



The Scottish  
Parliament

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Dear Shona,

**Re: SRC and STAR campaign for Asylum Seeker access to higher education**

Thank you for forwarding me a copy of your letter to Jack McConnell regarding the iniquitous situation which asylum-seekers find themselves in when trying to access higher education and the fact they are being treated as overseas students with consequent charge of international student fees. I am very pleased that Glasgow University students are campaigning on this issue as I have been very involved for the past 8 years as an MSP in trying to ensure humane treatment of refugees and asylum seekers and their families in Glasgow and Scotland, in the face of opposition from a mostly intransigent government.

The approach you are taking is intelligently thought out and takes into account all of the usual scare stories and potential obstacles which may be thrown up and I congratulate both Glasgow University SRC and the student group STAR on this campaign.

Kind regards and best wishes,

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