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**in Scottish Parliament and local government elections**



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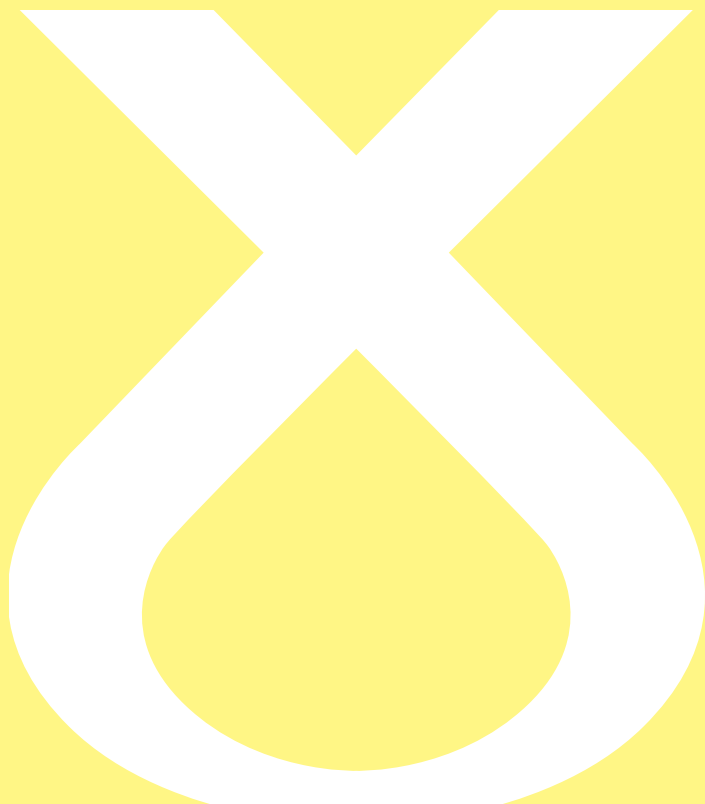
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# Agenda



## SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017

### Session 1

- 14h00** Welcome to Glasgow – Lord Provost Eva Bolander
- 14h05** A Nation with Ambition: Our Progressive Scotland – John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister
- 14h20** Report of the Standing Orders and Agenda Committee
- 14h25** Resolutions
- 15h15** Topical Resolutions – Delegates' Choice
- 15h45** Presentation of the President's Prize – Ian Hudghton MEP
- 16h00** Resolutions
- 16h45** Close

## RESOLUTIONS

### 01 PROTECTING EU SAFEGUARDS

Conference recognises that Scotland is a proud member of the European family of nations; notes that EU law provides a wide range of important legal safeguards and rights for Scotland's citizens; condemns any attempt by Westminster to remove powers from the Scottish Parliament; calls on SNP parliamentarians to defend hard won European protections for consumers and the Tories to scrap EU safeguards and structures in areas including food safety, nuclear waste, health and safety at work, and environmental protection; encourages international scientists to continue to come to work in Scotland's universities and other research institutions and protect the ability of Scottish and European students to freely study in universities both in Scotland and abroad; recognises the benefits that membership of the Single Market has brought our economy and businesses; welcomes the contribution made by EU Nationals who have done Scotland the honour of making our country their home and once again extends the hand of friendship to all those who come here to build a more progressive and prosperous nation.

MICHAEL RUSSELL MSP; STEPHEN GETHINS MP



**02 MAINTENANCE OF TENEMENT COMMUNAL PROPERTY**

Conference recognises that a significant proportion of people in Scotland live in tenement buildings; Conference acknowledges that the maintenance of communal property, or Scheme Property, within tenements is essential to the upkeep of the buildings and the standard of living for tenants; Conference notes with concern that Scheme Property in many tenements in Scotland is in a state of disrepair or degradation; Conference maintains that the Tenement (Scotland) Act 2004 is not consistently fulfilling its stated intention to encourage owners to establish effective arrangements for managing communal repairs and undertaking maintenance of tenements; Conference calls on the Scottish Government to review this situation and consider any legislative changes or new initiatives that could facilitate improved upkeep of tenement Scheme Property, for the wellbeing of tenants and to sustain and enhance Scotland's urban infrastructure and environments.

BEN MACPHERSON MSP; FORTH BRANCH;  
LEITH WALK BRANCH

**03 RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE OF MILITARY RECRUITMENT TO 18**

Conference notes that the UK is the only European & NATO country to recruit 16-year-olds into the armed forces, in conflict with the internationally recognised UN Rights of the Child.

Conference notes that those who join the armed forces under the age of 18 are more likely to be killed or injured in service, suffer from alcohol abuse and mental health issues than standard entry recruits.

