



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01764

Name of petitioner

James Robertson on behalf of Families in Support of Evolutionary Studies

Petition title

Include evolutionary studies within the primary school curriculum

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to add evolutionary studies to the primary school curriculum.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

I have spoken with my local MSP who is in support of my petition.

Petition background information

In our schools, children learn about world religions and faiths and this teaches them about respecting other people's beliefs which we believe is important. However, we are of the view that children who have no religious beliefs are not represented in the school curriculum.

We believe that evolution should be a topic taught in all primary schools, not as a tool to negate religion but as a means to educate all children about the world around them. It could be implemented within religious studies and be considered alongside Christianity or any other faith. Its foundation is in scientific facts and it is crucial to our understanding of the world in which we live and share with all living things.

We have been informed that there is no specific element within the curriculum that concentrates on evolution. As a group we fear that our children are not receiving the education they deserve and that those with a religious belief are being robbed of the opportunity to understand the opinions of those who do not share those beliefs. In our opinion this is a significant gap in our children's education.

Unique web address

<https://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/evolutionstudies>

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YES

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0

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27 / 11 / 2019

Comments to stimulate online discussion

Do you think children who have no religious beliefs are represented within the school curriculum?

Do you agree with the statement that by including the study of evolution within primary schools, we can teach all children about the world we share with all living things and how we are connected?