



*Can you hear us?  
Christian Engagement In  
Politics*

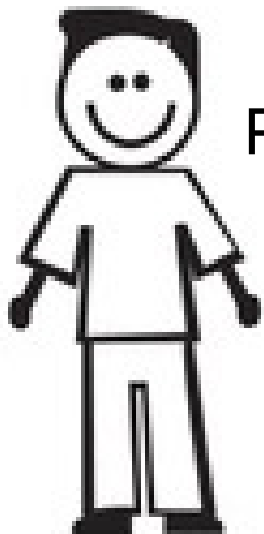
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and CARE Scotland**



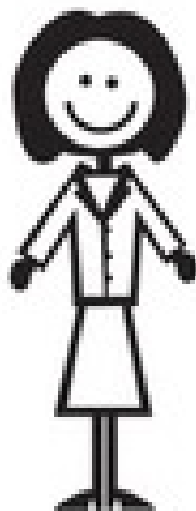
How do you respond when you  
hear the word POLITICS?



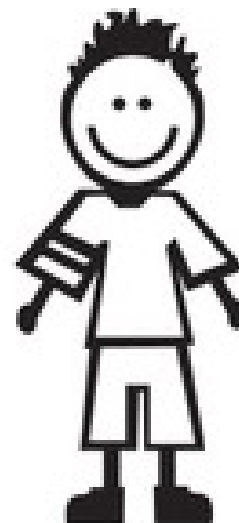
Christians disengaged....



Phil

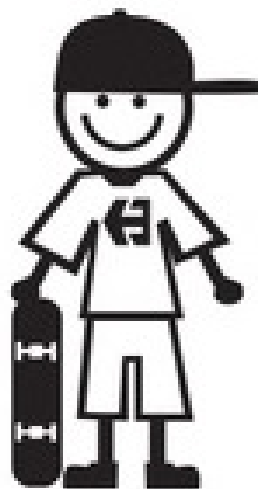


Lucy




Tom

Clare



Tim



*'And let us be clear: it is not that the knowledge to avoid these infant deaths does not exist; it is not that the drugs to avoid infant deaths do not exist; it is not that the expertise does not exist; it is not that the means to achieve our goals do not exist. **It is that the political will does not exist.** In the nineteenth century you could say that it was inadequate science, technology and knowledge that prevented us saving lives. Now, with the science, technology and knowledge available, we must face the truth that the **real barrier is indifference...** If we let things slip.... We will be the generation that betrayed its own heart.'*



The **missional imperative** of  
engaging in politics...


## Isaiah 1:15-17 (New Living Translation)

- 15 When you lift up your hands in prayer, I will not look. Though you offer many prayers, I will not listen, for your hands are covered with the blood of innocent victims
- 16 Wash yourselves and be clean. Get your sins out of my sight. Give up your evil ways
- 17 Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.

# Matthew 25

## Being the good Samaritan

37"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'



*“Christian shouldn’t just be  
pulling people out of the  
river....*

*We should be going upstream  
to find out who’s pushing them  
in”*

# Injustice on our door step....

- **1/5** children live in poverty
- Estimated that 90,000 children in Scotland live in severe poverty and is ranked 23 out of 28 similar European countries
- Scotland's alcohol problem is estimated to have a social and economic cost to Scotland of an estimated 5 billion a year
- male life expectancy rates:  
**54:** Calton in Glasgow (60% economically inactivity)  
**81:** Bearsden- Kessington in Glasgow



Enough is enough...