Conference further notes that over three-quarters of UK citizens support an increase in the armed forces recruitment age to 18 and that such an increase in the recruitment age is supported by a range of organisations including the Children & Young Person's Commissioner of Scotland, the Educational Institute of Scotland, Children in Scotland and the Church of Scotland.

Conference calls upon the UK Government to work towards raising the minimum armed forces recruitment age from 16 to 18 for all roles that require combat training in line with international standards and affirms that this will form a part of the SNP's Defence Policy for an independent Scotland.

# Agenda

## **SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017**

SNP YOUTH; ARDROSSAN BRANCH; PRESTON, SETON, GOSFORD & FASIDE BRANCH; GORDON MACDONALD MSP; GLASGOW SHETTLESTON BRANCH; MUSSELBURGH BRANCH; ALEX NEIL MSP; LEITH WALK BRANCH; LINDA FABIANI MSP; RICHARD LYLE MSP; ASH DENHAM MSP; IVAN MCKEE MSP; BILL KIDD MSP; JOAN MCALPINE MSP; ISLE OF BUTE BRANCH; CHRISTINA MCKELVIE MSP; RONA MACKAY MSP; COLIN BEATTIE MSP; NORTH BERWICK BRANCH; LEITH BRANCH; JOHN MASON MSP; JAMES DORNAN MSP; BEITH BRANCH; ANGUS MACDONALD MSP; DAVID TORRANCE MSP; BEN MACPHERSON MSP; STUART MCMILLAN MSP; MOTHERWELL & WISHAW BRANCH; RONNIE COWAN MP; PORTOBELLO/CRAIGMILLAR BRANCH

### **AMENDMENT**

ADD AFTER PARAGRAPH 1:

Conference notes that, while 16 and 17 year-olds do not serve in combat roles, this has not always been extended to other such active duty roles, such as guard duty.

Delete paragraphs 2 and 3.

Paragraph 4: – delete “armed forces recruitment age from 16 to 18 for all roles that require combat training”, and replace with “active duty age from 16 to 18 for all roles”.

STEWART MCDONALD MP;  
CAROL MONAGHAN MP

## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017

### Session 2

- 10h30** Resolutions
- 11h00** Standing up for Scotland – Ian Blackford MP, Jeane Freeman MSP, Phillipa Whitford MP
- 11h30** Resolutions
- 12h15** Close

## RESOLUTIONS

### 04 END PUBLIC SECTOR PAY RESTRAINT

Conference welcomes the announcement by the Scottish Government to end the Public Sector pay cap and that the Scottish Government will work with trade unions and staff to implement fair and appropriate future pays awards.

Conference also notes that the pay of many public sector workers in Scotland is decided at a UK level and therefore calls upon the UK Government to follow the example of the Scottish Government and end the pay restraint on public sector wages.

Conference recognises the valuable contribution public sector employees make, working hard to ensure the effective delivery of public services at a time when budgets are being squeezed, inflation is rising and social security cuts are impacting on working households. Now is the time to scrap the cap on public sector wages.

PORTOBELLO & CRAIGMILLAR BRANCH;  
SNP TRADE UNION GROUP

### 05 COHABITING COUPLES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Conference notes that under section 19 of the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) 1981 Act, spouses or civil partners who co-own a property can ask the court to refuse or postpone the division and sale of that property, ensuring they are not forcibly made homeless.

Conference also notes that this protection is not extended to co-owners living as cohabitants, even if they have children together.

Conference believes it is wrong that children can potentially be made homeless simply because their parents did not get married before splitting up.

Conference calls for the Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Act to be amended to cover situations where cohabitants have children together, so that the co-owner with main custody of the children can, acting reasonably, ask the courts to refuse or postpone the division and sale of the property.

ABERDEEN SOUTH & NORTH KINCARDINE  
CONSTITUENCY BRANCH; ABERDEEN  
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**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017**

## **06 RESPECTING THE DEVOLUTION OF POWERS OVER AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES**

Conference notes the risks to Scotland's agriculture and fisheries industries posed by the UK Government's pursuit of a hard Brexit; demands that full powers over these areas return to the Scottish Parliament; believes that any attempted power grab by the UK Government as a result of the Brexit negotiations would be democratically indefensible; and backs calls for the Scottish Government to have a seat at the negotiating table to ensure that our voice is heard and our interests are not left to the whims of a Tory government putting party before country.

GRANTOWN & DISTRICT BRANCH;  
NA H-EILEANAN AN IAR CONSTITUENCY  
ASSOCIATION; FERGUS EWING MSP

## **07 DRUG REFORM**

Conference agrees that current drug policy requires a comprehensive review and believes approaching substance misuse as a public health issue rather than a criminal matter would greater support families and communities; lift the stigma associated with addiction; remove barriers between police and communities and allow policy to reflect the values of our progressive society.

