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## KIRKCALDY CONSTITUENCY SNP ADOPT PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER HARVIE AS SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT CANDIDATE

It was a full house at the Strathearn Hotel, Kirkcaldy, on Friday 1 December, when Kirkcaldy Constituency Association of the Scottish National Party formally adopted Professor Christopher Harvie as their candidate for the Scottish Parliament election to be held in May 2007.

Introducing the candidate, Association Convener Councillor George Kay said: "We are very privileged to have secured Chris Harvie to fight this seat for the SNP. He is one of Scotland's most formidable intellectuals, and he will certainly raise the quality of political debate in Kirkcaldy Constituency."



Kirkcaldy SNP Candidate Chris Harvie

In supporting Professor Harvie's adoption, Fiona Hyslop MSP, Shadow Minister for Children, Education & Lifelong Learning in the Scottish Parliament, spoke of the importance of education and of Chris Harvie's enormous contribution, including his role in the establishment of the Open University.

After expressing his pleasure at being selected as SNP candidate for Kirkcaldy, Chris Harvie said:

*"I'm not ambitious for myself. I've had a fascinating career in three countries. I helped launch the Open University, the brainchild of Jennie Lee from Cowdenbeath and a different sort of Labour party. I've built up regional studies in one of the ten top German universities. Using this experience to serve the people of Kirkcaldy and Scotland at Holyrood is a way of paying back a debt. ...."*

*Look at our infrastructure. This was a government which was going to curb traffic growth and pollution, and has raised it by a third. Look at the impact on the Forth Road Bridge: carrying more than double the traffic it was designed for. Manufacturing is down from 25 to 17 per cent of production. Our so-called growth is in retail, in gambling, in low-skilled, part-time jobs. Local enterprise has been priced out by tax and regulation, in favour of big stores flogging imports, whose accounting and administration and*

*marketing is centralised in London, where the government has upped its Whitehall PR staff by a factor of ten. ....*

*We've got to act for Fife. A new or rebuilt bridge, port and rail terminals in Fife to take the strain off the roads, a fast catamaran reaching Leith in under a quarter of an hour.*

*If we have good communications we can get 'the Edinburgh effect' without being swallowed up by the place, and do wonders with this fantastic coastline. With the Mediterranean and the Alps getting too hot for comfort, and Europe thinking about healthy exercise - we can get investment if we go for it. ....*

*The people of Scotland realise that it's time to take responsibility for ourselves. .... It's time we joined the world. On 3 May 2007!"*