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Welcome





John Swinney
SNP Leader

A very warm welcome to the SNP's 91st Annual National Conference!

The Conference we begin today is one of the most important we have held in some time – this is our opportunity to bring together our energy, ideas and determination to achieve a better independent Scotland ahead of the Scottish Parliament elections next year.

Everyone attending our conference this weekend – delegates, visitors, businesses, organisations, charities, and members of the media – can be in no doubt that Scotland has the people, resources, skills and ambition to be a thriving country which looks after everyone who lives here.

Under the SNP government, we are a country improving our NHS with waiting times going down and GP numbers going up. We are a country helping ordinary people with the cost of living by keeping bills lower than the rest of the UK and providing free prescriptions, eye tests, and tuition fees. We are a country looking after the most vulnerable in our society by scrapping the two child cap and introducing the most fair income tax levels in the UK.

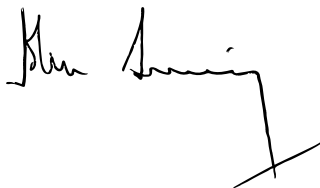
However, this stands in stark contrast to the consequences Scotland is facing as a result of Westminster governments

– rising energy bills, cruel immigration policies impacting our public services, and the ongoing damage of Brexit.

It's crystal clear that when decisions about Scotland are taken in Scotland, they best reflect our values and improve the lives of the people of Scotland. That's why the upcoming election is vitally important – we need to give people across Scotland the chance of a fresh start with independence.

Scotland's right to decide our own future must be respected and history tells us that a referendum on independence is only possible when the SNP is in power. This is the case we will make to people across Scotland next May.

This weekend, let's come together for bold, passionate debate – and recommit ourselves to the future we know is possible: as an independent country.



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INDUSTRY ACROSS SCOTLAND

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Saturday 11 October

Session 1

- 10h30** Welcome Address – Stephen Flynn MP, SNP Westminster Leader
- 10h40** Report of the Conferences Committee
- 10h50** Resolutions
- 12h15** Guest Speaker – Roz Foyer, General Secretary of the STUC
- 12h30** Close of session

RESOLUTIONS

01 A JUST TRANSITION FOR SCOTLAND

Conference believes in securing a just transition for Scotland's energy sector, that protects both workers and the climate.

Conference believes that the expansion of Scotland's renewable energy sector is one of the greatest economic opportunities Scotland will ever have. Conference notes all the power of Scotland's natural resources must be harnessed and in doing so, enable communities across the country to thrive.

Conference recognises the declining nature of the North Sea basin and that the Scottish Government is taking action to support the highly skilled workforce in the transition to a green energy future.

Conference calls on the UK Government to actually support the just transition, rather than pay lip service with GB Energy and insufficient investment, so that the workforce can use their skills and expertise to develop the innovative industries of tomorrow.

Conference welcomes the Scottish Government's ambition for the North East of Scotland to become the net zero capital of the world, and deliver an energy transition that invests in green technology and creates good skilled jobs.

Conference welcomes the Scottish Government's investment in the just transition and £500million Just Transition Fund, and notes it is imperative that Westminster does not stand in the way of the huge opportunities of net zero that lie ahead for Scotland.

JACKIE DUNBAR MSP, KAREN ADAM MSP

02 GET SCOTLAND BUILDING

Conference notes that Scotland is in a housing emergency. When the Scottish Parliament declared this in May 2024, it followed a host of local authorities in doing so, beginning with Argyll and Bute in June 2023. 12 Local Authority Areas in total, including our three largest cities and constituting 53% of Scotland's population. Conference notes with concern that the number of people living in temporary accommodation remains at a record high, and that this constitutes a material economic threat to the provision of other public services in our country.

Conference notes that the Scottish Government's housebuilding record, particularly with regard to social housing and ending right to buy, should be a matter of significant achievement, especially when compared to other nations and regions across these islands. Nonetheless, we further note that even these records on housebuilding are below the level required to address the current emergency, and far below the levels of housing delivered in the post-war period.

Conference agrees with the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) that "planning is a powerful tool for delivering change on the ground in a way which brings together competing interests so that decisions reflect the long-term public interest." – and reaffirms its support for a system based on the six overarching spatial principles in NPF4, along with the National Developments it identifies.

Nonetheless, Conference understands that there should be a constant effort made to refine and streamline the planning system to allow developers - be they social, institutional or private - to help us build these homes for Scotland. Conference therefore acknowledges the positive impact that the Scottish Government's new Planning Hub should have on the system, along with the recently published guidance on Masterplan Consent Areas, which should help in the technological and governance aspects of delivering the sort of large-scale projects and enabling infrastructure that we need for our party's level of ambition for Scotland.

Conference therefore commends the Scottish Government's Housing Investment Taskforce (HIT) Report, particularly our Government's commitment to 'improve the conditions to make investments at scale', and 'identify actions that will unlock both existing and new commitments to investment in housing across all tenures'. Conference further commends its emphasis on local authorities using public land not simply as a one-off capital receipt but as an opportunity to create an ongoing income stream: Conference shares the belief of the HIT that LAs can be more entrepreneurial in how they develop land for the wider public good.

Conference therefore wholeheartedly agrees that the best way to alleviate our housing crisis is to build as many houses, of as many types as possible – providing homes for Scots of all ages and circumstances: and aspires to the HIT report's desire to 'make Scotland one of the most attractive destinations for investment into all forms of housing, through clear, consistent and long-term policy.'



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Conference believes that to achieve this there must be a whole systems approach that addresses all of the factors which impact housebuilding which lie within the different competencies of all three spheres of government. This includes but is not limited to:

- The available funding to local authorities either through direct grant or new models of funding for social and affordable housing.
- The cost of financing in the private sector, which can be addressed through use of the SNIB, pension funds, the creation of regional Housing Investment Funds, and a relaxation on restrictions on Local Authorities and PWLB borrowing.
- The cost of delivering houses due to well meaning but at times restrictive regulations.
- Tax incentives, particularly around refurbishment, conversion, or investment in strategically important areas.

GLASGOW PROVAN CONSTITUENCY BRANCH

AMENDMENT A

Append additional recommendations as follows:

- Designate this a 'National Housing Mission', recognising that every citizen of Scotland should have a right to a home;
- Recognise that alongside a need for housebuilding, the proliferation of short-term lets and second home ownership has tied up an unprecedented volume of the country's existing housing stock – and to take steps to address and remedy this.

WEST FIFE AND COASTAL VILLAGES

03 EMPLOYER NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCOTLAND'S ECONOMY

Conference condemns the Labour Government's decision to increase Employers National Insurance contributions across businesses, charities and the public sector.

Conference notes the disastrous impact of this tax on jobs, seeing businesses pay on average an extra £850 per employee on top of rising energy costs despite Labour's promise to bring them down.

Conference is concerned Labour's policies are hitting Scottish businesses hard, reducing their ability to contribute to Scotland's economy and hurting employees' pay packets.

Conference believes that though Scotland's businesses are resilient, their ability to invest, grow and employ is being strangled by a Westminster government entirely out of touch with the needs of Scotland's economy.

Conference acknowledges that decisions taken at Westminster have made life more difficult for businesses, households and communities across the country.

Conference calls on the UK Government to take decisive action to support Scottish businesses, consumers and workers, starting by scrapping this hike in their tax on jobs.

COLIN BEATTIE MSP, GORDON MACDONALD MSP

04 IMMIGRATION IMPACT ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Conference condemns Westminster's outdated and hostile immigration policies, and the negative impact which these have on wider society across Scotland.

Conference acknowledges that these policies are damaging Scotland's health and care services – as shown through the 81% drop in Health and Care worker visas in one year, devastating the sector.

Conference acknowledges that a fundamental factor in staffing issues in our health and social care service is the impact of Brexit, and that Tory and Labour support of the unwanted withdrawal of Scotland from the EU is ultimately to blame for the shortage of staff in health services.

Conference calls on Labour to put this right by ending the Tory ban on health and care workers bringing their families to the UK and devolve powers over immigration to Scotland, to allow us to create an immigration policy that suits our needs.

Conference values the positive impact which immigration has on our health and social care services and supports those who choose to come to Scotland to build upon and improve the healthcare sector which we provide.

CLARE HAUGHEY MSP; EMMA HARPER MSP



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05 UK GOVERNMENT PENSION REVIEW

Conference rejects the Labour UK Government's plans to review the pension system in the UK which will increase the number of years people have to work before they can draw a retirement income from the state.

Conference recognises that these proposals fail to account for the demographics of Scotland as a whole and will punish some of the most vulnerable in our society unnecessarily in order to balance the Labour UK Government's finances in light of a disastrous first year in office.

Conference recognises that this unnecessary review further shows that the UK Government is continuing to ignore Scotland and its individual needs once again.

Conference recognises that this is yet another disastrous move from the Labour UK Government to fail to protect our pensioners, continuing on from their cruel decisions to scrap the Winter Fuel Payment and refusal to pay WASPI women the compensation which they are owed.

Conference demands the Labour UK Government consider the damage which was caused and the trust which was lost in their damning decision to fail to provide redress for thousands of WASPI women across the country and calls on the UK Government to deliver fair and meaningful compensation to WASPI women.

Conference welcomes that, unlike the Labour UK Government, this SNP Scottish Government will protect our elderly population and supports plans for the SNP to bring back the Winter Fuel Payment for thousands of pensioners across the country by 30 November this year.

Conference calls on the UK Government to consider the implications of changes to the current state pension system on the population of Scotland and calls for the harmful review to be scrapped completely.

DAVID TORRANCE MSP; MARIE MCNAIR MSP

Saturday 11 October

Session 2

14h00 Resolutions

16h30 Close of session

RESOLUTIONS

06 WINNING INDEPENDENCE

Conference agrees that the 2026 Scottish Parliament election will be fought by the Scottish National Party on a clear platform of national independence because only Independence is the change that will significantly improve the lives and life chances of the people of Scotland.

Conference notes that events since the 2014 referendum have only served to confirm the validity of the case that was made then, with people across Scotland continuing to be devastated by a Westminster system that squeezes family incomes, in particular through sky-high energy bills and rising food costs; with Scotland little more than an afterthought within the UK with its economic model that prioritises jobs, wealth and opportunities in London and the south-east, and which delivers a disproportionate benefit for a very few who are already very rich; and with a Britain that has been broken by Brexit, is isolated in Europe, and can never deliver on the hopes, dreams and ambitions of the people of Scotland, who have seen rights and opportunities they previously enjoyed removed.

Conference further notes that by 2030, one million people in Scotland will be eligible to vote who did not have a say in 2014.

Conference recognises that how Scotland becomes independent matters. That process must be agreed, democratic, constitutional and legal so that our nation gains recognition both at home and abroad. That process must also seek to maximise participation as part of ensuring popular consent.

Taking this into account, Conference agrees that a national referendum remains the right way forward.

Conference reaffirms its belief that Scotland delivered a clear, democratic mandate for a referendum at previous elections and deplores the undemocratic stance of successive Labour and Conservative governments in refusing that mandate.

Given that Westminster has consistently refused to accede to the democratically endorsed desire of the Scottish people to decide their future within a Union that is said to be democratic, and voluntary, the people of Scotland must now insist that their democratic wishes and Scotland's right to self-determination, are respected.



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Conference therefore endorses an approach to the SNP's 2026 campaign designed to deliver a mandate that cannot be contested or rejected, which will include:

- an ambitious, aspirational case for independence focused on the ways independence will significantly improve the lives of the people of Scotland by rejecting the UK's broken economic system and adopting policies to help people prosper and fund our public services such as the NHS. At the heart of the campaign will be the argument that Scotland's energy should deliver clear, direct and significant benefits for the people of Scotland. The huge expansion of low-cost renewable generation in Scotland is one of the biggest successes of the SNP Scottish Government, but, just as Scotland's oil wealth was squandered by the UK, now UK decisions prevents Scottish consumers, Scottish businesses and potential investors from enjoying the full benefit of that renewable energy wealth.
- a clear and resounding affirmation of Scotland's national right to choose its own future as part of a campaign designed to mobilise the people of Scotland behind Scotland's right to choose its own future, with the starting point of the fact that the only previous time a UK Government negotiated an agreed referendum process with the Scottish Government was when the SNP won a majority of seats in the Scottish Parliament.
- a clear target therefore of repeating the 2011 achievement of securing an SNP majority in the election, with at least 65 SNP MSPs, as the only uncontested way to deliver a new vote on Scotland's future. We will therefore ask people to vote SNP in the constituency vote to deliver an SNP government and to vote SNP in the regional list to deliver an SNP majority and an independence referendum.
- the immediate establishment of a Scottish Constitutional Convention in order to marshal support for Scotland's right to decide through gathering support from the people of Scotland, civic bodies and international opinion.

Conference believes that the Scottish election in 2026 offers the people of Scotland a fresh start for our nation; that an SNP majority in that election, repeating the precedent of 2011, is the only uncontested route to delivering a new referendum;

It is essential that, as before, the pro-independence campaign in that referendum should be broad-based and inclusive of the wide range of pro-independence campaigning bodies, representing a cross-section of Scottish society.

Conference believes that independence is our winning argument because the UK status quo will never serve Scotland well and that Westminster has shown it is incapable of delivering the higher living standards people in Scotland deserve; that, as a result, ever more people in Scotland are recognising that it is time for the one change that will actually work, the one change that will put the people of Scotland in charge of Scotland's future, the one change that will enable Scotland to become the healthier, wealthier and happier nation we know it can and should be: Independence.

JOHN SWINNEY MSP, LEADER; KEITH BROWN MSP, DEPUTE LEADER

AMENDMENT A

Delete paragraphs 2 and 3

Delete paragraph 5 to the end of resolution and replace with:

Conference notes that it is current Party Policy as agreed at the October 2023 Conference that:- consideration should be given to fighting the next Scottish Parliament election in 2026 as a de facto referendum on independence; and that a majority at that election for the SNP – or the SNP and any other party with which we have reached a pro-independence agreement – will be considered a mandate to negotiate independence.

Conference therefore agrees that Scotland must extricate itself from the United Kingdom as soon as possible, and it requires a strong SNP government to do this.

Conference instructs the Party to prioritise obtaining a mandate from the sovereign Scottish people to deliver Independence by achieving a majority of the popular vote on the sum of the Independence Supporting Parties' List Votes in the 2026 Scottish parliamentary election.

Conference recognises that, in practice, a mandate to deliver Independence requires certain building blocks to make delivery possible and “get us over the line”. These will include a target date for independence, a provisional government to oversee the necessary preparations, and an Independence Delivery Unit to make such preparations.

OBAN & LORN BRANCH, HELENSBURGH BRANCH, TWEEDDALE BRANCH, BONNYRIGG & LOANHEAD BRANCH, FORFAR & DISTRICT BRANCH, BRAIDBURN BRANCH, ANNANDALE & ESKDALE BRANCH, LOCHABAR & NORTH LORN BRANCH, ANNAN BRANCH

AMENDMENT B

Paragraph 8 – Replace the text of the third bullet point with the following.

“A clear ambition should be a repeat of the 2011 SNP majority as a political objective but tempered with a recognition that the Claim of Right requires a majority of Scots to support a course of action for it to have a true mandate. That mandate must therefore be linked to more than 50% of voters supporting the SNP, or other political parties and independent candidates, that support Scotland’s Right to Choose, on the regional list.”

WEST FIFE AND COASTAL VILLAGES



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AMENDMENT C

In paragraph 4, after “at home and abroad” add “and is able to become a full EU member”.

DUNBAR BRANCH, HADDINGTON BRANCH, ALYN SMITH, PAUL MCLENNAN

AMENDMENT D

Insert before the final paragraph:

Conference further asserts that, initially, it will also be necessary to convince voters who are sympathetic and supportive of independence, but are not yet SNP supporters, through providing credible, objective and impartial answers to questions that these voters may have about the benefits of independence.

Conference therefore requests that the NEC immediately takes the following actions:

- Ensure we operate with respect and trust across political boundaries as we work with others to establish a structure which will involve other political parties and groups sympathetic to Scotland's future as an independent nation.
- Articulate where possible a common prospectus for independence which can help form the basis to establish a cross-party and non-party campaign to ensure that these objectives are firmly established before the next Holyrood elections.

GLASGOW KELVIN CONSTITUENCY BRANCH

07 MAXIMISING REVENUE FOR SCOTLAND

Conference recognises that Scotland is facing a cost-of-living crisis and huge pressure on public services due to the failure of the UK Treasury, despite the efforts of the Scottish Government to mitigate the impact of this crisis – one which is also being used to undermine the case for independence.

Conference therefore urges the Scottish Government to engage with all stakeholders, and in particular the Scottish Trade Union Congress, to examine the best way of using existing limited devolved powers to maximise sources of revenue and discussions with HMRC on a local wealth tax in Scotland.

SNP TRADE UNION GROUP

08 A RAIL-FIRST VISION FOR SCOTLAND'S FUTURE

Conference notes the SNP Government's strong track record on electrification and support for public transport, with projects such as the Borders Railway, the Levenmouth Rail Link, and ongoing electrification of the Glasgow–Barrhead and East Kilbride lines. Yet despite this progress, Scotland remains hampered by the lasting damage of the Beeching cuts, a legacy of underinvestment imposed without Scottish consent, and by continued UK control of the macroeconomic levers needed to fund transformational infrastructure on a national scale.

Conference believes that continuing to prioritise private vehicle infrastructure especially new trunk roads over electric public transport is unsustainable and economically short-sighted. Traffic congestion, car-dependency, and the chronic shortage of parking in towns and villages are growing burdens on both the environment and local economies. While cleaner vehicle technologies have a role, they do not solve congestion, inequality of access, or land use challenges.

Conference calls for an accelerated shift towards integrated public transport anchored in rail, light transit, and tram systems as the core of Scotland's future mobility network. That the Scottish Government must now commit to a Rail Reintegration Strategy, with a clear timeline and funding roadmap to reverse the economic and geographic damage caused by the Beeching era. This includes the continuation of reopened lines and the creation of new regional freight hubs, investment in light dual mode trains that can run on train and tram tracks capable of operating on train and tram tracks to improve first-and-last-mile connectivity, particularly in rural and peri-urban areas. These vehicles could help reconnect isolated communities and promote low-impact tourism.

Conference believes that only with the powers of independence will Scotland be able to deliver the level of public investment needed to modernise its infrastructure and reconnect its communities. Under the current constitutional settlement, key financial levers remain in Westminster's control, limiting Scotland's ability to borrow, invest, and retain the wealth generated by its own economy.

Conference further believes that a publicly owned, publicly funded transport system planned and delivered by a Scottish Government fully accountable to the people of Scotland is the only way to ensure that investment in infrastructure leads to long-term benefits for Scottish communities. Only by keeping the profits and reinvestment within Scotland can we build a transport network that serves not shareholders, but future generations.

BONNYRIGG & LOANHEAD BRANCH



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9 COMBATTING VOTER APATHY

In a healthy democracy, every citizen ought to be informed about their community and engaged in political discourse.

When we meet voters on the doorstep, many candidly admit that they do not understand politics. If Scotland is to sustain a politically engaged society, we must deliver rigorous civic education that equips young people with the knowledge, values and behaviours required to participate effectively in public life. Active participation is impossible if citizens lack even a working grasp of the basic rules and principles of democracy.

The evidence is encouraging as roughly two-thirds of young Scots recognise the importance of learning more about politics and nearly three-quarters believe political education should be expanded in schools and colleges. While social media remains their primary news source, pupils consistently say they trust information obtained at school far more. Responding to this, the Scottish Youth Parliament recently issued its Roadmap to Votes at 16, outlining 16 concrete recommendations. Chief among them are comprehensive democratic education, youth-led initiatives, and robust strategies to counter misinformation.

To close this gap, every secondary pupil should leave school with a solid grounding in how our political institutions operate. At present, only those opting for Higher Modern Studies or Politics receive systematic instruction and coverage varies by school. Consequently, many young people still feel ill-prepared to vote; they want clarity on how elections work, why their ballot matters, and how to evaluate candidates.

Accordingly, we call on Ministers in collaboration with education specialists, to embed a mandatory civic-knowledge strand into the existing Personal and Social Education (PSE) curriculum. This strand should:

- (1) Explain the structures and functions of government at Westminster, Holyrood and local government.
- (2) Trace the evolution of key political ideologies and civil rights milestones.
- (3) Provide hands-on practice through mock ballots, school-based youth parliaments and direct engagement with decision makers from across the political spectrum.

Such measures will allow pupils to hone democratic skills before leaving school.

Finally, we strongly urge that, upon reaching age 14 (typically S3), pupils participate in dedicated sessions that guide them through the process of voter registration, ensuring they enter adulthood ready and empowered to exercise their right to vote.