JOSH MENNIE, ELECTED MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL; INVERURIE BRANCH; RONNIE COWAN MP; ARDROSSAN BRANCH; WEST CLYDESDALE BRANCH; BADENOCH & STRATHSPEY BRANCH; BALLOCHMYLE BRANCH; AYR NORTH BRANCH; RICKY TAYLOR, ELECTED MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL; ARBROATH & DISTRICT BRANCH; BANFF & MACDUFF BRANCH, BERWICKSHIRE BRANCH; ARMADALE, BLACKRIDGE, TORPHICHEN & WESTFIELD BRANCH; CLACKMANNANSHIRE WEST BRANCH; BEATH BRANCH; KINROSS-SHIRE & DISTRICT BRANCH; CUPAR BRANCH; WALLACE BRANCH; UDDINGSTON & BELLSHILL CONSTITUENCY BRANCH; ELGIN BRANCH; SNP TRADE UNION GROUP; ISLE OF ARRAN BRANCH

## **AMENDMENT**

Add at end:  
Conference further calls for all powers relating to drugs policy to be transferred to the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government, so that the review can consider all options for harm reduction, including drug classification, decriminalisation, legalisation, and regulation.

SNP YOUTH; JENNIFER DUNN, ELECTED MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017

### Session 3

- 14h00** Fraternal Address by Leanne Wood AM, Leader of Plaid Cymru, Party of Wales
- 14h15** Resolutions
- 15h00** Topical and Emergency Resolutions
- 15h20** Growing Scotland's Economy – Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance
- 15h40** Resolutions
- 16h30** Close

## RESOLUTIONS

### 08 'SEX FOR RENT' – EXPLOITATION BY LANDLORDS

Conference notes with concern the recent newspaper coverage detailing a disturbing trend in Scottish towns and cities of persons advertising “free” rental on flats and houses to women in exchange for sex. Conference notes this practice is often undertaken on advertising websites, and seek to prey on those with vulnerable housing status, and that those who fall prey lack any form of tenancy rights or protection.

Conference condemns this utterly appalling practice; and resolves to ask the Scottish Government to look into introducing new primary legislation making it an offence to solicit sex in exchange for providing accommodation, or advertising accommodation for “free” with the intent to solicit sexual relationships.

LOMOND NORTH BRANCH;  
STUART MCMILLAN MSP

### AMENDMENT

Add after “appalling practice”:

Conference recognises ‘sex for rent’ as part of a wider trend towards increasing levels of commercial sexual exploitation in Scotland which prey on vulnerable individuals in need of cash to purchase essentials, such as accommodation or food, or to fund addictions;

Add after “in exchange for providing accommodation”:

“or money,”

Add after “or advertising accommodation”:

“or other ‘in kind’ services”

RUTH MAGUIRE MSP, IVAN MCKEE MSP, KATE FORBES MSP, ASH DENHAM MSP

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017**

## **09 THE BANK OF ENGLAND**

Conference recognises the important role that the Bank of England has played and will continue to play as the UK heads towards its exit from the EU. The relationship of the Bank with the devolved nations however, has not kept pace with the challenging economic times that undoubtedly lie ahead.

There remains no requirement for the Bank to engage formally with the Scottish Government on the specific dynamics of the Scottish economy which demand their own unique policy responses.

Similarly there is no obligation on the Bank to ensure Scottish representation on any of the key committees of the Bank, including the crucially important Monetary Policy Committee.

Such lack of representation has failed to recognise the enormous importance of political devolution across the UK. As exit from the EU looms, the Bank of England must fundamentally change the way in which it operates.

Conference calls on the Westminster Government to initiate an urgent review on how to ensure that Scotland has an effective role to play within the Bank of England.

NEWINGTON & SOUTHSIDE BRANCH

## **10 STEM**

Conference notes that Scotland has a proud history of excellence and innovation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM); believes that education and training in STEM subjects is vital for our young people's future and the future of our country; welcomes plans to bring forward a STEM strategy to offer young people qualifications, knowledge and training in key economic sectors with known skills gaps like engineering, digital technology, science, life sciences and construction; urges the Scottish Government to develop, as part of the STEM strategy, a Scottish STEM ambassador network; and calls on the Scottish Government to do all it can to address the gender bias in young people's career options which leads to the under-representation of women in STEM courses and careers.

SHIRLEY-ANNE SOMERVILLE MSP;  
DUNFERMLINE CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION;  
GILLIAN MARTIN MSP



**11 IMMIGRATION TO BECOME  
A DEVOLVED MATTER TO THE  
SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

Conference believes that Immigration should become a devolved matter and that the Scottish Parliament is well placed to deliver the needs of the EU citizens that currently reside in Scotland.

