

What I would change about Scotland

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If I ruled the world, oh okay...Scotland... I would make the higher education system fair. At this moment in time Scottish universities are free to Scottish students and students from other EU countries, but not students from other parts of the UK. Why should where you are from affect the price you pay for something, especially education. Everyone should be allowed the same, regardless of age, sex, or background

Why should we change this? People from other countries may bring new skills, abilities and knowledge and they may not be able to expand all these things simply because of price, although if everyone had to pay the same they still may not be able to afford it, it would at least be fair. We could be missing out on amazing opportunities, breakthroughs and knowledge whilst tackling an unfair education system, paying to be in room learning something whilst having other people in the room learning the same thing for free because of where they come from must be aggravating.

Why are the fees free to Scottish students and students from other EU countries? The Scottish government is responsible for this, they did this to make university more affordable to students. But this only applies to those who are from Scotland or from other EU countries, excluding those of which come from other parts of the UK. If Scotland were to ever become independent we would be forced to make tuition fees the same for everyone, either making everyone pay or let everyone in tuition fee free.

Why is this so unfair? It is pretty clear to see why this is unfair, the UK is (currently) part of the EU so why aren't we allowing students from other parts of the UK the same but we are allowing students from the other EU countries the same. We aren't allowing them the same simply because of where they come from, it's obvious changes need to be made in order to allow improvement.

Why should people from other parts of the UK be allowed free tuition? Since we will be leaving the EU surely it would make more sense to maintain a close connection with the rest of the UK because we will need their help and we can't expect help when we are discriminating against them and denying them equality when they are giving us equality. We are being unfair to those who will help us in our time of need. They allowing us the same so why are we continuing to deny them the same. We complain about the problem of inequality but we are causing a case of inequality.

In conclusion I believe change needs to be made and we should either allow everyone free tuition or start charging Scottish students tuition. Everyone should be entitled to the same no matter where they are from, their gender or their past.

If I won this competition, I would make the decision of who to bring in as fair a way as possible.