CLLR DAWN BLACK, CLLR JENNY NICOL, CLLR LOUISE MCALLISTER, STONEHAVEN & MEARNES BRANCH, ELLON BRANCH, SNP STUDENTS, YOUNG SCOTS FOR INDEPENDENCE

AMENDMENT A

Add at end:

Conference agrees that embedding civic education solely within PSE risks leaving provision uneven and undervalued. We therefore call on Ministers to establish a dedicated statutory programme of Civic and Democratic Education, ensuring consistent provision across Scotland. To maintain public confidence, this programme should be overseen by an independent advisory body including educators, constitutional experts and youth representatives, and must provide balanced coverage of differing political and constitutional perspectives.

Conference further calls for civic education to extend beyond schools, with community-based opportunities for adult learners through colleges, libraries and third-sector organisations, alongside structured partnerships between schools, local authorities and youth groups. This should be complemented by robust digital and media literacy training so that citizens of all ages are better equipped to navigate misinformation.

Finally, Conference recognises that education alone cannot resolve voter apathy. Lasting engagement requires a broader political culture of trust, accountability and accessibility, and reforms that ensure participation feels meaningful in practice as well as in theory.

PAISLEY TANNAHILL BRANCH



Agenda

Sunday 12 October

Session 3

INTERNAL

10h30 Reports of Officer Bearers and Internal Groups

11h15 Internal Resolutions

11h35 Close of session

INTERNAL RESOLUTIONS

10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Amend 47.1 of the Party Constitution by adding, after “National Conference”; “or any meeting of National Council until the next meeting of National Conference in 2026, but only for the purposes of adjustments to the Constitution in relation to changes to the Disciplinary Rules and Member Code of Conduct.”

ALEX KERR, NATIONAL SECRETARY; KEITH BROWN MSP, DEPUTE LEADER

11 EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

Conference recognises that developing activists’ skills, knowledge, and confidence is essential to delivering successful, high-quality campaigns. Conference commends the work of local and national organisers across Scotland and notes the valuable role of the existing SNP College in supporting activist development.

However, Conference acknowledges that training opportunities can be sparse, sporadic, and inconsistent across regions. To ensure our activist base is well-prepared for the Scottish Parliament elections in 2026 and forthcoming local council elections, Conference mandates the NEC to establish a dedicated Education and Training Subcommittee.

Conference empowers the NEC to define the remit, terms of reference, and membership of this subcommittee and requests that regular reports be submitted to both the NEC and Conference, ensuring transparency, accountability, and effective oversight.

PAISLEY BURGH BRANCH

Sunday 12 October

Session 4

- 11h35** In Memoriam
- 11h40** Resolutions
- 12h30** Close of session

RESOLUTIONS

12 ANTI-RACISM EDUCATION

Conference believes that Scotland must continue to be a welcoming country for all New Scots, regardless of immigration status. However, racism continues to impact young people in our schools, communities, and online spaces, often shaped by harmful global narratives. Tackling these issues requires proactive and sustained efforts to embed anti-racism at every level of society.

Conference recognises that while programmes such as Building Racial Literacy offer valuable training, they are currently non-mandatory and primarily targeted at student teachers. To truly challenge racism and support inclusive environments for all children and young people, this type of training must be made accessible to everyone working in educational and care settings.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to make anti-racism training, such as Building Racial Literacy, a mandatory requirement for all staff working with young people across schools, youth work, and care settings, with annual refresher training provided where feasible.

SNP BAME NETWORK



Agenda

13 REMOVAL OF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION FOR ALL VAPING PRODUCTS

Conference notes that the introduction of vaping products has assisted many existing smokers to either reduce or stop smoking.

However, Conference is concerned about a significant rise in vaping amongst Scottish adolescents aged between 11-17, with 18.8% having 'ever' tried it and 17% of 17 year olds currently vaping. Uptake is higher among girls at 22.4% compared to 17.3% in boys. Serious concerns have been raised by health professionals and Public Health Scotland about the known, and as yet unknown, health risks from vaping.

Conference recognises that advertising and promotion of these products dominates supermarkets and other retail outlets, often targeting young people with sweet flavours and trendy imagery.

Conference acknowledges strong evidence of a reduced smoking uptake – 20% lower odds of current smoking and a 37% lower risk of initiation – following the introduction of a ban on its promotion and advertising.

Conference calls on the Scottish Government to examine the evidence for implementing a similar ban of the promotion and advertising of all vaping products.

CLLR ROSEMARY FRASER; CLLR JULIE BELL; CLLR FATIMA JOJI

14 WIDENING ACCESS TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN PUBLIC SPACES AND WORKPLACES

Conference notes the Scottish Government's Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) Strategy 2021 to 2026, which aims to increase the survival rates of OHCA in Scotland.

Conference commends the fact that OHCA survival rates in Scotland have doubled since 2015, but recognises with concern that this still only amounts to around 10%.

Conference further recognises that rapid commencement of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) – a device that delivers an electric shock to someone in cardiac arrest – is crucial for improving survivability rates, with evidence showing that effective defibrillation can increase survival rates to over 40%. Conference notes with concern that deprived areas of Scotland – where people are already more likely to suffer a cardiac arrest in the first place – have less access to AEDs compared to less deprived areas.

Conference commends charities and organisations that seek to provide funding for AEDs, but notes that the cost of this – running into hundreds of pounds at a minimum – can still present a barrier to some, and that the Scottish Government does not provide any direct funding to cover this.

Finally, Conference also notes that although training in how to use an AED is a mandatory part of first-aid training, there are currently no legal requirements for any public or private space to actually provide an AED, despite the use of one significantly increasing the chances of surviving a cardiac arrest.

Conference therefore urges the Scottish Government, UK Government, and local authorities to:

- introduce a legal requirement for employers and public buildings to provide an AED in line with guidance to be set out by the Health and Safety Executive
- make direct funding available to businesses and other organisations for help with purchasing an AED
- remove VAT on AED purchases
- increase the number of AEDs available for use by the public, whilst focusing on areas that already have a lack of access

YOUNG SCOTS FOR INDEPENDENCE; EDINBURGH CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY BRANCH; EMMA RODDICK MSP; CLLR ROSS CLARK



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15 ACCESSIBLE MUSIC & CREATIVE ARTS EDUCATION PATHWAY

Conference commends the SNP's commitment to the Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence and Human Rights Bills and that work is ongoing to gather cross party support.

Conference believes that there are welcome measures in the draft Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodiversity Bill, such as creating statutory rights and tailoring education provision which could help reduce barriers to accessible learning opportunities.

Conference recommends that a music & creative arts pathway is an essential element towards building an inclusive education system that is committed to finding and nurturing the unique talents and abilities of all people.

Therefore, Conference agrees a specific consideration for the inclusion of a music-making, drama, dance and other creative arts pathway in forthcoming legislation to allow those with learning disabilities to pursue their creative ambitions in a way which shifts focus from solely the pursuit of academic excellence and towards social integration and mutual respect.

EDINBURGH CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY BRANCH, GLASGOW PROVAN CONSTITUENCY BRANCH, EDINBURGH WESTERN CONSTITUENCY BRANCH, CLLR VICKY NICHOLSON

16 NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAYS

Conference acknowledges the significant rise in demand for ADHD assessments following the COVID-19 pandemic. The shift to remote learning and the impact of lockdowns brought previously unrecognised symptoms to light in both children and adults.

Conference expresses deep regret that many individuals face lengthy waits for assessment, and notes with concern that some services are being withdrawn entirely, leaving many neurodivergent people without a clear pathway to recognition, diagnosis, or treatment.

Conference emphasises that conditions such as ADHD and autism are not mental health disorders. However, due to stigma and discrimination, neurodivergent individuals are significantly more likely to experience mental health challenges.

Conference commends the SNP Government's continued investment in this area, including support for the Autistic Adult Support Fund and the National Autism Implementation Team (NAIT), both of which benefit people with ADHD and autism. Conference also echoes the Royal College of Psychiatrists' call for a restructured, national approach to the adult neurodevelopmental pathway.

Conference welcomes renewed attention to this area and calls for:

- Timely access to neurodevelopmental assessment, diagnosis, and appropriate interventions, including medical treatment where required.
- Proportionate, relevant, and neurodiversity-affirming support and information across services, communities, and society.
- The development of neurodevelopmentally informed services, co-designed with neurodivergent people.

PAISLEY BURGH BRANCH

Sunday 12 October

Session 5

- 14h00** Address by Keith Brown MSP, Depute Leader
- 14h20** Guest Speaker, Dr. Husam Zomlot, Head of Palestinian Mission to the UK
- 14h45** Topical Resolutions
- 15h00** Resolutions
- 16h15** Close of session

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17 POLICE USE OF LIVE FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY

Conference notes that in April 2025, Police Scotland began seeking views about the introduction of live facial recognition technology in Scotland.

Conference recognises that this technology has been in use in England and Wales since 2016, and in this time has been subject to continuous escalation in use, repeated legal challenges, and courts finding that the use of this technology breaches privacy rights as well as data protection and equality laws.

Conference notes, by contrast, that the European Union has recently adopted the Artificial Intelligence Act, which curtails the use of technologies which pose an ‘unacceptable’ or ‘high’ risk to fundamental rights, including the use of Live Facial Recognition technology by police.

Conference recognises that current and proposed use of Live Facial Recognition has been criticised by the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the Scottish Human Rights Commission, and a range of human rights NGOs on the basis of threats to European Convention rights to privacy, to freedom of expression, to freedom of assembly, and to non-discrimination.

Conference affirms the work of the Scottish Parliament Sub-Committee on Justice and Policing, who studied this issue in 2020 and concluded that there was “no justifiable basis for Police Scotland to invest in this technology” and that doing so “would be a radical departure from Police Scotland’s fundamental principle of policing by consent”.

Conference therefore resolves that:

Police use of Live Facial Recognition technology should not be allowed in Scotland without primary legislation passed by the Scottish Parliament;



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Any legislation should be compatible with the Human Rights Act and the European Convention on Human Rights; and

This legislation should be compatible with the European Union Artificial Intelligence Act's restrictions on use of Live Facial Recognition technology.

SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL BRANCH; SADIE MATTHEWS, NATIONAL EQUALITIES CONVENER; OUT FOR INDEPENDENCE; DISABLED MEMBERS GROUP; YOUNG SCOTS FOR INDEPENDENCE

18 TACKLING ONLINE DISINFORMATION

Conference acknowledges the vital work of educators, youth workers, and digital literacy advocates across Scotland in helping young people build critical thinking skills for navigating the online world. It highlights the growing threat posed by online misinformation and disinformation to young people's wellbeing, education, and democratic participation, including exposure to conspiracy theories, manipulated media, algorithmic echo chambers, and targeted disinformation campaigns.

Conference calls on the Scottish Government to develop a long-term, coordinated strategy in partnership with schools, youth organisations, families, digital platforms, and fact-checkers to build resilience against online falsehoods. This strategy must embed digital and media literacy across the curriculum from an early age. Finland offers a strong model of good practice: its National Media Literacy Curriculum integrates critical media education at all school levels and is supported by Faktabaari, a fact-checking initiative that provides classroom resources and youth-led learning to counter misinformation.

Conference further urges that young people be meaningfully involved in shaping this strategy, especially those from marginalised or digitally excluded communities, and stresses the need to empower them as critical consumers and responsible digital creators. Conference also calls for greater transparency and accountability from digital platforms and recommends supporting research into the impact of misinformation on young people's mental health, learning, and civic engagement. Finally, it encourages close collaboration between the Scottish and UK Governments to address this cross-border challenge, ensuring Scotland leads in preparing young people to thrive in a digital society grounded in truth, trust, and critical inquiry.

BANFFSHIRE & BUCHAN COAST CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION

19 VISION FOR SCOTLAND'S EDUCATION SYSTEM

Conference notes that since 2007, the SNP in government has been committed to giving every child the best start in life, eradicating child poverty by investing in children's early years, through building an education system founded on equity and excellence, and supporting world class tertiary education and research.

Conference acknowledges the significant progress made under devolution: over 400,000 babies have now received a baby box; since 2021, Scotland has been the only part of the UK to offer 1,140 hours of funded ELC per year to eligible children, regardless of their parents' working status, saving families up to £6000 per eligible child per year; over 230,000 children in primaries 1 to 5 benefit from free school meals; research shows that the poverty-related attainment gap at school is at its narrowest on record; there has been a 42% increase since 2019 in 18 year olds from the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland and Scottish students have the lowest average levels of debt in the UK.

However, Conference notes that we are held back from fully realising our nation's potential by being part of the UK, subject to a broken economic model, limited by a heartless immigration policy and kept out of the EU – no matter who is in power at Westminster.

Conference agrees that a Scotland where every child and young person grows up loved, safe and respected needs to be a Scotland which has the freedom to use all the levers of legislation and policy available to an independent country to deliver on its vision.

Conference further agrees that with independence, and access to all the levers, resources and powers that other nations have, Scotland can:

- Improve shared parental leave conditions from 52 to 64 weeks, with the additional 12 weeks set as the minimum available for fathers to take up
- Increase paid maternity leave to one year and set maternity pay at 100% of average weekly earnings for the first 12 weeks
- Provide universal access throughout children's early years to free early learning and childcare and expand after school and holiday care for school age children
- Provide every child with a free, nutritious, healthy meal, whether in early learning, at primary or secondary school
- Incorporate the Nordic Nations approach into our education system, building on our approach to equity and excellence to make school learning wholly equitable, inclusive, child centred, and diverse, so every child gets the support they need, when they need it



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- Fully re-join the EU, allowing Scottish students to benefit from Erasmus+ once again, opening up opportunities for new collaborations for university and college staff
- Allow international graduates of Scottish universities to apply to stay in Scotland for a further five years, after which they would become eligible for settlement, potentially leading to naturalisation as a citizen.

JENNY GILRUTH MSP; PAUL MCLENNAN MSP

20 INTEGRATION FROM DAY ONE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

Conference condemns the UK Government's failing asylum system which routinely leaves people seeking protection and their families destitute, in detention camps or facing homelessness.

Conference notes that the Scottish Government, in partnership with the Scottish Refugee Council and COSLA are responsible for the delivery of the New Scots Integration Strategy, which has been praised by international experts such as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Conference acknowledges that the fundamental principle underpinning this strategy is integration from day one of arrival, not from the day a person receives refugee status.

Conference calls upon the UK Government to adopt Scotland's integration from day one approach across the asylum system. This would mean an end to No Recourse to Public Funds, allowing people in the asylum system to work, and a mainstreaming of home office support, lifting many families out of destitution.

GLASGOW PROVAN CONSTITUENCY BRANCH

Monday 13 October

Session 6

- 10h30** Address by Kate Forbes MSP, Deputy First Minister
- 10h50** Resolutions
- 11h45** President's Prize
- 11h55** Fraternal Address from Delyth Jewell, Plaid Cymru
- 12h05** 2026 Manifesto Preparation: The Key Pillars
- 12h30** Close of Session

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21 SCOTLAND'S POWER

Conference believes Scotland is on the cusp of a renewable energy boom, with the potential to deliver skilled jobs, energy security and affordable power.

Conference notes that Scotland's energy wealth has long been squandered by the UK Treasury, while the people of Scotland pay some of the highest bills in Europe.

Conference believes it is a disgrace that in a nation as energy rich as Scotland so many of our citizens are energy poor, and recognises that the blame lies squarely at Westminster's door.

Conference acknowledges that key powers over industry, trade, industrial relations, employment law and energy are all moribund in UK Labour's hands.

Conference urges the UK Government to devolve energy powers to Scotland, notes that remote control of Scottish energy from Westminster has been a complete failure, and highlights the necessity of Scottish independence to put Scotland's energy future safely in Scotland's hands.

KEVIN STEWART MSP, ALASDAIR ALLAN MSP



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22 SCOTLAND'S INDUSTRIAL AND ENERGY FUTURE

Conference recognises that sustainable, publicly-controlled and community focussed renewables-based industries are crucial for Scotland's self-governing future and for tackling climate change effectively.

We welcome recognition in the Scottish Government's overview of a Green Industrial Strategy that an active state is essential for these purposes, and propose the following actions to drive change.

1. Achieving equity stakes in renewable energy projects and companies via the Scottish National Investment Bank, with trade union recognition as the standard for delivering Fair Work.
2. Appropriate ownership term limits and active break clauses in contracts and operational leases with overseas investors, and in relation to final planning applications.
3. Focussing investment on domestic industries and developing local supply chains across transport, energy, construction, manufacturing and housing – with the priority of meeting climate targets through public-sector led retrofitting and offshore wind.
4. Reconsidering establishing an asset-based national energy initiative through municipal collaboration, to drive forward vital public stakeholding in our renewable energy future.
5. Investing in training and support schemes for oil and gas workers through a roadmap for Just Transition and an accompanying Jobs Register.
6. Putting communities, workers, trade unions and SMEs at the consultative heart of green industrial and energy policy.

SNP TRADE UNION GROUP

23 NUCLEAR ENERGY

Conference condemns Keir Starmer's plans to place nuclear fission power stations within touching distance of communities despite the radioactive waste they produce remaining dangerous for thousands of years.

Conference notes with concern that the Labour Government is now spending almost £40 billion on over budget fission projects, like Sizewell C, that have already seen costs double since the plans were laid.

Conference notes the evidence is clear that nuclear power is extortionate, takes decades to build and the toxic waste presents a risk to local communities.

Conference supports the Scottish Government's stance against new nuclear fission projects in Scotland, and notes that renewables are cheaper, safer, quicker to deploy, and support more employment than nuclear.

Conference believes Scotland's future lies in harnessing Scotland's natural resources to produce clean, green energy to the benefit of our people and planet.

BILL KIDD MSP; GEORGE ADAM MSP

Monday 13 October

Session 7

14h00	Resolutions
14h50	Topical and Emergency Resolutions
15h05	Address by John Swinney MSP, Party Leader and First Minister
16h00	Close of Conference

RESOLUTIONS

24 A FAIR WELFARE SYSTEM

Conference supports the continued, progressive delivery of the social security system in Scotland built with the principles of dignity, fairness and respect at its core – a stark contrast from the cruel approach to welfare of the Labour UK Government.

Conference welcomes that this SNP Scottish Government will scrap Westminster's cruel two child cap from March 2026 – mitigation which the Scottish Fiscal Commission estimates will benefit around 43,000 children in Scotland in 2026-27.

Conference condemns that thousands of vulnerable people across Scotland will be thrust into poverty as a result of brutal decisions from the UK Government to reduce the welfare bill across the UK by increasing eligibility requirements and creating further barriers to access crucial welfare support for those who need it most through the Universal Credit and PIP Bill.

Conference acknowledges and agrees with the views of key stakeholders, such as the Glasgow Disability Alliance, who have called for this cruel Bill to be scrapped completely, and echo calls for the UK Government to focus on steps to eradicate poverty, rather than plunge more people into it.

Conference welcomes that Scotland is the only part of the UK where child poverty is falling, thanks to SNP action on welfare.

Conference calls on the Labour UK Government to follow the lead of this SNP Scottish Government in our bold and progressive approach to welfare, particularly in light of new research showing that 1,838,000 families would be lifted out of poverty if the UK government matched key SNP welfare government policies.

Conference recognises that it is vital that the Labour UK Government urgently follows the lead of the SNP government by introducing a bold package of measures to eradicate child poverty including abolishing the two-child cap and bedroom tax and matching the SNP's Scottish Child Payment UK-wide by raising the child and family element of Universal Credit by £27.15 per child per week.

EMMA RODDICK MSP; BOB DORIS MSP



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25 NORTHLINK FERRIES

Conference calls on the Scottish Government to work with NorthLink Ferries and Transport Scotland to:

1. Issue a contract variation to Northlink Ferries, introducing of a performance based KPI to reserve cabin and vehicle capacity on Shetland-Aberdeen service for Shetland residents during peak season (May to September). Verified through the existing Islander Discount Scheme, with any unused quota released to the public 24 hours before departure.
2. End seasonal ferry pricing by scrapping peak surcharges for island residents, recognising lifeline routes as essential public transport rather than luxury travel.

These two measures would uphold Scotland's commitment to island-proofing public services, ensure equity of access to essential transport, and could provide a national model for balancing the needs of residents and visitors on other lifeline routes across Scotland.

SHETLAND BRANCH

26 RECOGNITION OF UNPAID WORK DONE BY CARERS

Conference notes with concern the amount of unpaid work done by family members in a caring capacity for disabled and terminally ill relatives. This work is heavy-hearted for all involved.

Family members caring for others should prioritise the quality of care and the mental health of all involved rather than the burden of money.

Conference considers the Carer Support Payment provided by the Scottish Government provides £83.30 a week, if you are eligible. This amounts to 50p per hour for 24-7 care. Further, this payment will be deducted from your Universal Credit if you are a claimant, as it is considered an "income" by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Conference is disappointed by the current level of support for these carers and calls for:

- an increase in the amount given through the Carer Support Payment to support families
- active discussions with DWP regarding how the Carer Support Payment interacts with other benefits
- if DWP still deem the Carer Support Payment an "income" then the Carer Support Payment should be further increased to help the deficit created.