Conference also notes that 181,000 EU citizens have chosen to make Scotland their home and play a crucial part in contributing to society, the economy and the labour market.

Conference notes that by devolving immigration powers to Holyrood will result in positivity and success for immigrants which will in turn result and reflect positively on Scotland as a country that welcomes immigrants from the EU and celebrates the contribution they make to society along with the much-needed security that immigrants deserve.

Conference also notes the importance of devolving immigration in terms of our industries and different sectors of society, especially universities which rely on good policy and organisation to attract international students.

Conference resolves to continue to seek the devolution of immigration powers to Scotland and in doing so continue to show that immigrants are not a political pawn for the UK Government to use in the Brexit negotiations.

MOTHERWELL & WISHAW  
CONSTITUENCY BRANCH

**12 CONNECTING SCOTLAND TO THE  
WORLD DIGITALLY**

Conference recognises the importance of digital connectivity to Scotland's future economic prosperity and welcomes the progress being made to achieve the Scottish Government's ambitious target to provide access to superfast broadband to every home and business in Scotland by 2021. Conference also acknowledges the vital role that fibre connectivity plays in connecting Scotland to the rest of the world and the need for international connectivity to realise this, not least to enable the growth of Scotland's potential as an ideal location for data-centres. Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to pursue appropriate opportunities to connect to transatlantic fibre crossings and encourage international cable termination in Scotland.

INVERNESS CITY BRANCH; FERGUS EWING  
MSP; DREW HENDRY MP

# Investing in Scotland's future: what next for our universities, colleges and post-16 education?

Monday 9 October | 9.00 – 10.00am

Finnieston Suite, Hilton Garden Inn

Join the **National Union of Students** and **MillionPlus** to discuss the challenges facing universities, colleges and students in post-Brexit Scotland.

**Speakers include:** Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Further and Higher Education; Carol Monaghan MP, Education Group Leader in Westminster; Luke Humberstone, NUS Scotland President; Shakira Martin, NUS President; Professor Nigel Seaton, Principle and Vice-Chancellor, Abertay University.

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## Inclusive Growth: Achieving fair work in Scotland?

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**Timings:** Monday 9 October, Refreshments from 5:15pm, 5:30pm start to 6:30pm

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- What will inclusive growth mean for low-paid or low-skilled workers in sectors like care, hospitality and retail?
- How will we measure progress?

### Speakers

**Cllr Susan Aitken** (invited)

**Keith Brown MSP** (invited)

**Neil Gray MP**

**Peter Kelly**, Director, The Poverty Alliance

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## Speakers

### John Swinney

Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary  
for Education and Skills

### Nicola Fisher

EIS President

## Chair

### Alison Thornton

EIS Vice-President

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# Agenda

## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017

### Session 4 – Internal

16h30 Internal Resolutions

17h00 Reports of National Office Bearers,  
Groups and Affiliate Organisations

17h30 Close

## RESOLUTIONS

### 13 REGIONAL ORGANISERS

Conference notes that the party membership has expanded vastly since 2014 but that average participation rates could be improved in terms of attendance at meetings and active campaigning, notwithstanding various efforts and initiatives at local level.

Conference believes that greater participation of party members would be advantageous in many respects, including policy development, activism and electoral results.

Conference, therefore, proposes that as part of the governance review of the party, we also consider how we structure our staff support for all party activities, and particularly the possibility of paid regional organisers to help coordinate and support local campaign efforts.

LEITH BRANCH

## TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017

### Session 5

- 10h30** Resolutions  
**11h15** Making Scotland's Voice Heard –  
Humza Yousaf MSP,  
Mhairi Black MP  
**11h35** Resolutions  
**12h15** Close

UK Government to devolve the full powers over welfare benefits to the Scottish Parliament which will ensure that decisions over social security are made by the people of Scotland to meet their needs and aspirations.

DREW HENDRY MP; JEANE FREEMAN MSP

## RESOLUTIONS

### 14 UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Conference condemns the rollout of the Conservative Government's Universal Credit benefit which is having a detrimental impact on households; is concerned the in-built six week delay in receiving the first payment is having a harmful impact on people and leading them into rent arrears, increased debt and a reliance on crisis services including the Scottish Government's Scottish Welfare Fund and foodbanks; notes this is a reserved benefit but the damage it causes to households means there is a financial burden shifted to local authorities and services in supporting people impacted; calls on the UK Government to halt the rollout immediately until the system is reformed and is fit for purpose of adequately supporting families and individuals; welcomes the Scottish Government using its very limited powers over flexibilities of Universal Credit to ensure there is a choice over direct payment to landlords and twice monthly payments; recognises that once again Scotland rejected a Conservative Government at Westminster and calls on the

### 15 PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Conference welcomes and supports the recent UN treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and calls for international cooperation under UN auspices to find agreed means to decommission nuclear weapons and their delivery systems so that vulnerable communities do not become hosts to nuclear dumps and that safe decommissioning practices can be shared.

