council <i>20/10/2015</i>	Education Committee	Margaret Coutts 34 Pirleyhill Gardens, Falkirk FK1 5NB	Hector Cairns <i>No contact information available</i>	Rev Michael Rollo Larbert Pentecostal Church, Broomage Avenue, Larbert, Falkirk FK5 4NT	Pentecostal	Council does publish voting records

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Fife Council <i>05/11/2015</i>	Executive Committee * Education Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee * Education Appeals	Rev Hugh D Steele 15 Arlick Road, Kelty KY4 0BH hsteele@churchofscotland.org.uk	Mr George Haggerty St Brelades, 7 Cambustay Gardens, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 2SR	Mr Alastair Crockett Cupar Baptist Church, 79 Bonnygate, Cupar KY15 4BY	Baptist	Council does not publish individual voting records

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	Education Appointments					
Glasgow City Council <i>21/10/2015</i>	Executive Committee *	Rev Graham Cartlidge 54 Mansewood Road, Eastwood, Glasgow G43 1TL cartlidge262@btinternet.com	Canon Robert Hill St. Matthew's, 2 South Crosshill Road Bishopbriggs G64 2LZ	<i>Vacant</i>		Council does not publish individual voting records.
Highland Council <i>14/10/2015</i>	Education, Children and Adult Services Committee	Mr Gordon Smith Glenwood, Altour Road, Spean Bridge PH34 4EZ gordonsmith934@btinternet.com	Ms Margaret McCulloch 94 Cradlehall Park Inverness IV2 5DB	Dr Alan Fraser <i>No contact information available</i> and Rev Angus MacRae	Free Church of Scotland and	Council does not publish individual voting records.

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Inverclyde Council <i>05/11/2015</i>	Education and Communiti es Committee *	Mr Tom Macdougall Croftmor 2, 15 The Crescent, Skelmorlie PA17 5DX tfymacdoug@aol.co m	Rev Michael McMahon c/o Diocese of Paisley Incle Street Paisley PA1 1HR education@rcdop.or g.uk	Rev Fraser Donaldson Greenock Elim Church 48 Kelly Street GREENOCK PA16 8TR info@greenockelim. com	Pentecost al	Council does not publish individu al voting records
Midlothian Council <i>18/11/2015</i>	Cabinet*	<i>Vacant</i>	Mr Victor H. Bourne 55 Newbattle Abbey Crescent, Dalkeith	Mrs Margaret Harkness	Church of Scotland	Council does not publish

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Moray Council <i>21/01/2016</i>	Children and Young People's Services Committee	Rev Shuna Dicks Mary Avenue, Aberlour, AB38 9QU revshuna@btinternet.com	Elizabeth Hewitt <i>No contact information available</i>	Rev Christopher Ketley Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church Trinity Place Elgin Moray IV30 1UL	Episcopalian	Unknown
North Ayrshire Council <i>12/10/2015</i>	Cabinet (Education)	Ms Elizabeth H. Higton Gorsebraehead, Darvel KA17 0LT elizabethhigton@aol.com	Very Reverend Cannon Matthew McManus Saint Peter-in-Chains, 1 South Crescent	Mr Mark Fraser The Bridge Church, 2 Dalry Road, Kilwinning, KA13 7HD	Non-denominational Christian	Council does not publish individual voting records

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North Lanarkshire Council <i>09/11/2015</i>	Learning and Leisure Services Committee	Mr John Maddock 137 Manse Road, Motherwell ML1 2PS john@maddockfamil y.plus.com	Mr James Duffin 34 Auchingramont Road Hamilton ML3 6JT 01698 457509	Mr John Love JP <i>No contact information available</i>	Church of Scotland	Council does not publish individu al voting records
Orkney Council <i>01/02/2016</i>	Education, Leisure and Housing Committee	Mr Hugh Halcro-Johnston hugh@halcro-johnst on.fsworld.co.uk	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>		Council does not publish individu al voting records