YOUNG SCOTS FOR INDEPENDENCE; DISABLED MEMBERS' GROUP; SADIE MATTHEWS, NATIONAL EQUALITIES CONVENOR

27 ENDING PUBLIC FUNDING TO ARMS COMPANIES SUPPLYING ISRAEL

Conference notes that over 100 genocide and international law experts, together with Amnesty International, have evidenced that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

Conference acknowledges the SNP's longstanding support for Palestinian rights and a two-state solution, and recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to upholding international humanitarian law.

Conference is deeply concerned however, that the UK Government continues to supply arms to Israel, violating international law and human rights, and condemns public funding through agencies like Scottish Enterprise awarded to arms companies which produce weapons used in Gaza.

Conference believes this contradicts the Scottish Government's ethical stance on international affairs and highlights that current due diligence procedures inadequately address human rights impacts and potential complicity in war crimes.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to implement the following:

- Suspend all public funding and support to arms companies that supply military equipment used by Israel in Gaza.
- Ensure that no public funds in Scotland support companies complicit in the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- Make rigorous human rights screening a core condition of all future public funding.

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SHETLAND
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The National Carer Organisations

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Scottish Rewilding Alliance

The Scottish Rewilding Alliance is a collaborative initiative of groups and organisations with a shared mission: to help rewilding thrive. Our Rewilding Nation campaign has inspired thousands across Scotland to pledge their support for rewilding - for nature, climate and people.

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/scottish-rewilding-alliance

Instagram: www.instagram.com/scot_rewilding/

Youtube: www.youtube.com/@thescottishrewildingallian7894

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ScotRewilding

Website: www.rewild.scot

Twitter: x.com/ScotRewilding/

Email: info@rewild.scot

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Magic Breakfast

Magic Breakfast works with schools across Scotland to ensure no child or young person starts the day too hungry to learn. Through nutritious breakfast provision and expert support and advice, we're tackling morning hunger and empowering young Scots to thrive.

Website: www.magicbreakfast.com/

Email: advocacy@magicbreakfast.com

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SAMH (Scottish Action for Mental Health)

SAMH (Scottish Action for Mental Health) is Scotland's national mental health charity. For 100 years we've been here for Scotland's mental health and wellbeing, providing local mental health support and always accessible information, and campaigning for change nationally.

Website: www.samh.org.uk

Email: publicaffairs@samh.org.uk

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Cancer Research UK

CRUK is dedicated to saving lives through research. We support research into over 200 types of cancer, and our vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured. In 2023/24, we invested over £31million in research in Scotland.

Email: ScotlandPA@cancer.org.uk

X: [x.com/crukscotland](https://twitter.com/crukscotland)

Website: www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-us/we-develop-policy/we-work-with-government/cancer-research-uk-in-scotland

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Coal Field Regeneration

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is dedicated to building prosperity and opportunity in coalfield communities across Britain. The charity is the only organisation with the sole focus of improving the lives of the 5.7 million people who live in coalfield areas.

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www.facebook.com/CRTScotland

www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/



Exhibitors

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Change Mental Health

For over 50 years, we've supported people across Scotland affected by mental illness, delivering services rooted in communities. We influence policy to build a future where no-one faces mental illness alone. Come visit our stand!

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Phone: 0808 8010 515

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Aberlour Children's Charity

At Aberlour Children's Charity we know that not all children are born with an equal chance. Together, we will be brave for children and families to overcome poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.

Website: www.aberlour.org.uk/

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Martin.Canavan@aberlour.org.uk

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Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland

Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland are the country's largest charity helping people with chest, heart and stroke conditions live life to the full. Find out more about our campaign to make sure everyone gets access to the rehab they need.

Contact Details:

Website: www.chss.org.uk/

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SGN

SGN own and operate Scotland's gas distribution network, supplying almost 2 million homes with the gas necessary for heating and cooking. In Scotland, we employ more than 2000 employees who play a critical role in providing a safe and secure network.

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Social Media: x.com/sgngas

www.facebook.com/SGNgas

www.linkedin.com/company/sgn

Website: www.sgn.co.uk/

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Dignity in Dying Scotland

Dignity in Dying Scotland supports Liam McArthur MSP's Assisted Dying for Terminally ill Adults Bill in the Scottish Parliament. The Bill aims to provide safe, fair, and compassionate assisted dying, choice for dying people, and protections for us all.

Website:

www.dignityindyingScotland.org.uk

Email: ScotlandCampaigns@dignityindying.org.uk

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RWE

RWE is a global energy company and Scotland is a key market for us. We operate ~500W of renewable electricity projects, with four onshore wind projects currently in construction and plans for green hydrogen production at Grangemouth.

Instagram: www.instagram.com/rwe-global/?hl=en

Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/rwegroup/>

YouTube: www.youtube.com/RWEKonzern

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Zero Tolerance

Zero Tolerance is Scotland's expert organisation on the primary prevention of men's violence against all women and girls. Over the past 30 years, we have worked to build a Scotland where everyone is safe, equal and free.

Website: zerotolerance.org.uk

Twitter: @ZTScotland

Instagram:

@ZeroToleranceScotland

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First Bus

Working in partnership with local councils, First Bus provides efficient, low carbon public transport across Greater Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Through battery electric and hydrogen buses, our dedicated workforce delivers essential and sustainable bus services that keep communities connected.

Website: www.firstbus.co.uk



Exhibitors

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European Movement in Scotland

The European Movement in Scotland (EMiS) is Scotland's pro Europe voice. We are the largest pro-EU non-party political campaigning organisation in Scotland. Our goal is membership of the European Union. We campaign to promote the European Union and Scotland's fullest possible participation now and for the future.

Contact Details: For more information or to join the Movement
visit www.euromovescotland.org.uk
Follow us on social media
[@EuroMoveScot](https://twitter.com/EuroMoveScot)

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Scottish Swimming

Scottish Swimming is the governing body for swimming, para swimming, artistic swimming, diving, water polo, open water swimming and masters swimming in Scotland.

For further information please visit www.scottishswimming.com or email info@scottishswimming.com

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The Fire Brigades Union

The Fire Brigades Union is the democratic, professional voice of firefighters and other workers within Fire and Rescue Services across the UK, providing a leading, independent voice that helps protect the safety and interests of our members and the public.

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Social Media: www.facebook.com/firebrigadesunionscotland
Twitter(X): [@fbuscotland](https://twitter.com/fbuscotland)
Website: www.fbu.org.uk/regions-nations/scotland

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Confederation of Forest Industries (Confor)

Confor is the voice of the forestry and wood use sector. Our goal is to support sustainable forestry and wood-using businesses through political engagement, market promotion and supporting our members' competitiveness.

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Twitter: [x.com/forestsandwood](https://twitter.com/forestsandwood)
Website: www.confor.org.uk

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National Deaf Children's Society

We are the National Deaf Children's Society, the charity for deaf children with any level of hearing loss. We believe in a world where anything is possible for deaf children and campaign to make sure they get the support they need.

Website: www.ndcs.org.uk

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RSPB

RSPB Scotland is dedicated to creating a world richer in nature. We work with our partners using evidence-based solutions to recover threatened species, protect and restore special places, and inspire everyone to act for nature.

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Association of SNP Councillors

The ASNPC is the SNP Councillors' Association. Our membership is composed of all SNP councillors and our Executive meets monthly. Our purpose is to represent and campaign for all SNP councillors. We also arrange events throughout the year on subjects of interest to our members, inviting the relevant Ministers, Cabinet Secretaries and others as speakers.

We will also be arranging events and information sessions for those who may be interested in putting themselves forward for the next Council elections in May 2027. If interested, please come and visit us at our Conference stall. We look forward to meeting you!

Email: councillors.snp@gmail.com

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01 Sip Stitch Creations

Sip Stitch Creations creates lovingly handmade wearables, accessories and homewares that are great for gifting or keeping for yourself with custom also available, as well as reusable products that can be used again and again.

02 Tanya Anina Art

Glass artist based in East Lothian Scotland. Hand painted glass which will last for years. Art should be a gift from the heart. All my artwork is unique, not templated and I can work with customers to create designs of their dream.

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Email: kuzmenkotetyana@gmail.com **Phone:** 07881 910618



03 Ksenia K Art

Ukrainian artist. Member of The Scottish Arts Club.

Inspired by the beauty of the world and the gift of each new day, I create paintings and hand-paint tables and lampshades, bringing a unique and cozy atmosphere into every home. Working with acrylic, oil, epoxy resin, and a variety of textures allows me to fully express the richness of creativity. For me, art is life itself — emotions, memories, dreams, moods, and endless inspiration.

Instagram: [Ksenia_k_art](https://www.instagram.com/Ksenia_k_art) **Phone:** 07774 070727

04 JPJ Furniture

From his workshop near Dunbar in East Lothian John works mainly to commission on a wide range of bespoke furniture. These mostly involve hardwood, sometimes with small glass or metal details. John's work can be described as clean lined, simple and highly functional with a sense of robustness.

Website: www.johnpjohnstonfurniture.com **TikTok:** [TikTok jpj942](https://www.tiktok.com/@jpj942)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/jpjfurniture **X:** [johnpjohnston67](https://twitter.com/johnpjohnston67)



JOHN P JOHNSTON-FURNITURE

Small Business Marketplace

05 Jade Elizabeth Designs

Jade Elizabeth Designs is an Award Winning Textile brand, specialising in one-of-a-kind fashion accessories. Here, we strictly believe in only providing the best quality items that are made from locally sourced, sustainable materials. Individuality and comfort is a must, and here at Jade Elizabeth, we help you to stand out from the crowd with beautifully illustrated accessories to brighten up any outfit!



06 The Ethical Dairy

Organic Cow With Calf dairy farm in South West Scotland producing award winning organic artisan cheeses

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EthicalDairy/ **Website:** www.theethicaldairy.co.uk
Email: hello@theethicaldairy.co.uk **Phone:** 01557 814343

07 Mulderie Wood Candles

Established in 2015, Mulderie Wood brings you candles with a Scottish twist. From scents such as Bosie to Coorie, Highland Heather, Hooley and Bide our candles beautifully reflect our love for and desire to promote our land and language.

Website: www.mulderiewood.co.uk



08 Pure Roasters Coffee

Good Coffee - Ethical delivery

We've always blended and roasted the finest tasting coffees from ethical sources. We ship our beans and grounds all over the UK, roasted fresh for the best taste.

We like our coffee to taste like coffee, that's why we describe Pure Roasters blends as the best coffee in Scotland, with none of the faff.

09 Atlas of Scotland

Artist and writer Andrew Redmond Barr presents the Atlas of Scotland project, using hand-drawn maps to explore Scotland's history and culture. The project was described by Nicola Sturgeon as 'an extraordinary vision of the country'. Books, prints and cards will be available.

Twitter: @AndrewRBarr **Instagram:** @AndrewRBarr **Website:** AndrewRBarr.com



10 Bank of Scotland Foundation

Bank of Scotland Foundation is an independent charity, solely funded by Lloyds Banking Group as part of its commitment to Helping Britain Prosper. Bank of Scotland Foundation receives an annual donation from Lloyds which they then distribute to charities across Scotland through their grant programmes and Matched Giving programme.

Thanks to this support, the Foundation has been making a significant impact on Scotland's most vulnerable communities since 2010. Through their Grant Programmes and Matched Giving Programme for Lloyds Banking Group colleagues in Scotland, the Foundation has provided over £43 million of funding to over 2,700 charities enabling over 1.6 million people to access much needed local services and personal support.



Exhibitors

TABLE 01



#MEAction Scotland

#MEAction Scotland is a registered charity raising awareness of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) throughout Scotland and campaigning for health equality for the patient community. ME is a profoundly debilitating, complex energy-limiting disease, affecting multiple systems within the body.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/meactionscot

Website: www.meaction.net/

Email: janet.sylvester@meaction.net

TABLE 02

SNP

Aberdeen Donside

The Donside Branch welcomes you back to our city, come visit us for local treats, games and city information. We hope you will enjoy your conference and time in Aberdeen.

TABLE 03

SNP

Moray SNP

Moray SNP Malt Whisky & Gin Stall brings you the opportunity to become the proud owner of some of Moray Speyside's fantastic Malt Whisky and Gin. Our products travel well throughout the world with a reputation second to none.

Website: www.moraysnp.org

Twitter: @MoraySNP

Facebook: fb.com/MoraySNP

TABLE 04



SNP Socialists Ukraine Solidarity Campaign Scotland

USC Scotland campaigns in solidarity with grassroots Ukrainian labour organisations for Ukrainian victory against Russian imperialist aggression. SNP Socialists campaigns For an Independent Republic, System Change & more left-wing SNP policies. We include NEC members, trade unionists, councillors, MPs & MSPs.

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www.x.com/SNP_Socialists

Website: ukrainesolidarity.scot/snpsocialists.wordpress.com/memberships/

TABLE 05



Young Scots for Independence (YSI)

The YSI is the affiliated youth wing of the SNP for members under the age of 30.

Email: contact@ysiscotland.com

Website: www.ysiscotland.com

Social Media:

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Facebook:

www.facebook.com/YSINational

Instagram:

www.instagram.com/YSINATIONAL/

TABLE 08



TUG

The official SNP group for trade union members, and the party's largest affiliate. Promoting independence among workers and trade unionism within the SNP. For economic and social justice, a green industrial/Just Transition strategy, and full powers for Scotland.

Contact details:

Social Media: X/Twitter: @TUG_SNP.

Follow and messages there.

TABLE 06



Out For Independence (OFI)

Out for Independence is the SNP's LGBTQ+ affiliate group. We represent our members' interests, champion LGBTQ policy, and campaign for a fair, progressive, and independent Scotland.

Website: info@outforindy.scot

Email: outforindy.scot/

TABLE 09



SNP Students

The Federation of Student Nationalists (SNP Students) are the Student wing of the SNP. Our University societies lead discussion, debate, and social events across the year to engage students in politics and our party.

Instagram: @SNPStudents

Twitter: @SNP Students

TABLE 07



Disabled Members Group (DMG)

Represents the Disabled Members of the party.

Email: snpdmg74@gmail.com

Social: @SNP_dmg

TABLE 10



WASPI

WASPI Scotland was formed in 2017 to highlight the injustices suffered by 50's born women as a result of State Pension Acts 1995 & 2011, enforcing State Pension age delays of up to 6 years, with little or no notice, affecting 345,000 in Scotland.

Scotland's Hearts Need More



British Heart
Foundation
Scotland

British Heart Foundation is the UK's leading independent funder of cardiovascular disease research. BHF Scotland campaign to protect heart health, improve services for patients, and work towards a future where everyone has a healthier heart for longer.

Come visit BHF Scotland at Stand 27 to hear more about why Scotland's Hearts Need More.



EIS FRINGE MEETING

EDUCATION MATTERS

Adam Sutcliffe, EIS President, and Stuart Brown, EIS Assistant General Secretary, discuss the current issues in Scottish Education with Jenny Gilruth MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. Followed by a Q & A session.

Date: Saturday 11th October

Room: Meeting Room 2, Level 1, TECA

Time: 17.00 - 18.00

Refreshments: Tea/coffee and light snacks

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NASUWT Scotland

Saturday 11th October

12h30 - 13h30

Meeting Room 1, Level 1, TECA

Education in the New Parliament

Education is a key priority for any new Government or Parliament, and NASUWT has plenty of ideas about what should be done in this field – from embedding the National Action Plan on Relationships & Behaviour and reducing tortuous teacher bureaucracy, to making progress on planned education reforms. Come and hear NASUWT National Official, Mike Corbett, and others share their suggestions on what education should look like in the future.

Speakers:

Mike Corbett,
NASUWT Scotland National Official

Jenny Gilruth MSP, Cabinet Secretary for
Education and Skills

Cllr Christina Cannon, Glasgow City Council



University of
St Andrews

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Saturday 11th October

12h30 - 13h30

Meeting Room 3, Level 1, TECA

The world is at a critical crossroads in the energy transition – a shift that will define the future of our planet. While renewable energy is growing and clean technologies are advancing, fossil fuels remain the dominant source of global energy consumption. The system is evolving rapidly and will look very different by 2030 and beyond, affecting the lives of us all.

Join an expert panel as they explore the opportunities and challenges of the transition to net zero. What steps must we take to meet our climate goals – and what lies beyond?

Speakers include:

Kate Forbes MSP, Deputy First Minister and
Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic

Professor John Irvine CBE,
University of St Andrews

Natalie Coupar, Communications and
Marketing Director, OEUK

Guy Jefferson, Transmission Managing
Director, SP Energy Network





End Child Poverty Coalition

Saturday 11th October

12h30 - 13h30

Meeting Room 4, Level 1, TECA

The Scotland that is possible: eradicating child poverty

The Scottish Government has made significant progress on tackling child poverty in recent years, with policies like the Scottish Child Payment driving down child poverty despite it rising across the UK. However, we are still not on course to meet the Scottish Parliament's child poverty targets by 2030.

Join members of the End Child Poverty Coalition in Scotland to explore what must happen now to deliver for children and families and make the progress we need towards fulfilling the First Minister's number one priority.

Speakers:

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP,
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

Mary Glasgow, Chief Executive, Children 1st

Dave Hawkey, Senior Research Fellow
IPPR Scotland

A parent from the Changing Realities project

Chair:

John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action
Group in Scotland



Community Pharmacy Scotland

Saturday 11th October

12h30 - 13h30

Meeting Room 5, Level 1, TECA

Prevent, detect and treat: a manifesto for community pharmacy

We believe that, with the right investment, community pharmacies across Scotland can do so much more to prevent, detect and treat ill health. Our members operate over 1200 pharmacies right in the heart of communities, supporting the people of Scotland to access NHS care and treatment as close to home as possible. Come along to hear our ideas and evidence for future services that will support the renewal of the NHS and deliver a healthier Scotland.

Speakers:

Adam Osprey, Head of Policy and
Development, Community Pharmacy Scotland

Gordon Winter, Policy Officer,
Community Pharmacy Scotland

Clare Haughey MSP

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Social Care and
Mental Wellbeing





Saturday 11 October

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME



Amnesty International UK

Saturday 11th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 6, Level 1, TECA

Human rights in Scotland: 2026 and beyond

As we witness rights roll backs across the UK and globally, we need politicians who stand for human rights more than ever. A domestic framework that enforces fundamental protections is vital to protect and rebuild living standards and truly begin to address the root causes of poverty and inequality in Scotland. Join Amnesty International and a range of speakers to discuss how and why the next Scottish government must prioritise human rights.

Speakers:

Karen Adam MSP



Chartered
Institute of
Housing
Scotland



Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, Shelter Scotland

Saturday 11th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 7, Level 1, TECA

A Road Map for Ending the Housing Emergency

Join a coalition of leading housing organisations to discuss how we can work together to end the national housing emergency and what a future SNP Government should put at the heart of their plans on housing. We will look at new research into how many social and affordable homes we need to build as a country and the level of investment needed to make sure that everybody has a home which is safe, warm and affordable. Lunch will be provided.

Speakers:

Alison Watson, Director, Shelter Scotland

Callum Chomczuk, Director, CIH Scotland

Richard Meade, Chief Executive, SFHA





Robert Gordon University and North East Scotland College

Saturday 11th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 8, Level 1, TECA

Unlocking Skills for Scotland's Future

Scotland's future prosperity depends on equipping people with the skills to meet evolving economic, social and technological challenges. This joint panel, hosted by Robert Gordon University and North East Scotland College will explore how the North East can lead the way in developing the workforce of tomorrow. Speakers will explore the role of colleges and universities in supporting economic transformation and social mobility. The discussion will highlight pathways into education and training, the importance of lifelong learning, and the power of collaboration. Join us to discuss what Scotland, its learners and employers need and expect from our universities and colleges.

Speakers:

Chair: Susan Elston, NESCol Regional Chair, and RGU Board Member

Stephen Flynn, MP for Aberdeen South

Dr Duncan Cockburn,
RGU Deputy Vice Chancellor

Neil Cowie, NESCol Principal

Zoe Frieslick, RGU Graduate



Third Sector Social Care CEO Group

Saturday 11th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 9, Level 1, TECA

Building a Brighter Future for Social Care

Social Care in Scotland faces a huge number of challenges, as financial instability and growing costs hamper efforts in the sector to meet needs and deliver quality services. Join us for a discussion with CEO's and senior staff from some of the leading social care charities in Scotland, as they explore the incredible work that is undertaken daily by staff, alongside their ideas and opportunities for reform and redesign.

Social Care is one of the most pressing challenges and greatest opportunities of our time – building a better future for the sector will help build a better future for Scotland.