Conference also urges the UK Government to implement a policy of no first use of nuclear weapons, as a first step towards compliance with international law.

CROMARTY FIRTH BRANCH;  
BRAIDBURN BRANCH

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017**

## **16 AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION**

Conference believes we should be seeking to boost democratic participation in elections, utilising practices used elsewhere in Europe, such as the automatic enrolment on the electoral register and holding elections on weekends.

Conference recognises that such practices contribute to the consistently higher turnouts in countries like Sweden and France.

Conference deplores any moves by the UK Government towards placing additional barriers in the way of voting, such as the introduction of mandatory voter ID, which is shown to have little effect on electoral fraud while depressing turnout in certain demographics.

Conference calls on the Scottish Government to look at best practices across European electoral systems and use the powers devolved in the Scotland Act 2016 to invigorate the democratic process and boost voter turnout, with a particular focus on automatic voter registration.

ALEXANDER KERR, ELECTED MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL; DOUG DANIEL, ELECTED MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL; SNP TRADE UNION GROUP

## **17 CROWN ESTATE**

Conference notes that the Sovereign Grant Act 2011 changed the way the Royal Household is supported financially by the state, scrapping the previous Civil List and Grants-in-Aid system with a method that pays the Royal Household a proportion of Crown Estate profits, including a guarantee that this Sovereign Grant will not fall from the previous year and is rounded up to the nearest £100,000.

Conference further notes that this has resulted in the Royal Household receiving a significantly larger income year on year from the state, from the initial Sovereign Grant of £31 million in 2012-13 to £76.1 million in 2017-18.

Conference believes that profits from the Crown Estate, which is a public asset, should be spent on the wider public good.

Conference therefore resolves to support the repeal of the Sovereign Grant Act 2011.

CUMBERNAULD BRANCH; JULIE HEPBURN, POLITICAL EDUCATION CONVENER; DOUG DANIEL, ELECTED MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL; GILLIAN MARTIN MSP; ALISON THEWLISS MP; DAVID LINDEN MP; JENNIFER DUNN, ELECTED MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL; CLARE ADAMSON MSP; BILL KIDD MSP; NEIL GRAY MP; JOAN MCALPINE MSP

## TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017

### Session 6

- 14h00** Announcement of Internal Election Results
- 14h05** Resolutions
- 14h55** Topical and Emergency Resolutions
- 15h10** Shaping the Future: Leading the Movement – Angus Robertson, Depute Leader
- 15h20** Address by Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Party Leader and First Minister of Scotland
- 16h00** Close of Conference

### RESOLUTIONS

#### 18 VAT ON SANITARY PRODUCTS

Conference congratulates the Scottish Government on being the first in the world to provide free sanitary products for women on low incomes; encourages an expansion of this programme; notes with concern that the UK Government still charges VAT on tampons; and calls on the UK Government to scrap the tampon tax once and for all; further calls on the UK Government to scrap the deeply unjust VAT on all sanitary products, including incontinence products and breast pads.

KIRSTY BLACKMAN MP; NEIL GRAY MP

#### 19 MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

Conference supports World Mental Health Day on 10th October, which this year promotes good mental health and wellbeing in the workplace. While most people are at least aware of the actions they should take to improve their physical health, many are unaware of 'keep fit' for good mental health. Conference acknowledges that mental health is often neglected as a key aspect of employees' overall health, yet depression now heads the list of causes of illness and disability worldwide.

Conference notes the Mental Health Foundation's research that around half of employees with a mental health problem choose not to disclose it to an employer for fear of discrimination, and affirms that mental health stigma has no place either in the workplace or anywhere else in society.

Conference welcomes the Scottish Government's new mental health strategy and the specific commitment within it to work with employers to protect and improve mental health in the workplace, and support employees experiencing poor mental health. Conference further welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to helping people with severe and enduring mental health problems find suitable work through its new employment support service, Fair Start.

DR PHILIPPA WHITFORD MP; TONI GIUGLIANO, ELECTED MEMBER

# Agenda

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017**

## **20 TACKLING JOB INSECURITY AND UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

Conference reaffirms its commitment to tackle job insecurity and unfair employment practices; notes Scotland has a lower proportion of workers on zero-hours contracts than the UK average and the Scottish Government encourages businesses to commit to not using these exploitative contracts through the Scottish Business Pledge; further notes the Scottish Government continues to promote the Living Wage in all sectors and will double the number of accredited employers in Scotland this year; welcomes the SNP's Unpaid Work Trials (Prohibition) Bill at Westminster that would require workers to be paid for work trial periods, regardless of whether or not a full offer of employment is provided; also welcomes the SNP's Fair Rights at Work that would put in place workplace protection for gig economy workers; understands that current practices are contributing to over £1.2 billion in missing wages each year; and notes that passing such legislation will help secure an economy where everyone can get on in Scotland.