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Perth and Kinross Council <i>05/11/2015</i>	Lifelong Learning Committee (Mrs Hilary Bridge also sits on the Executive Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee. See www.pkc.gov.uk/committee for more	Mrs Pat Giles 190 Oakbank Road, Perth PH1 1EG patgiles190@yahoo.co.uk	Mrs Margaret McFarlane c/o Dionesan Office, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee, DD3 6XY	Mrs Hilary Bridge Scottish Episcopal Church	Episcopal	Council does not publish individual voting records, unless a vote is held by roll-call
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Renfrewshire Council 04/11/2015	Education & Young People Policy Board	Iain Keith 5 Langside Drive, Kilbarchan PA10 2EL james.keith@fsmail.net	Jack Nellaney Diocese of Paisley Diocesan Office Incle Street Paisley PA1 1HR	Rev Graeme Clark Central Baptist Church, 14 Lady Lane, Paisley	Baptist	Council does not publish individual voting records, unless a vote is held by roll-call
Scottish Borders Council 26/10/2015	Executive (Education) Committee	Mr Graeme Donald 1 Upper Loan Park, Lauder TD2 6TR	Mr Joe Walsh	<i>Vacant</i>		Council does not publish individual

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Shetland Islands Council 04/11/2015	Education and Families Committee	Rev Tom Macintyre Lappideks, South Voxter, Cunningsburgh, Shetland ZE2 9HF The2macs.Macintyre@btinternet.com	<i>Vacant</i>	Mr Martin Tregonning Shetland Churches Council Trust Staneybrae Dunrossness Shetland Martin.Tregonning@btconnect.com	Unknown	Council does not publish individual voting records.

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				and Mrs Radina MacKay Shetland Interfaith Group 9 Millgaet LERWICK Shetland ZE1 0HG radina@alanmackay architect.co.uk		
South Ayrshire Council <i>09/11/2015</i>	Leadership Panel*	Rev David Gemmell 58 Monument Road, Ayr KA7 2UB drgemmell@hotmail .com	Miss Phil Davey 2 Merkland Road, Ayr, KA7 4UQ phil.davey123@btint ernet.com	Pastor Ian Gall Riverside Church, John Street, Ayr, KA8 0BS	Evangelic al	Council does not publish individu al voting records, unless a

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South Lanarkshire Council <i>05/11/2015</i>	Education Resources Committee	Rev Sarah Lynsey Ross 22 Lea Rig, Forth, Lanark ML11 8EA rev_sross@btinternet.com	Mr John Mulligan c/o Diocese of Motherwell Diocesan Office Coursington Road Motherwell ML1 1PP chancellor@rcdom.org.uk	Dr Nagy Iskander c/o Westwoodhill Evangelical Church Blenheim Avenue Westwood East Kilbride G75 9RT hello@westwoodhillchurch.org.uk	Evangelical	Council does not publish individual voting records
Stirling Council <i>02/11/2015</i>	Education Committee	Rev Jennifer Millar 5 Clifford Road, Stirling FK8 2AQ	Mrs Rose Hart <i>No contact information available</i>	Mrs Jane Morris <i>No contact information available</i>	Episcopalian	Council does not publish individual

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West Dunbartonshire Council 16/10/2015	Education Services Committee	Miss Sheila Rennie 128 Dumbuie Avenue, Dumbarton G82 2JW sheilarennie@tiscali.co.uk	Miss Ellen McBride 74 Mallard Road Clydebank G81 6NA	Mrs Barbara Barnes St Augustine's Episcopal Church 78 Lansbury Street Balloch barbarabarnes78@yahoo.co.uk	Episcopalian	Council does not publish individual voting records, unless a vote is held by roll-call
West Lothian Council 19/10/2015	Education Executive, Education Policy	Myra MacPherson <i>No contact information available</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	Lynne McEwen 6 Fernlea Uphall	Unknown	Council does not publish individual

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	Development and Scrutiny Panel, Education (Quality Assurance) Committee, Joint Consultative Group (Teaching Staff)			West Lothian EH52 6DF lynnemcewen@hotmail.co.uk		al voting records.
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