Speakers:

Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing

Dorry McLaughlin, CEO,
Scottish Autism (Chair)

Austen Smyth, CEO,
The Richmond Fellowship Scotland

Eilidh McDonald, Senior Operations Manager,
Carr Gomm

Martin Booth, Chief Finance Officer, Enable





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Fire Brigade Union

Saturday 11th October

12h30 – 13h30

Conference Suite 3, Level 1, TECA

The need for political vision to deliver a modern, worker-focused, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

The fire and rescue framework 2022 set out Scottish Ministers' expectations of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to deliver against 7 strategic priorities. Without political vision – and the political will – delivery against these priorities will remain aspirational, failing Scotland's firefighters and communities. Join us to hear how the FBU, representing over 80% of Scotland's firefighters, has a worker-led vision that can deliver for Scotland, and why any future Scottish Government must spend to secure a modern, safe, fit-for-purpose, world-leading emergency service.

Speakers:

Colin Brown, FBU Scotland Executive Council Member

John McKenzie, FBU Scotland Regional Secretary

Jamie Hepburn MSP



Holyrood Magazine and OEUK

Saturday 11th October

12h30 – 13h30

Conference Suite 4, Level 1, TECA

Powering Scotland's Future: Building on our Industrial and Energy Heritage

A successful energy and industrial transition can deliver the economic growth needed, and Scotland is at the heart of that. Reaching net zero by 2050 will require changes to every industry, region, and part of society but we must choose to do this by building on our world-leading energy industrial heritage and skilled workforce. This panel will explore the policies, partnerships, and investment needed to ensure we deliver decarbonisation not deindustrialisation, creating growth opportunities across the country and a just transition for workers and communities.

Speakers:

Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy

David Whitehouse, CEO, OEUK

Kirstie Langan, Global Business Development Director, Project Development International Limited PDI

Chair:

Mandy Rhodes, Editor, Holyrood Magazine



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Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS)

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 2, Level 1, TECA

Education Matters

Adam Sutcliffe, EIS President, and Stuart Brown, EIS Assistant General Secretary, discuss the current issues in Scottish Education with Jenny Gilruth MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. Followed by a Q & A session.

Speakers:

Jenny Gilruth MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Stuart Brown, EIS Assistant General Secretary

Adam Sutcliffe, EIS President



Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 3, Level 1, TECA

A New Vision for Scotland's Coalfields

Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) is hosting a Fringe Event at the SNP Conference to highlight the challenges and opportunities facing former coalfield communities. The session will focus on inequalities, employment, and investment needs, showcasing CRT's work to support local people and unlock potential. Delegates will hear how targeted policy and resources can create fairer futures in these communities, ensuring they are not left behind.

Speakers:

Colin Beattie MSP for Midlothian North and Musselburgh

Bob Young, CRT Trustee

Pauline Grandison, CRT, Head of Operations (Scotland)

Gary Porter, CRT, Regeneration Development Manager





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The Centre for Public Policy, University of Glasgow

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 4, Level 1, TECA

Can Child Poverty be Eradicated?

“People often say that the eradication of child poverty is an impossibility. That is true if Scotland remains the same as it is today, but my ambition... is for a very different Scotland.”
– FM, January 2025

Child poverty eradication is the SNP's top priority, with ambitious 2030 targets. Progress has been made, but major challenges remain.

Does the Scottish Government have the powers to eradicate child poverty? What more can be done within devolved powers and working across governments and sectors? Who is accountable if targets are missed?

Inspired by the State of Poverty project by the Centre for Public Policy, supported by the Robertson Trust.

Speakers:

Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice,
Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP

Professor Nicola McEwen, Director of the
Centre for Public Policy

Professor Kezia Dugdale, Associate Director of
the Centre for Public Policy

Chris Birt, Associate Director for Scotland,
Wales and Northern Ireland, Joseph Rowntree
Foundation



Terrence Higgins Trust and Waverley Care

Saturday 11 October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 5, Level 1, TECA

One Parliament Left to End New Cases of HIV

Scotland could be the first country in the world to end new transmissions of HIV, and the next Scottish Parliament could be the one to achieve this historic feat. Join the Terrence Higgins Trust and Waverley Care as we discuss what action is required to end new cases of HIV in Scotland by 2030.

Sponsored by Gilead Sciences.

Speakers:

Jenni Minto MSP, Minister for Public Health
and Women's Health

Cllr Lloyd Melville, SNP Candidate for
Angus South (Chair)

Richard Angell OBE, Chief Executive,
Terrence Higgins Trust

Grant Sugden, Chief Executive, Waverley Care

Emma McAnally





Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund and Oxfam

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 6, Level 1, TECA

Is Scotland a good global citizen? What should Scotland's role in an uncertain world be?

Hear speakers explore the role Scotland has played and can play for a fairer world in these globally volatile times for international development and climate change. And where the opportunities may lie going forward.

Speakers:

Frances Guy, SIDA (Chair)

Stephen Gethins MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson (International Affairs)

Dr Claire Duncanson, Senior Lecturer in International Affairs, University of Edinburgh

Jamie Livingstone, Head of Oxfam Scotland

Anne Callaghan, Advocacy and Campaigns Officer, SCIAF

Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 7, Level 1, TECA

Now or never: saving Scotland's NHS from a public health crisis

A public health crisis looms, with more and more people living with long term conditions and our healthcare system struggling to keep up. We need urgent change to make sure the NHS can be there for everyone when they need it. Join us for this conversation with Cabinet Secretary Neil Gray, chaired by Libby Brooks of the Guardian, to explore how NHS reform can benefit people living with the effects of stroke, heart disease, respiratory disease and Long Covid through prioritising community services, prevention, and collaboration with the third sector.

Speakers:

Libby Brooks, Guardian Scotland Correspondent

Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

Jane Claire Judson, CEO of Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland

Amy Callaghan, CHSS Political Advisor and former MP for East Dunbartonshire





Saturday 11 October

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Open Seas and Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 8, Level 1, TECA

The Economic Case for Low-Impact Fishing

Scotland has six times more sea than land, and accounts for 60% of UK seas. Scotland not only has a leadership role to play but incredible economic opportunities. Low-impact fisheries have shown to yield better economic returns, with lower environmental impacts and benefits for local coastal communities, ensuring that a next generation is equipped for sustainable jobs. Join us for a panel discussion on the economics drivers around low impact fisheries backed by lived experience and scientific evidence and how these fisheries should be further incentivised and supported through measures such as quota reform and marine spatial management.

Speakers:

Bally Philp, Scottish Creel Fishermen's Federation Outreach Officer and working creel fisherman

Gina Brown, Restaurateur of Murray Arms in Orkney

Nick Swanney, Orkney scallop diver and skipper of a dive vessel

Anna Safryghin, Open Seas Research Manager

Cllr Christian Allard, Co-Leader of Aberdeen City Council



Knight Vinke

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 9, Level 1, TECA

Rethinking North Sea Wind - creating a UK clean energy super major

A fresh look at how the UK can truly harness the economic, and energy security value of the North Sea's wind. North Sea wind could generate more energy than produced fossil fuel giant Aramco.

The opportunity before us is to create a UK-based "green energy super-major" to step into the shoes of BP and Shell as they turn their backs on renewables. Technology now enables us to totally eradicate intermittency in offshore wind. At the same time breathing new life into Britain's industrial heritage creating thousands of skilled jobs – adding £2-3 billion to the UK economy per GW.

Speakers:

Eric Knight, CEO and Founder of Knight Vinke

Stephen Flynn MP, Leader of SNP Group at Westminster



UNISON Scotland and The Poverty Alliance

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Conference Suite 3, Level 1, TECA

Public services: the heart of a fairer Scotland

Investing in staff is key to improving public services – they are by people for people. Public services keep our communities safe, clean and improve our well-being. They provide opportunities and safety nets for those who need them most. Over a million people in Scotland live in poverty, 500,000 in deep poverty, 240,000 are children. These shameful figures have changed little in over a decade. It is essential that we invest to support our most vulnerable. Public services are at the heart of tackling poverty. We will not end poverty without investing in our public services workforce.

Speakers:

Kirsty Blackman MP

Lilian Macer, UNISON Scottish Secretary

Peter Kelly, the Poverty Alliance CEO



Holyrood Magazine and Coca Cola

Saturday 11th October

17h00 – 18h00

Conference Suite 4, Level 1, TECA

Holyrood In Conversation with Deputy First Minister, Kate Forbes

The deputy first minister reflects on politics, family, the economy and her plans for the future in a relaxed 'in conversation' with Holyrood Magazine's editor following her announcement to not stand for election in 2026.

Speakers:

Kate Forbes MSP, Deputy First Minister

Chair:

Mandy Rhodes, Editor, Holyrood Magazine





Saturday 11 October

SATURDAY AFTERNOON



Westminster Reception

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Scottish Parliament Reception

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Time and Date:

**5 – 6pm
Saturday
11th October**

Venue:

**Meeting Room 9,
Level 1, TECA**



Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY BREAKFAST



IPPR Scotland

Sunday 12th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 1, Level 1, TECA

A Modern Industrial Strategy for Scotland

Scotland has long-standing capabilities and specialisms in a range of manufacturing industries including aerospace, shipbuilding and food and drink as well as emerging strengths in sectors such as satellite production. The net zero transition offers Scotland potentially huge opportunities in the design, manufacture, deployment, and export of low carbon technologies, and Government at all levels already recognises the benefits (higher wages, investment, R&D and exports) of a strong manufacturing sector. This event will explore what public policy at devolved and UK level can do to maximise the economic, social, and environmental benefits from industrial development in Scotland.

Speakers:

Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Public Finance

Sara Tiam, Chief Executive, Prosper

Chair:

Stephen Boyd, Director, IPPR Scotland



Future Economy Scotland

Sunday 12th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 2, Level 1, TECA

Funding Scotland's Future: Where Next for the Public Finances?

Scotland faces its most challenging fiscal outlook since the establishment of the Scottish Parliament. If Scotland is to safeguard public services and deliver on its long-term policy commitments, it is vital that political parties start to have an honest debate on fiscal policy – and do not shy away from bold reforms. As the 2026 Scottish election approaches, this event will bring together leading experts and policymakers to examine the pressures facing Scotland's public finances, and explore the policy options available to deliver a sustainable fiscal future.

Speakers:

Chair: Laurie Macfarlane, Co-Director at Future Economy Scotland

Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

David Phillips, Head of Devolved Government Finances, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)

Sara Cowan, Director, Scottish Women's Budget Group





Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Uplift

Sunday 12th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 3, Level 1, TECA

How can the SNP make a fair North Sea transition a reality?

This panel will bring together SNP politicians, energy experts, unions and civil society to discuss opportunities for delivering a genuinely fair energy transition in the North Sea.

Looking ahead to the 2026 Scottish Parliament elections and the next parliamentary session, the panellists will explore what tangible steps the Scottish Government and the SNP can take to support North East communities and the oil and gas workforce, whilst delivering against climate ambitions and maintaining a reliable supply of energy.

Speakers:

Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy

Graham Leadbitter, SNP MP for Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey, and Westminster Shadow Spokesperson for Energy Security and Net Zero

Tessa Khan, Executive Director, Uplift

Dr Daria Shapovalova, Senior Lecturer in Energy Law, University of Aberdeen

Claire Peden, Unite the Union (invited, TBC)



SNP8

MEMBERS ONLY

Sunday 12th October
9h15 – 10h15
Meeting Room 4, Level 1, TECA

Towards the Manifesto – Child Poverty and Public Services

Join us for this important fringe event, where members are invited to share ideas and help shape the future of Scotland. Together, we will explore bold and practical solutions to achieve our goals of eradicating child poverty and building sustainable, high-quality public services that work for everyone. Your thoughts and experiences will help shape the 2026 Holyrood manifesto. This is your chance to influence party policy, strengthen our vision for a fairer Scotland, and ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive. Please join us, contribute, and be part of creating lasting change for Scotland's future.

PREGNANT THEN SCREWED **JRF** JOSEPH ROWNTREE FOUNDATION

Pregnant Then Screwed, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation & Scottish Women's Budget Group

Sunday 12th October
09h15 – 10h15
Meeting Room 5, Level 1, TECA

What Next for Childcare in Scotland?

In *Scotland's Future*, the Scottish Government set out bold ambitions for Early Learning and Childcare. Some progress has been made with the expansion of funded hours, yet too many families across Scotland still struggle to access the childcare they need because of high costs and limited availability.

A 2023 commitment to expand funded childcare remains unfulfilled, so how can we strengthen the current system?

Join us for a timely discussion to explore these challenges and consider how the 2026 Holyrood election could provide a platform for delivering a better future for families.

Speakers:

Rachel Grocott, Pregnant Then Screwed

Jack Evans, JRF

Naveed Hakeem,
Scottish Women's Budget Group.

Emma Roddick MSP



Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

BritishRedCross

British Red Cross

Sunday 12th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 6, Level 1, TECA

Building community resilience and preparedness in times of crisis

The UK faces a growing number of threats and crises, both domestic and overseas. Floods and heatwaves, storms and pandemics, these events expose the strengths and weaknesses of national resilience in the UK and the systems designed to protect the public.

Drawing on new research by the Red Cross into the impacts of flooding on communities and households also affected by socio-economic deprivation, this event will highlight the importance of effective leadership and the human consequences of getting this right. It will explore how Government and local leaders can lead more effectively during and in preparation for crises and emergencies.

Speakers:

Siobhian Brown MSP, Minister for Victims and Community Safety

Rob Murray, British Red Cross Director for Scotland



National Autistic Society Scotland and Scottish Autism

Sunday 12th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 8, Level 1, TECA

Closing the Accountability Gap: what next for the LDAN Bill?

The Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill has the potential to be transformative. But the delay to the Bill has left autistic people and people with learning disabilities waiting even longer for change.

At this fringe event, a panel of speakers will explore the ever-growing accountability gap that means autistic people and people with learning disabilities' rights are not upheld, and what needs to happen next to realise the ambition of the LDAN Bill.

Speakers:

Dorry McLaughlin, CEO of Scottish Autism

Rob Holland, Director of National Autistic Society Scotland

Aimee Fletcher

Charleen Morton

Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing



Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME



IPPR Scotland

Sunday 12th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 1, Level 1, TECA

GB Energy and the acceleration of renewables in Scotland

The electricity sector is changing at breakneck pace. But what does this mean for Scotland? The UK is overhauling the organisation of the energy sector, nationalising the system operator, creating new forms of strategic energy planning and establishing GB Energy as a new publicly-owned energy company based in Aberdeen. The growing urgency of climate action and the emergence of more hands-on forms of governance create new opportunities to realise the promise of a just transition. This event will explore the role that Scottish government, local authorities and local communities should play in shaping the direction of the transition?

Speakers:

Stephen Flynn MP

Damien Zachlod, Managing Director, EnBW

Claire Mack, Chief Executive, Scottish Renewables

Chair:

Dave Hawkey, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR Scotland



Hospice UK and Marie Curie Scotland

Sunday 12th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 2, Level 1, TECA

Beyond Assisted Dying: Fixing Palliative and End of Life Care for All

Everyone deserves to be well cared for and supported at the end of their life, but too many people are missing out on the palliative care and support they need. Irrespective of any change in the law on assisted dying, we need to fix palliative and end of life care. Join an urgent conversation on the reforms we need to ensure everyone gets the palliative care and support they need.

Speakers:

Bob Doris MSP

Amy Dalrymple, Associate Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Marie Curie

Helen Malo, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Manager

Jenni Minto MSP, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health





Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Sunday 12th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 3, Level 1, TECA

Driving economic growth through improved public transport in the West of Scotland

This event will explore the vital role of public transport in driving economic growth across the West of Scotland. Reliable, efficient networks connect people to jobs, education and services, while attracting investment, supporting local businesses and strengthening regional competitiveness. Through discussion of major SPT-led initiatives – including the Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy, Clyde Metro and other priority programmes – this event will highlight how modern transport solutions can boost productivity, improve connectivity and deliver lasting prosperity. Key themes include current strengths and challenges, economic impact, funding and delivery, success stories, and a future vision for unlocking the region's potential.

Speakers:

Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport

Valerie Davidson, Chief Executive, SPT

Duncan Cameron, Managing Director, Firstbus Scotland

Richard McGuckin, Executive Director, Place, at Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

Gareth Williams, Head of Policy, Prosper



Planet Youth

Sunday 12th October

12:30 – 13:30

Meeting Room 4, Level 1, TECA

From Reykjavik to Rothesay: Youth Voice and Upstream Prevention

Explore how the internationally proven Planet Youth model is already reshaping prevention in Scotland – empowering communities through data gathered from young people to take long-term, local action. This session will highlight how existing funds can be redirected to strengthen protective environments, delay harmful behaviours, and improve wellbeing. From parent cafés in the Highlands to cross-sector collaboration in Dundee, discover how this generational strategy can reduce future public spending while supporting children to thrive – not by accident, but by design. Join us to discuss Scotland's opportunity to lead a national, youth-led prevention movement.

Speakers:

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy and Sport

Zahra Hedges, Chief Executive, Winning Scotland

Margrét (Magga) Lilja Guðmundsdóttir, Chief Knowledge Officer, Planet Youth (Iceland)

Chair:

Catriona Stewart, Education Correspondent, The Scotsman





NFU Scotland

Sunday 12th October
12h30 – 13h30
Meeting Room 5, Level 1, TECA

The Future of Farming and Crofting

Scottish agriculture produces high-quality food, helps to tackle climate change, enhances biodiversity and supports rural communities. Join our fringe, chaired by NFU Scotland President Andrew Connon, with NFU Scotland Deputy CEO and Director of Policy Jonnie Hall as speaker, to discuss the issues that are currently impacting agricultural businesses across Scotland and hear about the changes being made as we look to deliver the ambitions of the Scottish Government and secure a profitable and sustainable farming and crofting future.

Speakers:

Jonnie Hall, Deputy CEO and Director of Policy, NFU Scotland

Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity

Chair:

Andrew Connon, President, NFU Scotland



Prosper & Nationwide Building Society

Sunday 12th October
12h30 – 13h30
Meeting Room 6, Level 1, TECA

As Scotland faces a growing housing affordability crisis, the path to homeownership for first-time buyers (FTBs) is becoming increasingly difficult. Rising house prices, stagnant wages, limited access to mortgage finance, and inadequate savings support are just some of the barriers preventing young people from stepping onto the property ladder.

This session brings together a panel of experts to discuss how targeted policy reforms – and stronger collaboration between the public and private sectors – can unlock solutions for aspiring homeowners. With new insights from Nationwide Building Society, we'll explore how to turn challenges into opportunities and ensure that more people in Scotland can call a place home.

Speakers include:

Mairi McAllan MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Housing

David Raine, Policy Manager, Homes for Scotland

Susan Aktemel, Founder, Homes for Good

Damian Thompson, Landlord Commercial Director, Nationwide





Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME



**Independent
Age**

Independent Age

Sunday 12th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 7, Level 1, TECA

Why action on pensioner poverty is essential: looking ahead to the 2026 election

Independent Age is the national charity for older people on low incomes.

Today in Scotland, 160,000 pensioners live in poverty – more than at any time in almost 20 years. As we approach the 2026 Scottish Parliamentary election, what changes are needed so our systems deliver security, not struggle, for older people in Scotland?

Join us, to discuss the experiences of older people living in poverty and what the solutions are. You'll also hear from researcher and pollster, Mark Diffley, about our exclusive polling on the lives and views of older voters in Scotland.

Speakers:

Morvan Vine, Independent Age

Mark Diffley, Diffley Partnership

Mhairi Robertson, Coatbridge CAB

Kirsty Blackman MP



**Save the
Children.**

Save the Children

Sunday 12th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 8, Level 1, TECA

Taking the public with us: Why we need to tell a new story about child poverty

Hosted by Save the Children and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, this event will explore how we can use the power of public support to end child poverty. We will share new polling on public opinion, alongside evidence-based research on the messages that will resonate with people in Scotland. Ahead of the Scottish Parliament elections, it is critical that government and political parties act on the issues that matter most to people. This research provides the tools to connect with the public and drive action that is needed to meet the 2030 child poverty targets.

Speakers:

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

Chris Birt, Associate Director, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Save the Children Speaker





Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC)

Sunday 12th October
12h30 – 13h30
Conference Suite 1C, Level 1, TECA

Justice for Palestine: Confronting genocide & ending apartheid

PSC is Britain's largest organisation dedicated to securing Palestinian rights. With around 90 local branches and 15 affiliated national trade unions, we're building a mass movement to end Israeli apartheid. With Israel currently standing trial for genocide at the International Court of Justice, it is more important than ever for the SNP to mobilise in support of Palestine. Join our fringe to find out more.

Speakers:

Dr Ghassan Abu-Sitta (TBC),
Surgeon & Rector of the University of Glasgow

Chris Law MP (TBC)

Louise Regan, Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Zainah Haroun



REVIVE

Sunday 12th October
12h30 – 13h30
Conference Suite 3, Level 1, TECA

What Scotland Wants: Real Land Reform

This land is your land – but 421 people and companies own half of Scotland's private land, holding back the country's potential for far too long.

Last year, we launched Scotland's The Big Land Question to challenge this imbalance. The results are in – and they're set to shape the future of the debate. Is the SNP the main party for land reform?