STEWART MCDONALD MP;  
JENNY GILRUTH MSP



# BREXIT:

## Scotland and the EU: what now?

Scotland in Europe has never been more important, and this fringe is your opportunity to take stock of the unfolding Brexit chaos and mounting damage and work out where we go from here.

Join Alyn Smith MEP and Dr Kirsty Hughes as they discuss Scotland's options.

### Speakers:

Alyn Smith MEP

Dr. Kirsty Hughes (Scottish Centre on European Relations)

### Time:

Sunday 8 October, 12:30 - 13:30

### Location:

Castle 1/2, Crowne Plaza

**Buffet Lunch Available**



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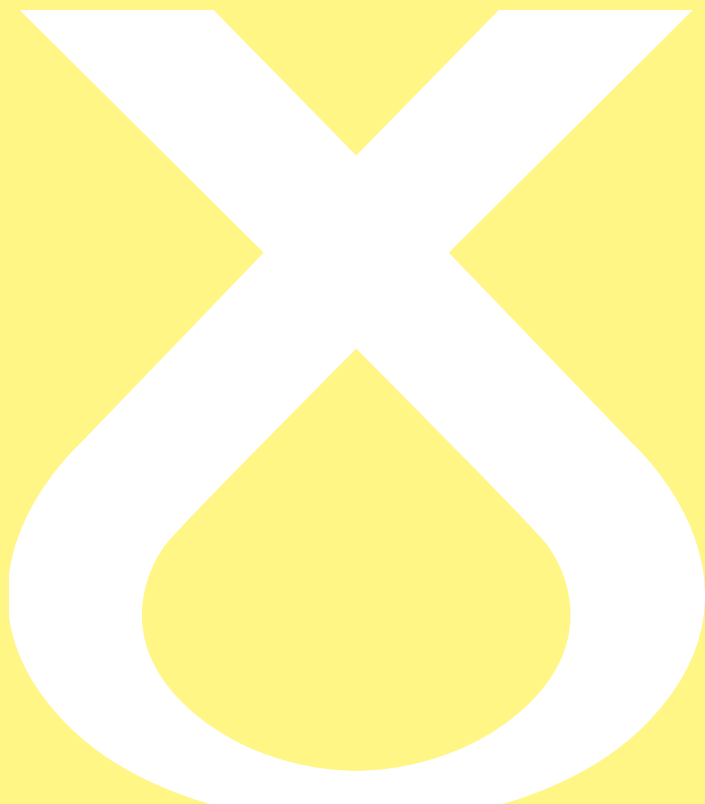
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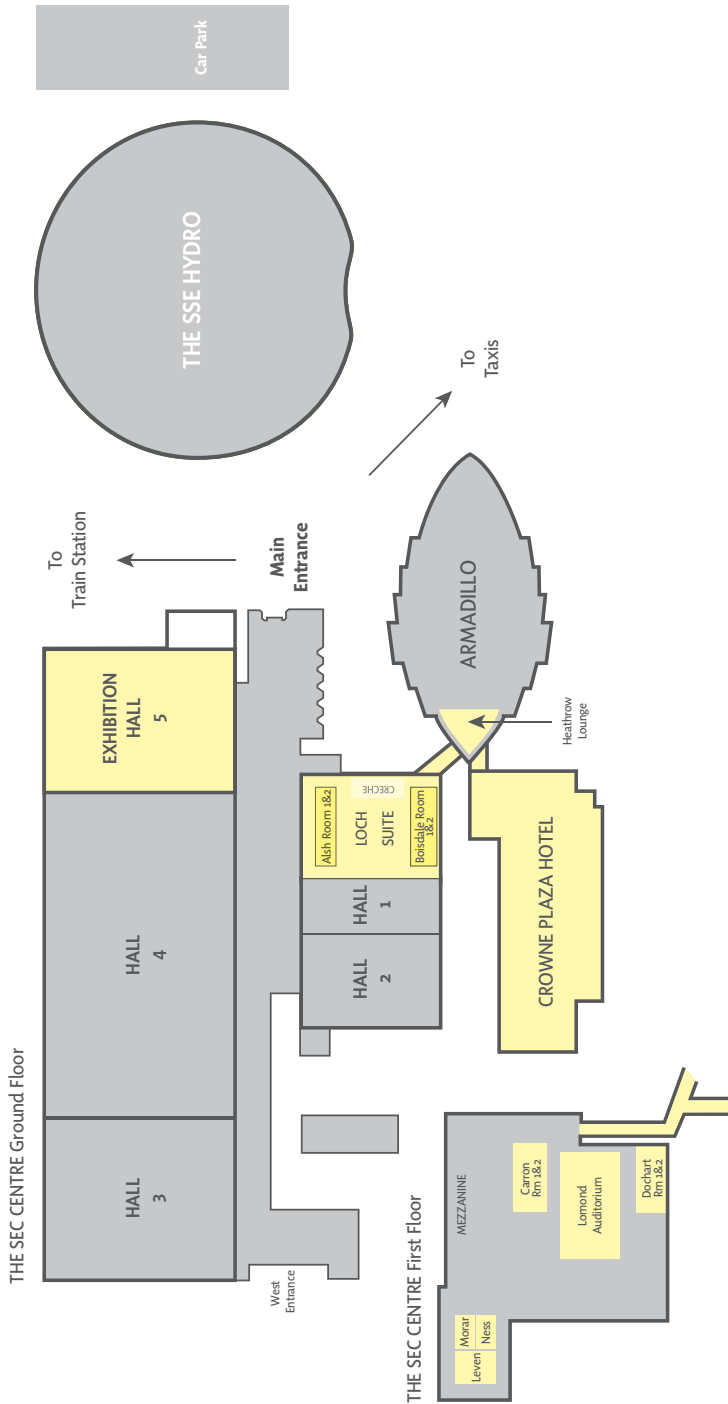
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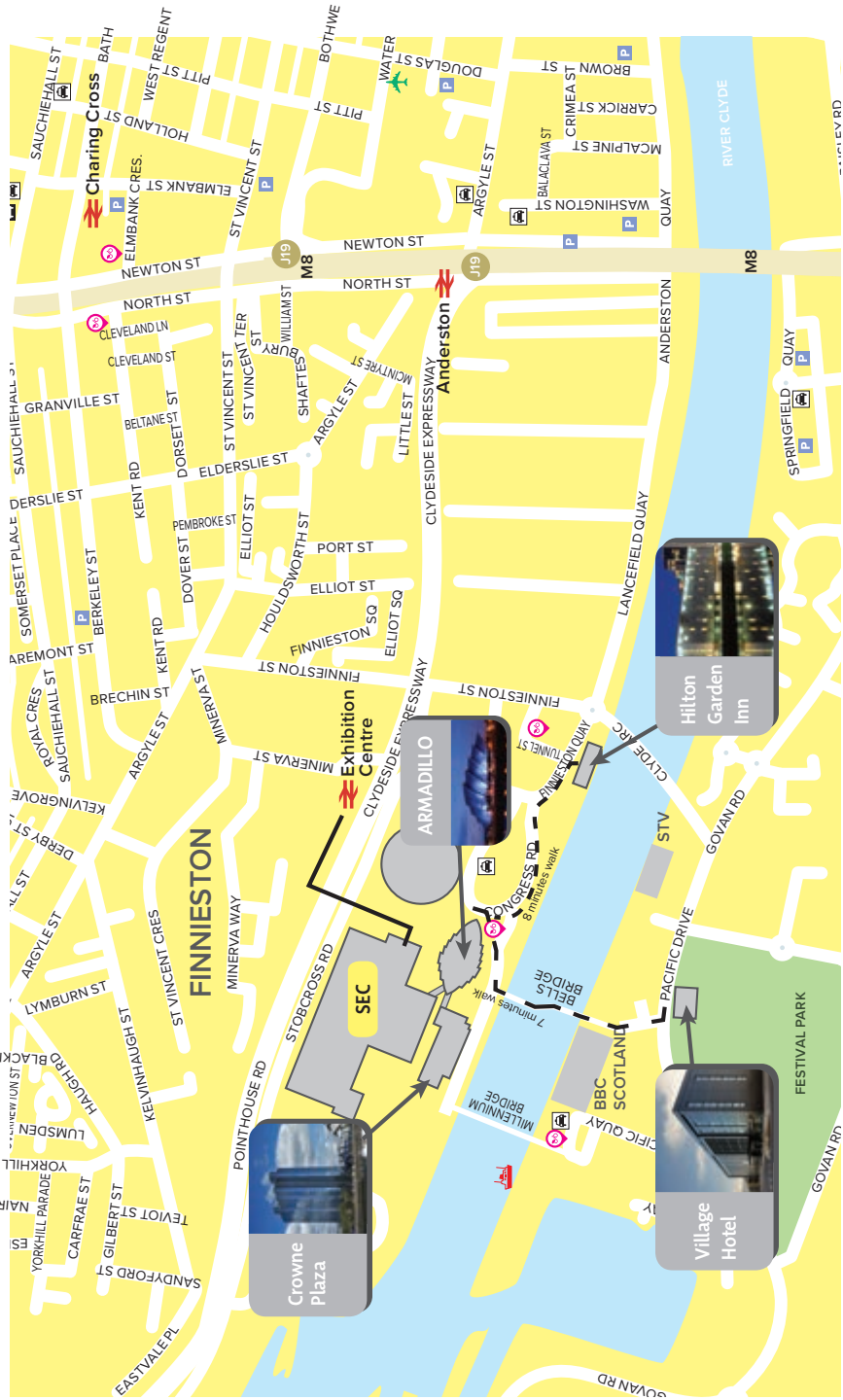


