

The SNP is the third largest party in the UK following a surge in new members since the referendum. 80,000 have joined since September 2014, with total membership now over 105,000. The SNP's 59 candidates includes prominent Yes campaigners and others who have only just joined the party. Here are some of their stories:

Mhairi Black

One of the consistent features that I have witnessed growing up has been the level of poverty and injustice that ordinary people are forced to endure.

Westminster has continually let us down. I truly believe that the only way to bring the powers we were promised, and the social justice that Scotland so desperately needs, is to have a strong group of SNP MPs at Westminster to ensure our voices are heard.

Michelle Thomson

My background is not in politics but in business. However, I believe we need fundamental change at Westminster and I want to help shape that change. Let's end the old Westminster way of doing things, which has caused misery for Scotland's most vulnerable. We have the opportunity to chart a different economic path - one which benefits the whole of society. Scotland's voice can and must be heard.

Main photo: Nicola Sturgeon introduces candidates to the SNP's biggest ever conference in March 2015, with over 3,000 people attending the two-day event in Glasgow.