Scotland wants real land reform. Join us to explore how the SNP can now deliver it – for the people, wildlife, and the environment.

Speakers:

Eliza Chiswell, Campaigns Officer, REVIVE (Chair)

Max Wiszniewski, Campaigns Manager for REVIVE

Mark Diffley, Founder and Director of Diffley Partnership

Alasdair Allan MSP





Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME



WWF Scotland

Sunday 12th October

12h30 – 13h30

Conference Suite 4, Level 1, TECA

EcoNomic Boom: Green Jobs for a Thriving Scottish Economy

In the run up to the next election, this event will explore how the SNP can establish its climate ambition. Join WWF Scotland to discuss what a just transition means for Scotland and how the next parliament can keep Scotland at the forefront of global decarbonisation and ensure the opportunities of a just transition – energy security, good-quality jobs, local growth – are shared by all.

Speakers:

Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy

Sara Thiam, Chief Executive, Prosper Scotland

Lang Banks, Director, WWF Scotland

Representative from Future Economy Scotland



VENUE: HILTON HOTEL



Scottish Police Federation

Sunday 12th October

12h30 – 13h30

Bucksburn Suite, Ground Floor, Hilton Hotel

Policing in Scotland from 2026 to 2030

What will the SNP's approach to policing look like if it wins next year's election? Officers provide a vital service every day, but warnings about workload and the relentless nature of life on the front line cause concern. Come and hear first-hand from our speakers about the future of policing in Scotland.

Speakers:

David Kennedy, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation

Siobhian Brown MSP, Minister for Victims and Community Safety

Chair:

Chris Green, Quantum Communications



Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY AFTERNOON



IPPR Scotland

Sunday 12th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 1, Level 1, TECA

Maximising Economic Opportunities Across All Scotland's Regions

Scotland has a number of exciting economic opportunities, particularly in emerging renewable energy and other low carbon sectors. It is widely envisaged that development of these sectors and associated supply chains will help to rebalance Scotland's economy on a regional basis, providing good job opportunities and helping to reverse depopulation especially across the highlands and islands. Yet, significant barriers – particularly around skills, housing and transport infrastructure – threaten the ability of Scotland's regions to maximise the economic and social benefits of the net zero transition. This event will explore what needs to change to maximise economic opportunity across Scotland.

Speakers:

Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

Jennifer Craw MBE, Chief Executive, Opportunity North East

Chair:

Stephen Boyd, Director, IPPR Scotland



Vision
Collaborative
Scotland

Vision Collaborative Scotland

Sunday 12th October

17:00 – 18:00

Meeting Room 2, Level 1, TECA

Making sure everyone gets the support they need after sight loss

Too many people in Scotland aren't receiving the essential support they need following sight loss. Vision rehabilitation, delivered by local authorities, can transform lives and help maintain independence. This event, organised by Vision Collaborative Scotland, brings together politicians, vision rehabilitation professionals, and people with experience of receiving rehabilitation support. We'll explore the difference investment in specialist training, workforce development, and quality standards could make to vision rehabilitation provision.

Sponsored by Sight Scotland, RNIB, Guide Dogs, Visibility Scotland and Thomas Pocklington Trust.

Speakers:

Stuart McMillan MSP

Tom Arthur MSP, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing

Susan Shippey, Head of Strategic Partnerships, Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans

Gillian Hallard, NHS Engagement Manager Scotland, RNIB Scotland

Frank Beeby, Glasgow Sight Loss Council Member

Samantha Duncan, Visibility Scotland Vision Rehabilitation Specialist





Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY AFTERNOON



**Save the
Children.**

Save the Children

Sunday 12th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 3, Level 1, TECA

A Better for Babies Guarantee: ensuring there are no limits to childhoods

There should be no limits to childhoods, but over one in three families with a baby in Scotland are being held back by the impacts of poverty. This event will discuss why the first year is so crucial in terms of defining future outcomes for babies across their childhoods and into adulthood, and why it is the time when the impacts of poverty can be the severer and most lasting. We will discuss what Scotland must do to drive down poverty rates for families with a baby and make sure all families are supported to thrive.

Speakers:

Chair: Fiona King, Head of Policy and Influencing, Save the Children

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

Suzi Murning, Influencing Manager, Save the Children



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NESTA

Sunday 12th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 4, Level 1, TECA

From promise to progress; closing the healthy weight implementation gap.

With the recent publication of the 10 Year Population Health Framework and Good Food Nation plan, our panel will explore how we turn these policy promises into meaningful progress on increasing healthy weight.

Join us as we take a deep dive into what's stopped policy ambitions being delivered to date, exploring key lessons, the need for bold action on the highest impact policies, the roles of government, industry and wider civil society, the importance of cross sector collaboration and the need to embrace innovation using test and learn approaches to help us go further, and faster, in improving food environments.

Speakers:

Jenni Minto MSP, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health

David Thomson, CEO, Food and Drink Federation Scotland

Jon Roden, NCD Alliance

Pennie Taylor - Chair

Frances Bain, Nesta



Crisis

Sunday 12 October 2025

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 5, Level 1, TECA

End Homelessness by 2040

A safe, stable home is the foundation for a healthy life. But across Scotland, more people are being forced into homelessness every day.

It doesn't need to be this way – with the right action, and enough political will, we can end all forms of homelessness in Scotland by 2040.

Join Crisis and a panel of experts to learn more about our new campaign, ahead of the 2026 Scottish Parliament elections.

Speakers:

Rebecca McCurdy, The Herald (Chair)

Mairi McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Housing

Matt Downie, Chief Executive, Crisis

Emma Roddick MSP

Crisis member



Scottish Environment LINK, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland, Oxfam Scotland

Sunday 12th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 6, Level 1, TECA

Credible climate and nature leadership: how the SNP can win votes in 2026

Join Scotland's leading environmental organisations to hear how climate and nature action can win votes in 2026.

People in Scotland want faster and fairer measures to reduce emissions and to drive nature recovery, unlocking benefits for everyone. In this fringe, hosted by organisations collectively representing over one million people in Scotland, we'll discuss new research highlighting the importance of fairness and effective narratives, as well as actions that will resonate with Scotland's voters.

Speakers:

Becky Kenton-Lake, Coalition Manager at Stop Climate Chaos Scotland

Dr Chris Pollard, Senior Researcher at Climate Outreach

Jamie Livingstone, Head of Oxfam Scotland

Dan Paris, Director of Policy & Engagement at Scottish Environment LINK

Alistair Allan MSP





Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY AFTERNOON



the promise
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WHO
CARES?
SCOTLAND

The Promise Scotland & Who Cares? Scotland

Sunday 12th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 7, Level 1, TECA

Ensuring all children grow up loved, safe and respected: what matters now to keep the promise by 2030

On the 5th of February 2020, Scotland made a promise that by 2030, all children would grow up loved, safe and respected so that they can realise their full potential. As Scotland reaches the midway point to 2030 and approaches an election, it is as important as it has always been that the existing commitment from all parties in the Scottish Parliament is sustained. Join us as we reflect on the progress made so far, and discuss what still must be done to create meaningful and transformational change in the lives of children, young people, families and care experienced adults.

Speakers:

Nicola Sturgeon MSP

Fraser McKinlay, Chief Executive, The Promise Scotland

Louise Hunter, Chief Executive, Who Cares? Scotland

Ryan McShane, Member of The Oversight Board for the promise

Ethan Mulhall, Member of Who Cares? Scotland



The Ferret

Good journalism changes things

Transparency International UK and the Ferret

Sunday 12th October

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 8, Level 1, TECA

Can you keep a secret? Tackling hidden ownership of Scottish assets

Transparency International UK and the Ferret invite you to come and discuss unpacking hidden ownership of land, improvements in transparency, and what more still needs to be done.

We will be asking: How is ownership of land and property in Scotland hidden, including overseas ownership? What more might be done by the UK government to act on land ownership transparency including in the overseas territories? Are asset transparency rules in Scotland working effectively? How might open government principles in Scotland notably on beneficial ownership transparency help avoid corruption risks associated with opacity?

Speakers:

Juliet Swann, Nations & Regions Programme Manager, Transparency International UK

Margot Mollat, Senior Policy Manager, Transparency International UK

Jamie Mann, Investigative Reporter, The Ferret

Emma Harper MSP





Quantum Communications

Sunday 12 October 2025

17h00 – 18h00

Meeting Room 9, Level 1, TECA

Meet the Candidates

With the countdown to the 2026 Scottish Parliament election underway, come and hear directly from some of the SNP candidates hoping to win seats and shape the course of the next Holyrood term.

Hosted by Quantum Communications, this engaging and informal fringe will include a panel discussion with SNP candidates standing for election across Scotland, where they will set out their motivations, ambitions and hopes for the future. It will also include an audience Q&A session and opportunities for networking.

Speakers:

Alan Roden, Co-CEO and Co-founder, Quantum Communications (Chair)

Laura Mitchell, SNP Candidate for Moray

Simita Kumar, SNP Candidate for Edinburgh South Western

Alyn Smith, SNP Candidate for Stirling

Heather Anderson, SNP Candidate for Dundee City West



Holyrood Skills Hub

Sunday 12th October

17h00 – 18h00

Conference Suite 3, Level 1, TECA

Future Skills for Scotland

This panel discussion will explore the skills Scotland's workforce needs to thrive in the years ahead. Speakers will consider how to address existing skills gaps, support lifelong learning, and equip people to drive both economic growth and social progress. The event will highlight practical steps that can strengthen Scotland's capacity to meet future economic and social challenges.

Speakers:

Ben MacPherson MSP, Minister for Higher and Further Education

Clare Adamson MSP

Martin Boyle, Director, Open University

Chair:

Kirsteen Paterson, Journalist, Holyrood Magazine





Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Holyrood Health Hub

Sunday 12th October

17h00 – 18h00

Conference Suite 4, Level 1, TECA

Building Scotland's Forward Thinking Sustainable Health and Care System

This year's Holyrood Health Hub will focus on establishing the steps that need to be taken to create a sustainable, forward-thinking health and care sector in Scotland. Bringing together representatives from the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE), the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP), the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), we will explore how we can support the workforce and create a sustainable system through strategies like prioritised preventative and community-focused care.

Speakers:

Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

Kenryck Lloyd-Jones, Public Affairs and Policy Manager for Scotland, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP)

Colin Poolman, Scotland Director, Royal College Nursing Scotland (RCN)

Dr Marion Slater, Co-Dean of Training, Co-Dean of Training

Dr Mairi Stark, RCPCH Scottish Officer, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)

Chair:

Chris Marshall, Deputy Editor, Holyrood Magazine



Sunday 12 October

SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Gibraltar Reception

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Scottish Whisky Association Reception

Invitation Only



Channel 4 Reception

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Media Reception

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Monday 13 October

MONDAY BREAKFAST

Political Education Officer Drop-In

MEMBERS ONLY

Monday 13th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 1, Level 1, TECA

This is an informal drop-in session for Political Education Officers. Come along for an open space to ask questions, share experiences, and discuss ideas with Policy Development Convener Deidre Brock.

Organisers Drop-In

MEMBERS ONLY

Monday 13th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 2, Level 1, TECA

This is an informal drop-in session for Organisers ahead of the election next year with Campaigns Convener Jen Layden. This is a chance to share experiences, ask questions, and connect with fellow organisers.



Disabled Members' Drop-In

MEMBERS ONLY

Monday 13th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 3, Level 1, TECA

This is an informal drop-in session for Disabled Members which is a supportive space to share experiences, ask questions, and discuss priorities with Andy Stuart, the Disabled Members' Convener.



SNP

MEMBERS ONLY

Monday 13th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 4, Level 1, TECA

Towards the Manifesto – Economy and the Climate Crisis

Join us for this fringe event, where members can share ideas which will help shape Scotland's future. We will explore how to tackle the climate crisis with ambition while growing a fair, prosperous, and resilient economy. Your insights will help develop policies that deliver a just transition, protect our environment, and create good, green jobs across Scotland. Together, we can build a thriving, sustainable and inclusive economy that works for all of Scotland. Contributions from this session will help shape the 2026 Holyrood manifesto – so come and play your part in setting the course for Scotland's economy and climate.



SNP Trade Union Group

Monday 13th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 5, Level 1, TECA

Prosperity Not Austerity: Public Investment in Scotland Today and Tomorrow

Join the SNP Trade Union Group and leading Scottish trade unionists to discuss ways of generating further vitally-needed resources for public investment and public services in Scotland. This must start today, using the limited powers of devolution to the maximum, but with a clear trajectory towards a transformed Scotland with full economic and political powers. We will look at the current serious challenge to public services and infrastructure, the funding squeeze for local government, and positive steps the Scottish Government can take to increase revenue and public spending through land, asset and wealth taxes and other means.

Invited Speakers:

Lilian Macer, Scottish Secretary, UNISON

Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Public Finance

Ann Joss, RMT Scotland Aberdeen Organiser

Chris Stephens, former SNP MP for Glasgow South West

Plus representatives from COSLA and other unions

Chair:

Bill Ramsay, Convener, SNP Trade Union Group



SNP Climate and Environment Group

Monday 13th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 6, Level 1, TECA

Building a Programme for Nationhood

Policy makers, parliamentarians, and party members each bring valuable perspectives. By strengthening dialogue and collaboration, we can deliver a more coordinated effort, ensuring that individual investments achieve greater collective impact.

Developing good policy that genuinely makes the lives of ordinary people tangibly better requires us to all pull in the same direction and reach an understanding over a mutually desirable destination.

Join us to discover who we all are and where we want to go.

Round table workshop facilitated by the SNP-CEG



Monday 13 October

MONDAY BREAKFAST



Women's Officer Drop In

MEMBERS ONLY

Monday 13th October

09h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 7, Level 1, TECA

Hosted by Katie Hagmann, SNP National Women's Convener 2024, this is an opportunity to come along to a face-to-face drop-in session. While this is a drop-in surgery for Women's Officers, it is open to all women within the SNP and everyone is welcome.

An invitation has been sent to the candidates looking to be elected as our National Women's Convener 2025, so please come along with your questions. There will also be an opportunity to give feedback on last year's workplan and what you would like to see developed in the new workplan.

Meet the Finance Team

MEMBERS ONLY

Monday 13th October

9h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 8, Level 1, TECA

This is an informal drop-in session to meet your SNP financial team. Whether you are a branch treasurer looking for guidance on putting together branch accounts, a candidate looking for fundraising and donation information, a member wanting to discuss how to include the SNP in your will, or you want to make a donation then please come along for a chat.

Speakers:

Gordon MacDonald, National Treasurer (NEC)

Jacqueline Chalmers, Assistant to the National Treasurer (NEC)

John Todd, Chief Financial Officer (SNP HQ)

Ria Robertson, Head of Fundraising (SNP HQ)

Scottish National Party BAME Network

Monday 13th October

09h15 – 10h15

Meeting Room 9, Level 1, TECA



Anti-Racism Workshop: From Awareness to Action – Confronting Bias, Dismantling Prejudice

Facilitated by Gillian Neish

This interactive workshop will explore the systematic nature of racism and the processes through which individuals are socialised into bias. It will provide tools and insights to actively challenge racism in everyday and institutional settings.

Workshop Outline:

- **Introduction**
- Part 1: Systematic Nature of Racism and Process of Socialisation
- Part 2: Challenging Racism – Moving from Awareness to Action

About the Facilitator – Gillian Neish

Gillian Neish works with individuals and organisations across sectors to help them recognise and fulfil their potential. A central focus of her work is power – both in challenging power imbalances related to racism, sexism and other forms of oppression, and in developing individual power through personal development.

Her sessions encourage participants to:

- Acknowledge and challenge oppression
- Value diversity
- Build on personal and collective strengths
- Take practical steps toward creating inclusive, thriving environments

Chair:

Cllr Graham Campbell, SNP BAME Network

Conveners and Secretaries Drop In **MEMBERS ONLY**

Monday 13th October

9h15 – 10h15

Conference Suite 4, Level 1, TECA

This is an informal drop-in session for Conveners and Secretaries with National Secretary Alex Kerr. This is a chance to share experiences, ask questions, and connect with fellow conveners and secretaries.



Monday 13 October

MONDAY LUNCHTIME



Railway Industry Association (RIA) Scotland

Monday 13th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 1, Level 1, TECA

INVESTING IN SCOTLAND'S RAILWAYS – THE NEXT 50 YEARS?

In our 150th anniversary year, we invite you to join RIA Scotland, part of the UK's trade association for the supply chain sector within the railway network, for a lively hour of conversation with Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, and Campbell Braid, Chair of RIA Scotland, and Lee Pounder, Vice Chair of RIA Scotland. The fringe will be chaired by consultant Devin Scobie. At this crucial time before next May's Holyrood elections, the discussion is sure to cover a range of issues relevant to Scotland – and the UK's – vital rail infrastructure.

Speakers:

Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport

Campbell Braid, Chair, RIA Scotland Leadership Group

Lee Pounder, Vice-Chair, RIA Scotland Leadership Group

Chair:

Devin Scobie, RIA Scotland



Scottish Swimming

Monday 13th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 2, Level 1, TECA

Achieving the vision everyone can swim

Scottish Swimming's vision is everyone can swim. To achieve this vision we need affordable, available and accessible swimming pools and a school swimming programme which gives fair and equal access to swimming. We already know there is much public and political support for this and this session will focus on HOW we achieve this to benefit safety, health and education. Hannah Miley MBE will attend this event to speak about the benefits of swimming and the importance of events like the Commonwealth Games in raising the profile and inspiring others. School swimming impacts on safety, health and education and we will have an open discussion around the importance of school swimming in ensuring all children have access to basic swimming and water safety skills.

Speakers:

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Drugs & Alcohol Policy and Sport

Hannah Miley MBE, Triple Olympian, World and Commonwealth Champion

John Lunn, CEO of Scottish Swimming

Erin Cummins, Aquatics Development Manager School Swimming





The Royal Society of Edinburgh

Monday 13th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 3, Level 1, TECA

Public service reform in Scotland: how do we turn rhetoric into reality?

Scotland's public services are facing unprecedented leadership challenges filled with dilemmas, invidious choices, and uncertain outcomes. As demand increases and budgets are put under ever greater pressure, it becomes even harder for public sector leaders to improve public services, make the shift towards prevention, and work collaboratively with others to achieve positive shared outcomes. This panel discussion will explore how to move beyond diagnosing the well-established challenges to providing realistic, impactful solutions that can turn the rhetoric of Scotland's public service reform into a reality that benefits all citizens.

Speakers:

Chair: Professor Michael Keating, FRSE

Esther Robertson, Scotland's Futures Forum

Lilian Macer, UNISON

Professor David Bell, FRSE

Ivan McKee MSP, Minister for Public Finance



NESTA

Monday 13th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 4, Level 1, TECA

Mobilising Scotland's abundant renewables to heat our homes.

Scotland rapidly finds itself with huge amounts of renewable electricity, giving us an opportunity to use this homegrown power and put it to work heating our homes.

Doing so means rapidly increasing the number of households in Scotland that install modern, efficient heat pumps in their homes, and building many more heat networks. To make this happen, the switch to clean heating must be affordable, attractive and easily accessible for everyone.

Join the panel to hear more about clean heating success stories, the key roles of local, national and UK government and how anyone can start their clean heat journey.

Speakers:

Robin Parker, NESTA

Nicola Mahmood, Aira

CIlr Heather Anderson





Monday 13 October

MONDAY LUNCHTIME

TEACH THE FUTURE

Teach the Future

Monday 13th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 5, Level 1, TECA

Schools leading the net-zero transition

Scotland prides itself on its forward-thinking education system and ambitious climate targets. However, whilst many policies might be commendable on paper, there is much evidence to show that the challenge lies in delivering them in practice. Now is a more crucial time than ever to act, as Scotland's education system is currently under reform – with the current curriculum improvement cycle, and the recently passed Education Act establishing a new inspectorate and qualifications body.

Speakers:

Chair: Charlotte Wilson, Teach the Future, Campaign Organiser

Jonathan Hines, Archetype, Managing Director

Andy Harvey, National Officer for Education, Education Institute of Scotland (EIS)

Sai Shraddha S. Viswanathan, Scotland President, NUS

Cecilia Manosa Nyblon, Development Manager, Learning for Sustainability Scotland

Paul McLennan MSP



Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (theALLIANCE)

Monday 13th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 6, Level 1, TECA

Fair Funding for Scotland's Third Sector

A well-resourced third sector is essential to realising everyone's human rights. Whether through services that improve health, wellbeing and standard of living; holding service providers to account; raising the profile of rights issues; or offering advice and advocacy, the third sector is at the forefront of advancing human rights.

Despite this importance the sector remains under pressure. Funding tightened even as COVID-19 and the cost of living crisis deepened systemic breaches of human rights and increased demand for support. At this session, we'll discuss the need for fair funding for the third sector to help realise everyone's human rights.

