

## Partnership Group visit to SMP Youth Congress

The Scotland Malawi Partnership was established in 2004 by the Scottish Government to support the full range of civic partnerships between Scotland and Malawi. We have been a member of the organisation for over 15 years. They have supported us with our school partnerships in Malawi since 2007 and have been instrumental in helping us to organise reciprocal visits with our current partner, Namdazi CDSS, in both 2017 and 2019 as well as supporting our whole school partnership events.



On March 22nd we took our pupil partnership group to the Scotland Malawi Partnership Youth Congress. This brought together schools and youth groups from across Scotland to celebrate each other's

partnerships. Pupils took part in a range of workshops from drumming sessions to exploring themes of Social Justice, Global Citizenship, Fair Trade and the legacy of Dr David Livingstone.



HRH Princess Anne is a patron of the Scotland Malawi Partnership. We were very fortunate to have two pupils being selected to present to HRH about our school partnership with Namadzi CDSS. The pupils had been asked to make a poster presentation. Caitlin and Emily in S4 spent time talking to Princess Anne about our joint work and plans for the future. Another S4 pupil, Abigail, was also invited to receive a commemorative

partnership plaque, one which we have in Penicuik and the other being sent to our partner school Namadzi CDSS.

Our pupils had a fantastic day and were inspired by the activities and also through making connections with other young people. They have developed a greater awareness about global issues and what it means to be a global citizen.



We are in regular communication with our partners and are currently working on projects including activities based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and sharing culture.

