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## **Endorsement of Tromsø for European Youth Capital 2026**

Young Scot is honoured to support Tromsø's bid to be European Youth Capital 2026.

As Scotland's youth information and citizenship charity, we support young people to thrive and make the most of their lives as they grow up. We share many of the same values as Tromsø – most notably our similar approach to youth participation alongside the importance of empowerment and inclusion for all.

As a fellow member of the European Youth Information and Counselling Agency, I know of the incredible track record Tromsø has of active youth participation and engagement in decision-making. By providing platforms to have their voices heard, Tromsø empowers local young people, helping them to thrive as they move into adulthood.

In addition to the positive benefits that being European Youth Capital 2026 would bring to Tromsø, the prospect of connecting our young people through collaborative projects to celebrate the year is incredibly exciting. These activities would enable us to strengthen further our bonds as north-western European neighbours.

In conclusion, I would like to express my unwavering support for Tromsø's bid to become the European Youth Capital in 2026.

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