Speakers:

Sara Redmond, Chief Officer of Development, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice

Lorna Barenberg, Chief Executive Officer, Grampian Opportunities

Sophie Bridger, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

Allan Faulds, Senior Policy Officer, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE)



APSE

Monday 13th October
12h30 – 13h30
Meeting Room 7, Level 1, TECA

A General Power of Competence: What would this mean for Scottish Local Government?

This fringe event will explore the implications of introducing a General Power of Competence (GPoC) for Scottish local authorities. In light of Scottish Government's recent consultation on this issue, APSE invites delegates to join a timely discussion on what such a power could mean in practice for local government in Scotland. The session will provide an opportunity to examine the potential benefits, challenges and practical applications of a GPoC, sharing views on how it could support more effective, innovative, and responsive local government and local governance.

Speakers:

Cllr Katie Hagmann, Resources Spokesperson for COSLA

Cllr Lynne Short, Vice Chair of APSE Scotland and elected member in Dundee City Council

Chair:

Louise Melville, Principal Advisor, APSE



Dignity in Dying

Monday 13th October
12h30 – 13h30
Meeting Room 8, First Floor, TECA

What's next for the Assisted Dying Bill: bringing Scotland closer to patient choice at the end of life

This May, Liam McArthur MSP's Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill made history when it passed Stage 1 by 70 votes to 56. Parliament and the public agree: the status quo is unsustainable, and Scotland needs a new assisted dying law that is safe, fair, and compassionate—one that will provide choice for dying people and protections for us all.

Join our fringe to hear what's next for the Assisted Dying Bill, and why change is so desperately needed for terminally ill people and their loved ones.

Speaker:

George Adam MSP

Organisation:

Dignity in Dying



Monday 13 October

MONDAY LUNCHTIME



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**POVERTY
ALLIANCE**

WORKING TOGETHER TO COMBAT POVERTY



Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), Poverty Alliance, Touch of Love Outreach

Monday 13th October

12h30 – 13h30

Meeting Room 9, Level 1, TECA

Tackling Child Poverty – the role of voluntary organisations

First Minister John Swinney has described eliminating child poverty as a “moral imperative” that requires a strong cross-government and cross-sector coalition.

Realising this ambition depends on a thriving voluntary sector. Voluntary organisations are rooted in Scotland’s communities – bringing expertise, reach, and trust that public bodies alone cannot.

Join us for a timely discussion on how to make meaningful progress to tackle child poverty.

Our panel will explore why a stronger, more sustainable voluntary sector is essential, not only to tackling poverty, but also to delivering Scotland’s wider ambitions of inclusive economic growth and improving public services.

Speakers:

Chair TBC, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

Chloe Campbell, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Poverty Alliance

Jane Ogamba Akadiri, Founder & CEO, Touch of Love Outreach



SNP

MEMBERS ONLY

Monday 13th October
12h30 – 13h30
Conference Suite 3, Level 1, TECA

Towards the Manifesto - Scotland's Right to Decide

Join us for this important fringe event, where members are invited to help shape the campaign for Scotland's future. Together, we will discuss how we can continue to strengthen the case for independence and ensure Scotland's right to decide is front and centre. This is your opportunity to contribute your ideas on how we will communicate the benefits that independence will bring, build support across communities, and present a clear, compelling vision for an independent Scotland. Your insights from this session will help shape the 2026 Holyrood manifesto – so please join us, share your thoughts, and help deliver a brighter, fairer future for Scotland.



John Muir Trust

Monday 13th October
12h30 – 13h30
Conference Suite 4, Level 1, TECA

Giving nature a helping hand: how the SNP can restore Scotland's wild places

To achieve Scotland's ambitious nature and climate targets, we need to tackle the pressures holding back nature. This panel will explore the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead as we scale up our efforts to reduce these pressures, including the critical issue of sustainable deer management and the delivery of a just transition for Scotland's rural communities.

How can the SNP continue to drive progress in the years to come? Come along to find out.

Speakers:

Alasdair Allan MSP

Duncan Orr-Ewing, Convener of the Scottish Environment LINK Deer Group, Head of Species & Land Management at RSPB Scotland

Deirdre Stewart, Vice-Chair of the Association of Deer Management Groups

Chair:

Thomas Widrow, Campaign Manager for the John Muir Trust





Fringe Programmes

How do the SNP rebuild their electoral coalition?

**Donside Room, Craighaar Hotel
13:00 - 14:00, Monday 13 October 2025**

Join us for More in Common's flagship deep dive into the state of public opinion in Scotland exploring how the SNP might rebuild its electoral coalition. With analysis from Luke Tryl and discussion with Stephen Flynn MP and others, we'll look ahead to the Scottish Parliament elections.



**More in
Common**



Luke Tryl
More in Common



Stephen Flynn MP
Leader of the SNP in the House
of Commons

2025



Internal Elections





Internal Elections

INTERNAL ELECTIONS

Delegates get a vote for the election of office bearers and committees.

All delegates with an email address on the membership system will be sent a link containing their voting code when Conference opens at 10h30 on Saturday, allowing them to vote using their own devices.

For delegates unable to vote electronically during Conference, there will be a laptop with a link to the voting page available at the Headquarters desk once the ballot is open.

Electronic ballot papers will contain a short statement from each candidate against their name. There will also be links to an electronic flyer if the candidate has submitted one.

Delegates can complete each part of the electronic ballot paper separately and go back to the voting process later, provided that all sections the delegate wishes to complete are submitted by the close of voting. Delegates can vote in every election which appears for them on the voting website or physical ballot paper.

The ballot for Regional Members of NEC, the Policy Development Committee and the Conferences Committee may include two lists. When this is the case, the first one is for the 'all-female' list. The second one is for the 'open list'. The 'all-female' list will be counted first. Candidates who are not elected in the 'all-female' list may be elected in the 'open list' if they are included in both contests.

Any candidate elected on the 'all-female' list who is also on the 'open list' will be removed before that list is counted. In addition, any ballot paper with a first preference for a candidate elected on the 'all-female' list becomes a ballot paper with a first preference vote for the next preference candidate who has not been elected.

There will be vacant seats on the NEC and on the Policy Development Committee after these elections. The NEC will make arrangements to fill those posts after Conference.

Voting closes at 10h30 on Monday. At that time, the electronic balloting system will stop accepting any more votes and Headquarters desk will cease accepting ballot papers.

The results for at least the National Office Bearer positions are expected to be announced before the close of conference. A full break-down of the results will be posted on the member's hub as soon as they are available.

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Nominations



Nominations

National Office Bearers

PRESIDENT

Graham Campbell	Glasgow Provan
Chris Hanlon	West Fife & Coastal Villages
Graeme McCormack	Helensburgh
Maureen Watt	Aberdeen South & North Kincardine

NATIONAL TREASURER

Peter Grant	Mid Fife & Glenrothes	UNOPPOSED
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NATIONAL SECRETARY

CONTEST

Alex Kerr	Glasgow Shettleston
Chris Stephens	Greater Pollok & Cardonald

CAMPAIGNS CONVENER

Jen Layden	Glasgow Shettleston	UNOPPOSED
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENER

CONTEST

Dianne Alexander	Bonnyrigg & Loanhead
Katy Loudon	Rutherglen & Cambuslang

POLICY DEVELOPMENT CONVENER

Deidre Brock	Leith Walk	UNOPPOSED
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MEMBER ENGAGEMENT CONVENER

CONTEST

Naz Anis-Miah	City of Dunfermline
David Birkett	Peterhead
Norman MacLeod	Crossmyloof

WOMEN'S CONVENER

Katie Hagmann	Newton Stewart
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UNOPPOSED

EQUALITIES CONVENER

Sadie Matthews	Wallace
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UNOPPOSED

BAME CONVENER

CONTEST

Alex Gill	Dundee Pitkerro
Ellie Koeplinger	Glasgow Maryhill & Springburn

DISABLED MEMBERS' CONVENER

CONTEST

Summer Chen	Kirkintilloch
Ailig Garbh-Domhnallach	Lochaber & North Lorn
Michael Gibbons	Paisley Burgh
Andy Stuart	Westhill, Kintore, Blackburn



Nominations

REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(ONE to be elected from an ALL-FEMALE list, and ONE to be elected from an OPEN list in each of the eight Scottish Parliamentary regions).

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

ALL-FEMALE

No Nominations

OPEN - CONTEST

Callum Cox	Fauldhouse & Breich Valley
Nausherwan Hussain	Uddingston & Bellshill
James Kelly	Cumbernauld

GLASGOW

ALL-FEMALE - CONTEST

Christina Cannon	Glasgow Provan
Alison Thewliss	Glasgow Shettleston
OPEN - CONTEST	
Christina Cannon	Glasgow Provan
Norman MacLeod	Crossmyloof
Alison Thewliss	Glasgow Shettleston

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

ALL-FEMALE

Frances Murray	Na h-Eileanan an Iar
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UNOPPOSED

NEC - HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

OPEN - CONTEST

Ian Cockburn	South West Ross
Munro Ross	Inverness City

LOTHIAN

ALL-FEMALE

Kate Campbell	Portobello/Craigmillar	UNOPPOSED
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OPEN - CONTEST

Callum Anderson	Bonnyrigg & Loanhead
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Silas McGilvray	Portobello/Craigmillar
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Murray Visentin	Fountainbridge Craiglockhart
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MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE

ALL-FEMALE

No Nominees.

OPEN

Kieran MacNeil	City of Dunfermline
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Lee Robb	City of Stirling
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NORTH EAST SCOTLAND

ALL-FEMALE

No Nominees.

OPEN

David Birkett	Peterhead
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Maureen Watt	Aberdeen South & North Kincardine
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SOUTH SCOTLAND

ALL-FEMALE

Ruth Ritchie	Annandale & Eskdale	UNOPPOSED
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OPEN - CONTEST

Ben Dashper	Stranraer & District
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Marshall Douglas	Tweeddale
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Nominations

WEST SCOTLAND

ALL-FEMALE

Amy Callaghan Clydebank

Summer Chen Kirkintilloch

NEC - WEST SCOTLAND

OPEN - CONTEST

Amy Callaghan Clydebank

Summer Chen Kirkintilloch

Michael Gibbons Paisley Burgh

Ewan Hamilton Holy Loch District

Kevin Johnstone Helensburgh

POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(ONE to be elected from an ALL-FEMALE list, ONE to be elected from an OPEN list in each of the eight Scottish Parliamentary regions, and ONE to be elected from outwith Scotland).

CENTRAL SCOTLAND

ALL-FEMALE

No Nominees

OPEN

James Kelly Cumbernauld

UNOPPOSED

GLASGOW

ALL-FEMALE - CONTEST

Shazia Babar Pollokshields East

Ava Birkett Glasgow Kelvin

Mhairi Love Glasgow Provan

OPEN - CONTEST

Shazia Babar	Pollokshields East
Ava Birkett	Glasgow Kelvin
Tommy Kelly	Glasgow Shettleston
Robert King	Glasgow Provan
Mhairi Love	Glasgow Provan
Norman MacLeod	Crossmyloof
Stewart McDonald	Glasgow Cathcart

LOTHIAN

ALL-FEMALE - CONTEST

Dianne Alexander	Bonnyrigg & Loanhead
Irina McLean	Edinburgh Western

OPEN - CONTEST

Dianne Alexander	Bonnyrigg & Loanhead
Simon Barrow	Leith
Irina McLean	Edinburgh Western
Michael Wallace	Newington & Southside

HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

ALL-FEMALE

No Nominees

OPEN

Will Mackay	Inverness City
Munro Ross	Inverness City



Nominations

MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE

ALL-FEMALE

No Nominees.

MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE

OPEN

Chris Hanlon	West Fife & Coastal Villages	UNOPPOSED
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NORTH EAST SCOTLAND

ALL-FEMALE

Fatima Joji	Westhill, Kintore, Blackburn	UNOPPOSED
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OPEN

Alan Petrie	Peterhead	UNOPPOSED
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SOUTH SCOTLAND

ALL-FEMALE

No Nominees

OPEN

Ben Dashper	Stranraer & District	UNOPPOSED
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WEST SCOTLAND

ALL-FEMALE

Summer Chen	Kirkintilloch	UNOPPOSED
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OPEN

Ian Gallagher	Bearsden South	UNOPPOSED
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OUTWITH SCOTLAND

Matthew MacLeod	London	UNOPPOSED
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CONFERENCES COMMITTEE

ALL-FEMALE (FIVE to be elected) CONTEST

Dianne Alexander	Bonnyrigg & Loanhead
Shazia Babar	Pollokshields East
Ava Birkett	Glasgow Kelvin
Christina Cannon	Glasgow Provan
Summer Chen	Kirkintilloch
Fatima Joji	Westhill, Kintore, Blackburn
Erin Lux	Southside Central

CONFERENCES COMMITTEE

OPEN - CONTEST

Dianne Alexander	Bonnyrigg & Loanhead
Shazia Babar	Pollokshields East
Ava Birkett	Glasgow Kelvin
David Birkett	Peterhead
Luke Buchan	Peterhead
Graham Campbell	Glasgow Provan
Christina Cannon	Glasgow Provan
Summer Chen	Kirkintilloch
Stewart Dickson	Tweeddale
Jeremie Fernandes	Elgin
Ian Gallagher	Bearsden South
Derek Glen	West Fife & Coastal Villages
Moray Grant	West Garioch
Chris Hanlon	West Fife & Costal Villages
Patrick Johnstone	Helensburgh
Fatima Joji	Westhill, Kintore, Blackburn



Nominations

Simon Jones	Dumfries East
James Kelly	Cumbernauld
Erin Lux	Southside Central
Norman MacLeod	Crossmyloof
James Proctor	Pollokshields East
Munro Ross	Inverness City
Michael Wallace	Newington & Southside

MEMBER CONDUCT COMMITTEE

NINE to be elected.

Malcolm Balfour	Clydebank
Ann Ballinger	Cumbernauld
Shazia Babar	Pollokshields East
Declan Blench	Glasgow Provan
Ann Ferguson	West Dumfries
Jeremie Fernandes	Elgin
Chris Hanlon	West Fife & Coastal Villages
Norman MacLeod	Crossmyloof
Paul McCabe	Glasgow Cathcart
Malcolm Mitchell	Glasgow Anniesland
Alex Orr	Meadows Morningside
Munro Ross	Inverness City
Owen Thompson	Bonnyrigg & Loanhead
Elaine Wylie	Perth St Johnstoun

CONDUCT APPEALS COMMITTEE

SEVEN to be elected

Michelle Campbell	Renfrewshire Riverside
Summer Chen	Kirkintilloch
Irene Danks	Falkirk South
Sean Ferguson	Glasgow Cathcart
Lachlan McNeill	Glasgow Shettleston
Stephanie Melnick	Southside Central
Alan Morrison	Glasgow Anniesland
John Redpath	Berwickshire

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2025



Biographies



Biographies



Dianne Alexander (Bonnyrigg & Loanhead)

I will ensure policy turns ideas into solutions, rooted in SNP ideals of fairness and equality, delivering accountable outcomes for Scotland's families and communities.



Callum Anderson (Bonnyrigg & Loanhead)

Campaigner, community councillor, and SNP activist. Dedicated to building stronger regional networks, sharing best practice, and ensuring local voices shape decision-making for our party's future.



Naz Anis-Miah (City of Dunfermline)

In the last year, we laid early foundations to re-engage members, but challenges remain. I'm standing again to build on that and deliver lasting progress.



Shazia Babar (Pollokshields East)

Community and SNP activist with extensive party knowledge. Dedicated to equality, fairness and independence. Re-elect me for PDC Glasgow, Conduct and Conference Committee.



Malcolm Balfour (Clydebank)

I have been a party member for 50 yr. I am a former Baillie of Glasgow City Council where I served for 10 yr.



Ann Ballinger (Cumbernauld)

An experienced member of this and other conduct committees, I believe good governance is essential to the welfare of all members and the party.



Simon Barrow (Leith)

Trade Union Group secretary, policy specialist, former think tank director. We must continue to open up policy formation to all members and improve/professionalise our procedures.



Ava Birkett (Glasgow Kelvin)

19 year old activist and President of Strathclyde University SNP Society. I'll champion youth and student voices and promote fairness and inclusion.



David Birkett (Peterhead)

I will seek to increase member participation and engagement in all party activities, so that every member feels empowered to shape our independent future together.



Declan Blench (Glasgow Provan)

Four years' experience on the committee. Dedicated to fair hearings and proportionate outcomes, keeping our party cohesive and united as we work for independence.



Luke Buchan (Peterhead)

Unapologetically pro-independence. I'll ensure members' voices are heard, with fairness and focus, shaping agendas that put Scotland's future and independence at the heart.



Amy Callaghan (Clydebank)

I've stood up for the West with passion and dedication. I'll listen, act and work to be your trustworthy NEC representative.



**Graham Campbell
(Glasgow Provan)**

Proudly Representing You as President, I'll bring experience, knowledge and values: Fairness, Justice, Equality. I'll be a grassroots members' neutral champion – speaking truth to power.



**Michelle Campbell
(Renfrewshire Riverside)**

SNP Councillor and Mental Health Nurse. Previous Social Justice and Fairness Commission member. Vote Campbell for common sense and focus for fairness.



**Christina Cannon
(Glasgow Provan)**

Ensuring our processes are effective and transparent to win in 2026 and independence.



**Summer Chen
(Kirkintilloch)**

Amplify disabled members' voices, confront systemic barriers, and champion accessibility, securing fair representation in the SNP while driving our mission for an independent, fairer Scotland.



**Ian Cockburn
(South West Ross)**

Will focus on Independence, be transparent and accountable for all the Highlands and Islands in making their voices heard while strengthening the party.



**Callum Cox
(Fauldhouse & Breich Valley)**

To win our independence, we must mobilise our young voters. Scotland's Next Generation is here – with your support, I'll be their voice on NEC.



**Irene Danks
(Falkirk South)**

Complaints need to be investigated and adjudicated. As a Trade Union Rep I am familiar with procedures that must be followed to ensure fairness.



**Ben Dashper
(Stranraer & District)**

With experience as a local councillor and office bearer, I'm ready to bring my South of Scotland knowledge to the NEC.



**Stewart Dickson
(Tweeddale)**

I have been a long term member of the SNP, Campaigning through "thick and thin years", I will bring this experience to the Conference Committee.



**Marshall Douglas
(Tweeddale)**

There is still much to do in delivering Independence. I want to help ensure the success of our cause.



**Ann Ferguson
(West Dumfries)**

I would endeavour to ensure that all members are held to the highest standard of conduct through fair, open and transparent policies and procedures.



**Sean Ferguson
(Glasgow Cathcart)**

GCC Councillor for Newlands/Auldburn since 2022. Party member since 2015. Seeking re-election to the Conduct Appeals Committee. Committed to fair representation and accountability.



Biographies



Jeremie Fernandes (Elgin)

SNP councillor, grassroots activist, committed campaigner.



Ian Gallagher (Bearsden South)

Current Policy Development Committee West Scotland Rep, Bearsden South Cllr & Branch secretary. Experienced in policy development; seeking election to both PDC and Conferences Committee.



Ailig Garbh-Domhnallach (Lochaber & North Lorn)

Young disabled member and multiple office bearer. In these troubling times we need people that will stand up for disabled people.



Michael Gibbons (Paisley Burgh)

NHS worker and experienced activist, dedicated to improving accessibility so every disabled member can participate in Scotland's independence campaign. Nothing about us without us.



Alex Gill (Dundee Pitkerro)

Experience: Convener of SNP Students, NEC Member, BAME Network Executive and passionate campaigner. Committed to empowering BAME voices and maximising the BAME vote in 2026.



Derek Glen (West Fife & Coastal Villages)

Councillor for Dunfermline Central, SNP spokesperson for Finance, Economy & Planning on Fife Council, Chair of Dunfermline Regeneration Trust, former NEC Member, SEStran Board Member.



Moray Grant (West Garioch)

Vote for a north east voice. My years of activism demonstrate my commitment, from branch and CA convener to local councillor to election agent.



Ewan Hamilton (Holy Loch District)

I am convener of the Holy Loch branch and the co-secretary to the SNP disabled members group.



Chris Hanlon (West Fife & Coastal Villages)

Listening to the desires of members and representing their interests. Holding leadership to account. A governance metamorphosis. Enough talk.



Nausherwan Hussain (Uddingston & Bellshill)

I am passionate about Scotland's Independence, I have experience and taken part in dozens of campaigns. I have the strength to deliver a bold vision for Scotland.



**Kevin Johnstone
(Helensburgh)**

It is time to push harder for independence and create our vision for Scotland's independence.



**Patrick Johnstone
(Helensburgh)**

It is time to push harder for independence and break the Westminster stranglehold on Scottish self-determination.



**Fatima Joji
(Westhill, Kintore, Blackburn)**

I'm committed to regional diversity and clear feedback on unselected resolutions. Elect someone who is dedicated to delivering a fair and successful conference season.



**Simon Jones
(Dumfries East)**

I'll argue for the best and most far-reaching resolutions to make it onto the conference agendas. This will maximise member power.



