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**OUR EUROPE: OUR PEOPLE, OUR PLACES, OUR PARLIAMENT**  
**Students From All Over Scotland Create Short Films About Europe**

On Monday 18 March secondary pupils from all over Scotland joined Scottish European Educational Trust and its partners at SocietyM in Glasgow to create films about Europe and discuss Parliamentary issues that impact their daily lives. Congratulations to Bearsden Academy and Douglas Academy, who secured the top two places and will go forward to the final of the competition, which will be held at Scotland House in Brussels in June.

Students created storyboards with their ideas about what being part of Europe means to them. Following the judging of initial entries from schools across Scotland, six teams were selected to turn their storyboards into films at the semi-final stage of the competition. Bearsden Academy, Craigholme School, Douglas Academy, Portree High School, Queen Margaret Academy and St Margaret's Academy all competed at Monday's event to secure a place in the final. The finalists were selected by an external panel of judges consisting of language and digital film professionals, as well as representative of the European Parliament and Apple Education.

The short films students created raise awareness of the positive impact of the European Parliament on the lives of young people in the EU. Speaking about how they are personally affected, a student from Portree High School stated that even though the team is from a small island in the Northwest of Scotland, the event helped them to feel "very much part of Europe".

Each group was presented with an Apple iPad, which they used to film, edit and showcase their projects on. These innovative films offer students the chance to work on an engaging interdisciplinary project, combining Modern Languages with Modern Studies and Media/ICT.

In addition to the final in Brussels, all six semi-finalists have been set the task of editing their films further in preparation for a showcase at the Edinburgh Filmhouse, taking place shortly before the Edinburgh International Film Festival. The students will get the opportunity to showcase their films in front of an audience consisting of MEPs, and guests from Creative Scotland, Education Scotland and Scottish Government officials.

Our Europe is an innovative competition run by the Scottish European Educational Trust, funded by the European Parliament and the Scottish Government, and supported by Radio Lingua.

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