



**JENNIE LEE STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**
of ADAM SMITH COLLEGE, FIFE

'A Legacy for All'

What *is* Student Representation?

- ***Of Students by Students for Students!***
- **RE-presenting Students' views**
- **Students' Associations are a 'filter' or 'conduit' communicating at 'grassroots' level right to the 'top of the tree'**

What *is* Student Representation?

- The **KEY** role of any Students' Association
- Representation is *not* 'feedback'
- Active participation in Decision making & the *making* of our College!
- Making IT happen!

MAKING it Happen!

- **Individually**
- **Collectively**
- **Complimentary – Trade Unions, Quality Assurance, Development & Planning**
- **Externally – NUS, Media, Local Authority, MSPs, MPs, NGOs, & Local Community**

The BENEFITS

- **The 'Agenda for Citizenship'**
- **'A College for All'**
- **Human Value Creation**
- **Identification of issues & problems before they become serious**
- ***Dynamic* sense of Participation & Ownership**

The BENEFITS

- **Transferable skills – relevant in & out of College**
- **Accreditation in ‘Soft Curriculum Skills’**
- **Raising Retention, Student Achievement & Identity**
- **Contributing to Community life**
- **Raising College profile & improving image**

MAKING IT WORK

- **Senior Staff *actively* support us in our role as Student Representatives**
- **Post Committee agreements are enacted**
- **Students' Association Training provision for Key College Staff**

MAKING IT WORK

- **Student Representatives are trained & have 'Mentor/Confidantes'**
- **Student Representatives are democratically elected**
- **Our representational system evolves organically**

NOT MAKING IT WORK!

- **Viewing representation as a threat which is best inhibited**
- **‘Forgetting’ to enact staff/student meeting outcomes**
- **Holding an aversion to ‘change’**
- **Having a ‘Laissez faire’ attitude**
- **Considering ‘The Student Voice’ irrelevant or worthless**