**James Kelly
(Cumbernauld)**

Scot Goes Pop blogger/contributor to The National. I support seeking an outright mandate for independence on a simple 50%+1 majority at elections.



**Tommy Kelly
(Glasgow Shettleston)**

If I'm elected I can bring a youthful perspective to policy development in the SNP.



**Alex Kerr
(Glasgow Shettleston)**

RE-ELECT ALEX KERR FOR NATIONAL SECRETARY. Dedicated campaigner for Scottish Independence and focussed on bringing SNP members voices to the heart of our movement.



**Robert King
(Glasgow Provan)**

I'm a friendly researcher and civil servant. I've worked for the Scottish Government and Westminster. I'll get branch feedback on SNP policies to feed back.



**Ellie Koeplinger
(Glasgow Maryhill & Springburn)**

Passionate independence campaigner with executive experience across third sector and corporate settings. Dedicated to building equity, amplifying BAME voices, and driving representation within the SNP.



**Katy Loudon
(Rutherglen & Cambuslang)**

Seeking to continue work started to build a strong team for the crucial 2027 LG elections - and support groups, Councillors and candidates #LocalGovernmentMatters.



**Mhairi Love
(Glasgow Provan)**

Independence campaigner, policy wonk. Mum and intersectional feminist. Only Love can set you free.



Biographies



Erin Lux (Southside Central)

Activist, branch women's officer, 2x affiliate convener, PhD candidate. Seeking re-election to continue contributing to the debates and policies that will win us our independence.



Norman MacLeod (Crossmyloof)

Glasgow City Councillor and Vice Convener of the Association of SNP Councillors. Kind, Helpful, Humorous, Trustworthy, Hard Working, and Modest! Constitution and Rules Person.



Paul McCabe (Glasgow Cathcart)

Honours graduate in HR with private sector leadership. Advocates openness, fairness, and transparent governance to strengthen party accountability and empower principled, member-led decision-making.



Graeme McCormick (Helensburgh)

I will not cease from mental fight nor shall my sword sleep in my hand till we have delivered Independence.



Stewart McDonald (Glasgow Cathcart)

As a former MP and Defence Spokesman I believe I can bring significant experience to the committee as we work collectively to achieve Scotland's independence.



Silas McGilvray (Portobello/Craigmillar)

Working to improve the party's governance, accountability, and effectiveness so we can make Scotland better and deliver independence.



Irina McLean (Edinburgh Western)

Scottish policy specialist with international politics experience. Passionate policy geek, foreign-born voice, believing strong policy is the foundation of independence and all great, driven decisions.



Lachlan McNeill (Glasgow Shettleston)

Advocate (Retired). First Convener of the Disciplinary Committee under the 2004 Constitution. Current member of the Conduct Appeals Committee.



Stephanie Melnick (Southside Central)

Re-elect Melnick #1 to Appeals for logical evidence-based decision making. Let's ensure our party is just and fair for all.



Malcolm Mitchell (Glasgow Anniesland)

SNP Member for over a decade. Glasgow City Councillor. Held various branch and regional roles. Former member – Conduct Appeals Committee. Onward to independence!



Alan Morrison (Glasgow Anniesland)

Dedicated activist with over 10 years' local experience, holding multiple leadership roles. Committed to fairness and transparency through collaborative action and proven service.



Alex Orr (Meadows Morningside)

With considerable experience of party structures, I am committed to independence and delighted to support the party in any way I can.



**James Proctor
(Pollokshields East)**

Former Edinburgh Central branch convener for 5-years, with experience as a PEO, on election campaign committees and organising a wide range of party events.



**John Redpath
(Berwickshire)**

SNP candidate and Office Bearer in the Scottish Borders. Internal discipline is key for us to win the argument for Independence.



**Munro Ross
(Inverness City)**

Support a dedicated Highland activist with over 30 years experience to ensure the Highlands is not forgotten about when taking decisions, especially on policy.



**Chris Stephens
(Greater Pollok & Cardonald)**

Former MP Glasgow South West 2015 to 2024, Former Branch, CA Secretary, Former SNP TUG Secretary. Commitment to Excellence in all our internal processes.



**Andy Stuart
(Westhill, Kintore, Blackburn)**

Experience makes all the difference and I have that experience. Independence has to be our focus as a party.



**Alison Thewliss
(Glasgow Shettleston)**

On the SNP wing of the SNP. Very keen on restoring Scotland's independence, and working hard on the ground to achieve it.



**Owen Thompson
(Bonnyrigg & Loanhead)**

Former Councilor, MP, and long time activist. Previous member of Member Conduct Committee and keen to continue.



**Murray Visentin
(Fountainbridge Craiglockhart)**

From streets to social media, I've led activists with passion and commitment. On the NEC, I'll bring that same urgency to drive independence forward.



**Michael Wallace
(Newington & Southside)**

Transparency and free communication between branches are essentials for party democracy.



**Maureen Watt
(Aberdeen South & North Kincardine)**

Re-elect Maureen for President. Using experience I have added value to the Senior Team. Contributed to candidate assessment, dispute resolution and donor engagement. Campaigned Scotlandwide.



**Elaine Wylie
(Perth St Johnstoun)**

Current MCC convener, member of disciplinary/member conduct committee for over 20 years. Office bearer at many levels. Party discipline is crucial – more than ever before.

YOUR CHANCE TO SEE **BIOGAS** IN ACTION

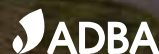
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SITE VISIT SUPPORT



TOUR ORGANISER



The SNP Conference is running on renewable energy from the Future Biogas plant just 7 minutes' walk from the TECA. Don't miss the opportunity to see biogas production in action with a 30 minute **tour of the Future Biogas AD plant** on Monday 13 October.

VISIT THE **SGN STAND** IN THE EXHIBITION AREA TO REGISTER.

Learn more about biogas from the industry's trade association - visit www.adbioresources.org

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FRINGE EVENTS AT SNP CONFERENCE 2025

Powering Scotland's Future: Building on our Industrial and Energy Heritage

Saturday 11th October

12:30 – 13:30

Conference Suite 4

*Speaker: Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary
Climate Action and Energy*



Building Scotland's Forward Thinking Sustainable Health and Care System

Sunday 12th October

17:00 – 18:00

Conference Suite 3

*Speaker: Neil Gray MSP,
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care*



ROYAL COLLEGE
OF PHYSICIANS
OF EDINBURGH



The Editor's Club: In Conversation with Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes

Saturday 11th October

17:00 – 18:00

Conference Suite 4

Speaker: Kate Forbes MSP, Deputy First Minister



Future Skills for Scotland

Sunday 12th October

17:00 – 18:00

Conference Suite 4



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CONFERENCES COMMITTEE REPORT

Alex Kerr, Convener of Conferences Committee

The Conferences Committee has been delighted with the interest shown by party members in this year's Annual Conference - as evidenced by the 91 resolutions submitted for consideration by the Committee.

Following on from the Party Leader's open sessions on independence strategy, there were a number of submissions in that area, as well as the substantive resolution put forward by the Leader and Depute Leader. The strong view of the Committee was that, rather than have the prospect of debating two or more resolutions that may contradict one another, it was better to debate a single resolution on independence that was open to amendment.

The Committee met on 29th July and 5th August to consider these 91 resolutions and produce a provisional agenda for publication, which included 48 policy resolutions and 2 internal resolutions.

The Committee then met on 11th September to consider the 39 amendments submitted to resolutions from the provisional agenda.

The provisional resolutions and associated amendments were then sent to delegates as part of our delegates choice exercise to determine appetite for debate.

Following the completion of delegates' choice the Committee met on 18th September to produce the final agenda.

I would like to thank the members who took time to draft and submit resolutions and amendments to our conference - your contribution is vital to the party's policy development. I do believe that we are now starting to see the benefits of the work done by the Policy Development Committee in assisting branches and constituencies prior to submission by suggesting tweaks or corrections that will improve the chances of the resolution being taken for the Provisional Agenda. My thanks to Deidre Brock and those on the PDC for their efforts with this, as it makes the job of the Conferences Committee that bit easier.

One aspect that Committee members did note this year - and most especially when it came to the Supporting Statements submitted alongside resolutions - was that the use of AI was starting to become evident. While there may be benefits to it, I'd suggest that it still requires a human touch when it comes to then editing it, as the nuances of Scottish politics, and existing SNP policies, are not quite covered by machine-learning as yet.

I would also like to thank the members of the Conferences Committee for all of their help and support over the past year. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all.

Further I would like to thank the staff at headquarters for their work in supporting the Committee and organising the logistics behind our annual conference. My thanks particularly goes to Ian McCann, Shannon Donnelly and Robyn Graham.

I hope delegates enjoy the no doubt vibrant debates this weekend!

REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS

The reports of National Office Bearers and others are available for members on the events section of the MySNP.

You can access these by scanning here:



Conference Delegates have the opportunity of asking questions of the reports of National Office Bearers during Session 3 on Sunday morning.

NOW OR NEVER: SAVING SCOTLAND'S NHS FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Chest
Heart &
Stroke
Scotland



Meeting room 7

Saturday 11th October, 1700-1800

Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland Fringe

Join Jane Claire Judson, CEO of CHSS in conversation with Cabinet Secretary Neil Gray MSP, Libby Brooks Scotland Correspondent at the Guardian and Amy Callaghan former MP and stroke survivor.

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**Together
we will end
homelessness**

Sunday 12 October 2025

17.00 – 18.00

Meeting Room 5

Level 1, TECA

END HOMELESSNESS BY 2040

A safe, stable home is the foundation for a healthy life. But across Scotland, more people are being forced into homelessness every day.

It doesn't need to be this way – with the right action, and enough political will, we can end all forms of homelessness in Scotland by 2040.

Join Crisis and a panel of experts to learn more about our new campaign, ahead of the 2026 Scottish Parliament elections.

Speakers: Rebecca McCurdy, The Herald (Chair)
Mairi McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Housing
Matt Downie, Chief Executive, Crisis
Emma Roddick MSP
Crisis member



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Standing Orders





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01 Quorum

The quorum is as defined under the Constitution as one third of registered delegates. A quorum count may be called for at any time during National Conference. Two minutes warning must be given before a count is taken. After this period the doors to the hall are sealed and no individuals admitted until the quorum count is completed.

02 Preparation of Agenda

2.1 Conferences Committee is responsible for the preparation of the Agenda for National Conference and has power–

- a) to decide whether resolutions, amendments, nominations and other matters pertaining to the Conference are in accordance with the Constitution and Rules and Standing Orders of the Party;
- b) to revise and amend resolutions and amendments or to incorporate in one resolution a number of similar resolutions from several notifiable bodies, and to rewrite the resolutions received, provided always that the principles underlying the resolution or amendment must not be infringed;
- c) to categorise all resolutions received under the following headings –
 - (i) put forward unamended,
 - (ii) put forward amended for presentation purposes,
 - (iii) put forward composited,

- (iv) rejected as existing policy,
- (v) rejected in favour of other resolutions, and
- (vi) rejected for other reasons.

This information will be held at Headquarters and supplied to notifiable bodies on request after publication of the final agenda;

- d) to place resolutions and amendments on the agenda; and
- e) to decide the order of business to be transacted, the placing of items on the agenda, and the approximate time to be allocated to items.

03 Undischarged Business

- 3.1 The Convener of the Session should endeavour to leave five minutes free of business prior to conclusion of each Session to allow all motions for which no amendments have been submitted and have not been discussed to be put formally to Conference.
- 3.2 However, business undischarged at the end of a Session may be put to a subsequent Session if time permits for discussion.

04 Order of Business

- 4.1 At the beginning of Conference, the motion to approve the report of Conferences Committee must be passed by a simple majority.
- 4.2 The order of any item on the agenda may be altered on a motion from the Chair, or the floor, passed by a simple majority of those voting.
- 4.3 The Convener of the Session is the sole judge of the order in which motions and amendments are put.

05 Emergency Business

- 5.1 Business not on the written agenda, other than topical and emergency motions defined in 5.2 and 5.3 below, may be discussed only by consent of a majority of two-thirds of those voting, except as provided for in 5.4 below.
- 5.2 Topical Motions must relate to matters currently topical during Conference, which could not have been foreseen at the time the Agenda was compiled. They must not relate to internal, disciplinary or constitutional matters. Topical motions are debated in the manner of other resolutions but are not subject to amendment or remit back.
- 5.3 Emergency Motions must relate to matters currently topical during Conference, which could not have been foreseen at the time the Agenda was compiled. Emergency motions, which are not subject to debate in the normal manner, must be of a non-contentious nature which are likely to achieve overwhelming acceptance by Conference.

- 5.4 Any member wishing to bring before Conference emergency business not on the written agenda must inform the National Secretary before the commencement of the daily meeting of Conferences Committee.

06 Convener

- 6.1 The Business Convener of the Party, in person or by delegation to another member of the National Executive Committee, convenes proceedings except as provided for in 6.10 below. The Party Leader retains the right to convene the meeting.
- 6.2 The Convener of the Session is in charge of the proceedings and conducts them in accordance with recognised procedure as amplified by Standing Orders.
- 6.3 All motions, amendments, speeches, points of order and other business is addressed to the Chair.
- 6.4 The decision of the Convener of the Session on procedure, on all points of order and on choice of speaker is final and conclusive, subject only to the challenge of a motion of No Confidence in the Chair as provided for in 6.10 below.
- 6.5 Only one speaker may speak or be on their feet at any one time, save that any member may interrupt a speaker on a point of order. The Convener of the Session rules on who has the floor and the other member must immediately resume their seat.



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- 6.6 When the Convener of the Session rises, all members standing must resume their seats and maintain silence until the Convener resumes their seat.
- 6.7 Any member who, after being requested by the Convener of the Session to resume their seat and maintain silence, persistently refuses to do so, will forthwith be named by the Chair and without further discussion will be suspended from that Session and be requested to leave the Conference Chamber for the remainder of that Session. No motion, discussion, point of order, or interruption is permitted until the offending member has left the Conference Chamber.
- 6.8 If the member concerned persists in defying the Chair by refusing to leave the Conference Chamber or by contriving to speak or interrupt proceedings after the procedure in 6.7 has been invoked, they will be automatically suspended from that Session and from attending the rest of that National Conference, the National Executive Committee and of National Assembly for the next succeeding three calendar months. If they, subsequent to the National Conference at which the incident occurred, submit in writing to the Chair an unqualified apology and a specific assurance that they will in future obey the rulings of the Chair, the National Executive Committee, may, if it thinks fit, raise the suspension.
- 6.9 If any member is suspended from meetings of National Conference, the National Executive Committee or National Assembly more than once during any one year, the National Secretary must, at the next succeeding meeting of the National Executive Committee to that meeting at which the member was last suspended, formally name them for suspension from all meetings of National Conference, the National Executive Committee and National Assembly up to the next following National Conference.
- 6.10 Any member, not being the aggrieved member, may, on the Convener of the Session refusing to alter a ruling, move a motion of No Confidence in the Chair; If this is seconded by another member, other than the aggrieved member, a temporary Convener – the next in order respectively of the Depute Leader, whom failing the National Secretary, whom failing, another available member of the National Executive Committee – must take the Chair and without discussion put the motion to the meeting.
- 6.11 If the motion is supported by a simple majority of those voting, the temporary Convener continues in the Chair for that session. If the motion is not carried, the original Convener of the Session resumes the Chair.
- 6.12 Any member who has moved or seconded a motion of No Confidence in the Chair is not permitted to move or second another such motion during the same session.

07 Conduct of Debate

- 7.1 It is expected that members remain in the Conference Chamber throughout Session. A member requiring to leave must do so between speeches, and with as little disturbance as possible.
- 7.2 The ruling of the Convener of the Session on the competency of any motion or amendment is final.
- 7.3 Each delegate who wishes to speak must complete a card – obtainable from the Stewards – in respect of each item on the Conference Agenda on which they wish to speak. This should be returned to the Stewards well in advance of the calling of the motion.
- 7.4 Movers of motions (including the direct negative) or Reports are allowed five minutes to speak and other speakers, including movers of amendments, are allowed three minutes. The mover's reply is allowed time as provided for in 7.6 below. Additional time is given at the discretion of the Convener of the Session to movers of major policy resolutions or Reports and movers of amendments thereto.
- 7.5 It is open to any member to move that a speaker be further heard. The motion, if seconded, is put to the meeting without discussion and is carried if passed by a majority of those voting. When an extension of time is allowed, it must be for not more than three minutes.
- 7.6 No member is entitled to speak more than once on any one motion unless on a point of order, except that movers of motions and amendments may reply and be allowed two minutes for this, the movers of motions having the opportunity of closing the debate. In replying, members must strictly confine themselves to answering previous speakers and must not introduce new matter.
- 7.7 Motions or amendments, other than the direct negative, not seconded will not be discussed.
- 7.8 Points of order must deal with the conduct or procedure of the debate.
- 7.9 Any mover of a motion or amendment to the Constitution or the Rules and Standing Orders may accept an amendment or amendments to this with the consent of a seconder and with the agreement of the Conference.
- 7.10 Any mover may withdraw a motion or amendment with the consent of a seconder and with the agreement of the Conference.



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08 Competent Amendments

- 8.1 Competent amendments and procedural motions are as detailed below.
- 8.2 Competent amendments to motions other than amendments to the Constitution or Rules are–
- a) to amend a motion by substitution, deletion or addition;
 - b) to move the direct negative; or
 - c) to remit the whole motion back to the proposer of the motion.
- 8.3 Competent amendments to amendments to the Constitution or Rules are–
- a) to amend a Constitutional Amendment or amendment to the Rules by substitution, deletion or addition; or
 - b) to move the direct negative.
- 8.4 Competent amendments to report of National Office Bearers and others presented to Conference for approval are–
- a) to note the Report;
 - b) to amend the report by deletion of a part, providing notice of the amendment has been given to the Convener of the Session before the debate on that report has commenced. Such amendments will only be accepted at the discretion of the Convener of the Session; or
 - c) to move the direct negative.
- 8.5 Procedural motions are–
- a) to adjourn the debate;
 - b) to put the question; or
 - c) to move “Next Business”.
- 8.6 Procedural motions under 8.5 may not be moved or seconded by a delegate who has previously spoken in the debate and must be put to Conference without further discussion, except that under 8.5(b) the Convener of the Session may submit the motion to Conference only if satisfied that due balance has been observed in the debate and must allow the proposer of the original substantive motion to exercise their right of reply (under Standing Order 7.6) on making a claim to do so.
- 8.7 Amendments under 8.2, 8.3, and 8.4, and procedural motions under 8.5(a) and 8.5(b) are carried if passed by a majority of those voting and procedural motions under 8.5(c) are carried by a two-thirds majority.
- 8.8 The Convener of the Session may at their discretion permit a vote without discussion on an oral amendment to any motion, provided that the amendment does not alter the sense of the motion.

09 Voting

- 9.1 All members of National Conference specified under the Constitution are entitled to vote on any matter before National Conferences.
- 9.2 All members of National Conference have an equal entitlement to vote, except that the Convener of the Session has a casting vote.
- 9.3 Each member entitled to vote at National Conference is issued with a credential card bearing their name and indicating their status.
- 9.4 The Chief Steward or Depute Chief Steward, appointed by the National Executive Committee, is responsible for the counting of the votes for and against motions and amendments and report to the Convener of the Session, who announces the result to the Conference.
- 9.5 The Convener of the Session may instruct a recount to be taken or, on a motion for a recount being passed, a recount must be taken. On a recount being called the doors to the hall are sealed and no individuals admitted until the recount has been completed.
- 9.6 If no recount be demanded, or when a final count has been taken, the Convener of the Session declares that the motion has or has not been carried, and no further discussions is permitted.
- 9.7 Voting by proxy is not permitted.

10 Dissent

It is open to any member to have their dissent recorded from any decision or ruling.

11 Suspension of Standing Orders etc.

- 11.1 Any motion to suspend Standing Orders is carried if seconded and if supported by two-thirds of those voting. A suspension of Standing Orders is for a fixed period of time or for one item of business only.
- 11.2 The Conference has the right, by majority vote, to ask any member to withdraw from the meeting.
- 11.3 When the Convener of the Session formally leaves the Chair, no further business can be discharged during that Session.

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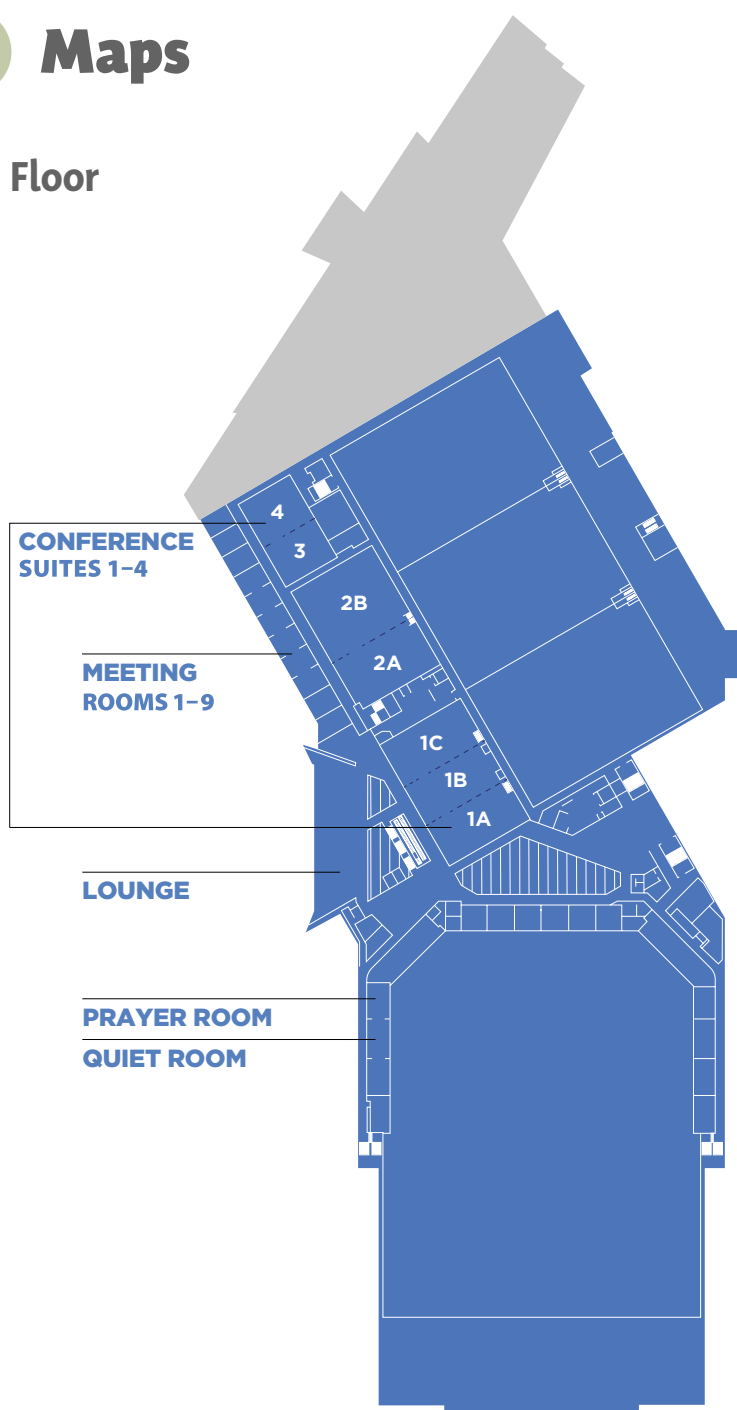
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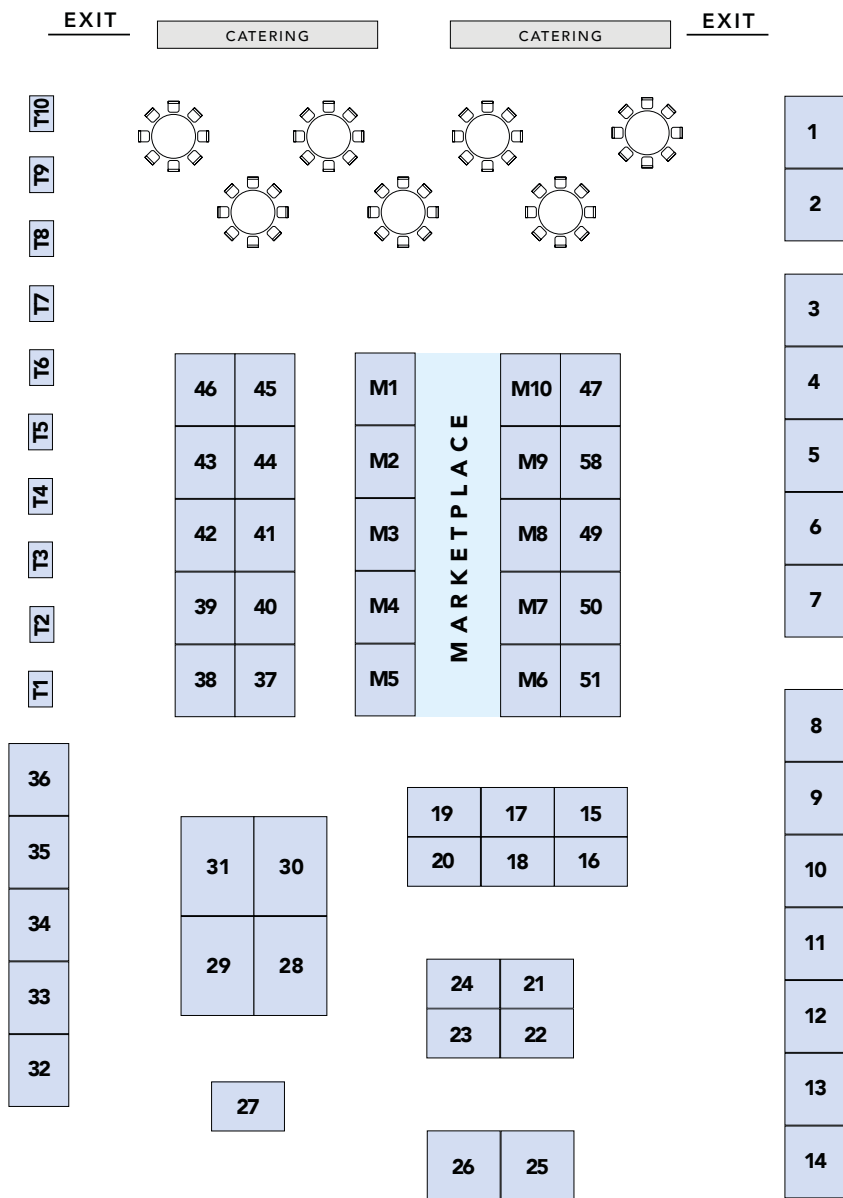
EXHIBITION
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Building a Brighter Future for Social Care

Social care in Scotland faces a huge number of challenges, as financial instability and growing costs hamper efforts in the sector to meet needs and deliver quality services.

Join us for a discussion with leaders from some of the leading social care charities in Scotland, as they explore the incredible work that is undertaken daily by our workforce, alongside their ideas and opportunities for reform and redesign.

Social care is one of the most pressing challenges and greatest opportunities of our time – building a better future for the sector will help build a better future for Scotland.

Speakers

Guest Speaker:

Tom Arthur MSP
Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing

Chair:

Dorry McLaughlin
CEO, Scottish Autism

Panelists:

Austen Smyth
CEO, The Richmond Fellowship Scotland

Martin Booth
Chief Finance Officer,
Enable

Eilidh MacDonald
Senior Operations
Manager, Carr Gomm

Date: Saturday 11th October 2025 | **Time:** 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Location: Meeting Room 9, Level 1, TECA (main conference venue)

Lunch & Refreshments will be provided

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Essential Information





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TIMETABLE

	Doors Open	Exhibition Area	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Saturday 11 October	09h00	09h00 - 17h00	10h30 - 12h30	14h00 - 16h30
Sunday 12 October	08h30	09h00 - 17h00	10h30 - 11h35 INTERNAL 11h35 - 12h30 OPEN	14h00 - 16h15
Monday 13 October	08h30	09h00 - 14h30	10h30 - 12h30	14h00 - 16h00

ADMISSION

Security checks are in place at the main entrance of P&J Live and in the subterranean (Sub-T) car park. Attendees will pass through security arches that detect any items needing inspection. If you bring a bag, security staff may request to inspect its contents. To save time, consider only bringing essential bags. Additionally, be prepared for the possibility of having to store bags in the cloakroom.

Please Note:

- Admission to the conference is subject to attendees having the relevant pass.
- Passes must be worn and visible at all times.
- If, for any reason, you have registered for a pass but do not have it with you, please head to the Box Office space, situated outside the main entrance, where a member of the SNP staff will be ready to assist you.

VENUE ADMISSION POLICIES AT P&J LIVE

- No large backpacks, holdalls, or suitcases will be admitted into the venue.
- Entry will be refused if you attempt to enter the venue with a prohibited item.
- There will be no temporary storage facilities for such items within the venue.
- The venue will not be responsible for late admission or non-admission as a result of this policy.
- All bags will be searched.
- Signs larger than A3 are not permitted

Cameras & recording equipment including iPads and Tablets: the unauthorised use of cameras, video, iPads and Tablets and any other form of recording equipment is strictly prohibited. For the avoidance of any confusion 'professional' cameras with removable and interchangeable lenses are always prohibited. The camera policy for a specific session is typically only confirmed on the day. We would advise that if you choose to bring a small digital camera you must be prepared not to use it if requested not to do so.

FRINGE EVENTS

Fringe meetings are an ideal way for members to take part in more focussed discussion around topical issues or policy with key stakeholders and are an important part of SNP Conference. We encourage you to attend as many fringe events as possible and get involved.

The timetable for Fringe Events is as follows:

	Breakfast	Lunchtime	Evening
Saturday 11th October		12h30 - 13h30	17h00 - 18h00
Sunday 12th October	09h15 - 10h15	12h30 - 13h30	17h00 - 18h00
Monday 13th October	09h15 - 10h15	12h30 - 13h30	

SECURITY & SECURITY PASSES

There will be security staff present at all times throughout the Conference venue. In addition to assisting with arrangements, security staff will be checking credentials on entry to each conference location.

Remember: Onsite stewards will also be asking delegates to show their accreditation to allow access to Hall C.

FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURE

As advised by the venue, in the event of an evacuation there will be both audible and visual alarms. Upon hearing this you must leave the building immediately, following the directions from stewards to any specified exits. Please proceed to the designated assembly point as directed by the stewards.

HEADQUARTERS DESK

The SNP Headquarters desk will be situated in the Main Concourse. Staff will be on call to assist you with any questions or queries regarding the conference.

WIFI

There will be free WiFi available throughout the complex as provided by P&J Live. On entry to the conference, you can connect by logging into the venue's namesake and following any instructions.



Essential Information

ACCESSIBILITY AND FACILITIES

Queuing

If you have difficulty queuing, please speak to a member of staff on arrival at the entrances, they'll be happy to arrange priority entry for you when the venue doors open.

Accessible Entrance

All entrances at P&J Live have level access for accessible customers that lead onto lifts and escalators.

Accessible Parking

Accessible parking is available in both the over ground and subterranean car park levels. When entering via the subterranean car park, accessible customers may utilise the VIP entrance to avoid queuing, making use of the lifts or escalators.

Changing Places Facility

There is a Changing Places Facility on the main concourse level - this facility provides a spacious environment that is safe, clean, comfortable and accessible to all who require it.

Special Medical Needs

If you have any specific special or medical needs please do not hesitate to get in touch prior to your visit so that we can work together to make your experience as smooth as possible at P&J Live.

If you need to bring medical items with you please make this known to the venue prior to arrival to avoid any security related concerns. Remember to include as much information as possible, including the event you are attending and your requirements.

Accessibility

There are a number of provisions to help ensure that conference sessions are as accessible as possible for everyone attending the conference. These include:

- A British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter on stage in Hall C at all times.
- Induction Hearing Loops located throughout the venue and in Hall C.
- On screen subtitles on the large screens in Hall C during all debates and speeches.
- A range of accessible seating. If needed, please let either a steward or a member of the SNP Headquarters team know your requirements.

Assistance dogs are welcome at the venue, however we ask you to please check the conference handbook for content warnings including loud noise, flashing lights and special effects before attending. Please contact info@pandjlive.com, if an assistance dog will be accompanying you to the venue.

DELEGATES/SPEAKERS

If you require assistance filling out a speakers card, please inform a steward or a member of the SNP Headquarters team. There are a number of stewards present in Hall C who can usually be found standing along the edges of the room toward the front. Headquarters staff can be found at the main desk situated in the Concourse.

TOPICAL AND EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

Topical and Emergency Resolutions will be displayed on the large screens in Hall C and online on the SNP Conference page of MySNP. If, however, you require additional assistance in this regard, please contact a member of the team at the SNP Headquarters desk ahead of the session.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Travel to P&J Live

We encourage all delegates to consider public transport options in travelling to P&J Live. Options for travel include:

Car: P&J Live is conveniently situated for motorists, about 6 miles north-west of the city centre and easily reached from the A96 Aberdeen-Inverness road. Getting to P&J Live has never been easier, the southern section of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route is now open, and P&J Live is just a few minutes from it. Please enter via Dyce Drive or A96 if travelling southbound, as other entry points are bus gates only. You may exit via all three exits, at the A96, Dyce Drive and Wellheads Drive.

Cycling: Aberdeen is a great destination for cycling and P&J Live is delighted to help more people get around this beautiful City and surrounding areas by bike.

Rail: P&J Live is just 1.5 miles from Dyce Train Station which offers regular connections north and south for event visitors travelling by rail.

Bus: As well as the Shuttle Bus detailed on page 140, regular services operated by Stagecoach stop throughout the day at P&J Live. Details are available via the Stagecoach website at <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>

Parking: Aberdeen City Council provides three park and ride facilities within the city and shire. The sites are situated on major routes into the city from Kingswells and Craibstone and will serve P&J Live on their route. Please find more details here..

SNP CONFERENCE SHUTTLE BUS TIMETABLE

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SNP CONFERENCE SHUTTLE BUS TIMETABLE

In a bid to save you money and make your journey easier, we're running free shuttle buses between the city centre and P&J Live. Take advantage of this convenient service and make the most of your visit with us.

CITY CENTRE HOTELS					
	Pick up 1	Pick up 2	Pick up 3	Pick up 4	Pick up 5
Sandman Signature	08.20	08.50	09.20	09.50	10.20
Telecom House	08.25	08.55	09.25	09.55	10.25
The Albyn	08.30	09.00	09.30	10.00	10.30
P&J Live	09.00	09.30	10.00	10.30	11.00

P&J Live to City Centre – Coach 1	16.00	17.30	19.00
P&J Live to City Centre – Coach 2	16.30	18.00	
P&J Live to City Centre – Coach 3	17.00	18.30	

AIRPORT HOTELS				
	Pick up 1	Pick up 2	Pick up 3	Pick up 4
Hampton By Hilton	08.30	09.00	09.30	10.00
Leonardo x2	08.35	09.05	09.35	10.05
Premier Inn, Moxy & Courtyard by Marriot	08.40	09.10	09.40	10.10
Holiday Inn & Crown Plaza	08.45	09.15	09.45	10.15
P&J Live	08.55	09.25	09.50	10.25

P&J Live Shuttle 1	16.00	16.30	17.00	17.30	18.00	18.30	19.00
P&J Live Shuttle 2	16.15	16.45	17.15	17.45	18.15	18.45	19.15

CASH FACILITIES

There will be no cash machines on site, however contactless payments are welcome. The closest cash machine is at the Tesco Bank ATM, 1.6 miles away from the venue – 5 min drive, 31 min walk.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Taxis: Aberdeen Taxis (01224 200200) or Rainbow City Taxis (01224 878787)

- There is a taxis pick-up and drop-off point located next to the Hilton on the P&J Live site, as well as a dedicated taxi rank in operation.

Nearby Restaurants: 195 Bar and Grill (onsite), a selection of bakeries, supermarkets, takeaways and fish bars in town approx. 0.7 miles (15 min walk).

GUIDE FOR FIRST TIMERS

The Annual National Conference is the ultimate decision-making body of the SNP. As an SNP member, you have the unique opportunity to take part in this exciting process. With so much packed into just three days, we understand that for first time attendees there is a lot of new information to take in. We hope that this brief guide will help you on your way to becoming a seasoned conference veteran in no time.

Arriving at Conference

Make sure that you have your delegate or member visitor pass and your SNP membership card as you will need both to gain entry into Conference. Upon entry into the conference venue, you will have the opportunity to pick up a lanyard to enable you to display your pass. Your pass must be visible at all times as it will be checked regularly throughout the venue and every time you enter Hall C. P&J Live operates a security check at their main entrance, where attendees' bags will be checked. You may save yourself time by not bringing any non-essential large bags or backpacks as these will not be permitted. If you do have a bag with you, please allow for an extra few minutes to get through this additional security step.



Essential Information

Overview

There are three main elements to Conference:

- The plenary sessions located in Hall C are where delegates debate and vote on policy resolutions and listen to keynote speeches from party leaders. Although only delegates can contribute and vote in these debates, member visitors are also welcome and encouraged to observe these sessions.
- Fringe meetings are located at varying times and locations throughout the conference. They are an ideal way for members to take part in more intimate discussion around topical issues and policy with key stakeholders. The format generally follows a keynote speech from a representative from the sponsoring organisation and another from an elected SNP member. This is usually followed by a question and answer session between the fringe panel and the audience. Both delegates and member visitors can take part and contribute to these discussions. More details on individual fringe events can be found in the Fringe Programme section of the Conference Handbook.
- The Exhibition Hall is host to a number of organisations, both internal and external to the SNP, all of whom are there to engage with SNP members. Conference attendees are strongly encouraged to visit this area as it is a lively and essential part of the Conference experience.

Resolutions

There are four types of resolution which are debated in the plenary sessions:

- Policy Resolutions are the most common type of resolution at Conference, and they propose a policy position to be considered by delegates. If accepted, the resolution becomes SNP policy.
- Constitutional Resolutions take place during internal sessions, which only SNP members can attend. They concern the procedures by which the SNP is governed such as matters relating to the SNP's constitution, rules or standing orders. These resolutions require a super-majority of two-thirds to pass.
- Topical Resolutions are based on subjects that have arisen after the deadline for submitting resolutions has passed.
- Emergency Resolutions are based on issues that have arisen during the Conference itself.

Speaking at Conference

To speak on a resolution during a Conference, you must be a delegate.

If you are a delegate and wish to speak in a debate, please follow the guidelines below:

- 1.** Collect a “Speaker Card” from one of the stewards as early as possible. You can easily identify a steward as they will be pacing up and down the aisles in Hall C.
- 2.** Fill out the card with your details and the details of the resolution you wish to speak on. Remember to tick the box for “First Time Speaker”!
- 3.** Ensure that you have outlined whether you are speaking for or against the resolution and whether you are forwarding or seconding.
- 4.** Return the speaker card to the steward ensuring that you show them your delegate pass. Your card will then go to the Chair of the session - usually the Business Convener.
- 5.** It is advisable that you make your way to the side of the stage at the beginning of your chosen resolution debate so you are ready to ascend the stage if called by the Chair.
- 6.** The Chair of the session will call out those who have indicated they wish to speak in the debate. Please be aware that speakers do not always get called as this is often dependent on the number of people who have submitted cards and the time left in the session.

Please note: Speakers are given a maximum of 3 minutes to speak on a resolution. This is extended to 5 minutes for anyone who is moving a resolution or moving a direct negative. It is perfectly normal for speakers to have prepared a speech beforehand so please don't be hesitant about taking your own notes onto the stage.



Essential Information

Voting at Conference

As previously noted, only delegates can vote on resolutions. All votes are taken by a show of delegate cards, with a simple majority required to pass resolutions, amendments and “remit back”, unless the vote is on constitutional amendments which requires a two thirds majority.

Depending on the cards that have been submitted to the Chair, resolution voting may take place as follows:

- Amendments to the resolution
- The remit back
- The resolution itself, whether amended or unamended dependent on how the first vote went
- A direct negative may also be voted on opposing the resolution

Please Note: If there have been no amendments or cards put in against a resolution, the Chair may ask delegates to pass the resolution by acclaim.

Social Events

Conference season is a fantastic opportunity to meet and interact with fellow SNP members, not only at the Conference itself, but at the various social events surrounding it. There is something for everyone as branches and affiliate organisations alike will often plan various entertainment and social functions in the evenings of conference. These events often double as a fundraising effort so it's always a good idea to try and support them.

To find out what events are happening this year, have a look in the conference handbook for any adverts, or browse the Exhibition Hall where SNP organisations will often be selling tickets on stands.

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Every legacy is a powerful statement of support that is hugely valued and appreciated and crucial to our Independence campaign.

Maureen Watt, Party President

How to make a 'Will for Independence'

Rightly, the interests of those closest to you will naturally come first when you are making your will. Once you have provided for them you may wish to express your support for the SNP by means of legacy.

It is simple to make a legacy to the SNP. You can do it at the time you make your will, or if you already have one, you can change it by using an additional form called a 'codicil'.

There are different types of legacy, but the two we most commonly benefit from are gifts where a specific sum of money is left or gifts where part or all of the balance of your estate is left to the SNP after your family and friends have been provided for. If you decide to make a legacy to the SNP, or have already remembered the Party in your will, we would be very grateful

if you would let us know. Although no obligation to do so, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you and acknowledge your support. For any enquiries regarding a Will for Independence please contact Ria at SNP HQ on ria.robertson@snp.org or call 0131 525 8904.

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