# SNP Conference Map: SCOTTISH EVENT CAMPUS (SEC)



# SNP Conference Map: Wider area

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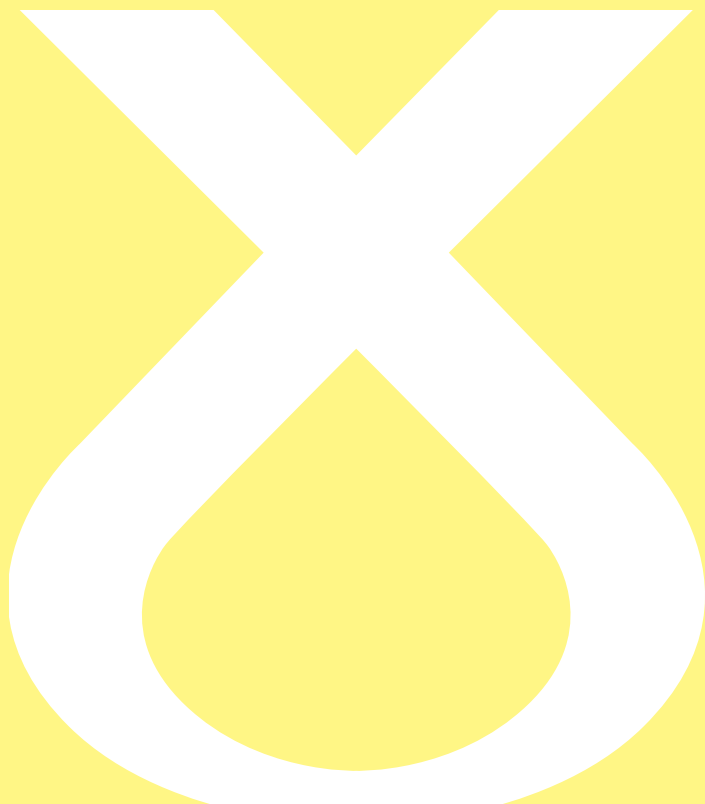
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# Nancy Clench

Monday, 9th October, 7pm  
The Village Hotel, Glasgow  
Tickets £10



Exhibitors



# Exhibitors

## SUNDAY 8 – TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017

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SNP Headquarters Information Desk

**Stand 2**

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**Stand 3**

Independence Magazine

**Stand 4**

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland

**Stand 5**

Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)

**Stand 6**

BBC

**Stand 7**

British Heart Foundation Scotland

**Stand 8**

Cancer Research UK

**Stand 9**

Children 1st

**Stand 10**

Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS)

**Stand 11**

Community Windpower Ltd

**Stand 12**

The Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS)

**Stand 13**

Electrical Safety First

**Stand 14**

Glasgow Kelvin Host Committee

**Stand 15**

Guide Dogs

**Stand 16**

Have You Got The Bottle?

**Stand 17**

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar

**Stand 18**

Holocaust Educational Trust

**Stand 19**

iScot Magazine

**Stand 20**

League Against Cruel Sports

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**Stand 22**

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**Stand 23**

NSPCC Scotland

**Stand 24**

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Opening Times	Conference	Exhibition
Sunday	13h30 – 17h00	10h30 – 18h00
Monday	10h00 – 16h45	09h00 – 18h00
Tuesday	10h00 – 16h00	09h00 – 16h30



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The Coalfields Regeneration Trust

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The Equality Network

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# SCOTLAND IN EUROPE

## WHY EU MEMBERSHIP IS BEST FOR SCOTLAND

### JOIN ALYN SMITH MEP & MICHAEL RUSSELL MSP AS THEY LAUNCH THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO SCOTLAND IN EUROPE

A limited number of print copies will be available, so make sure you arrive on time to pick up yours!

The Scotland in Europe book is your handy guide to the facts, stats and infographics surrounding Scotland's membership of the European Union, and what we're going to lose if the UK continues with a reckless Hard Brexit.

### SPEAKERS:

Alyn Smith MEP & Michael Russell MSP

### TIME:

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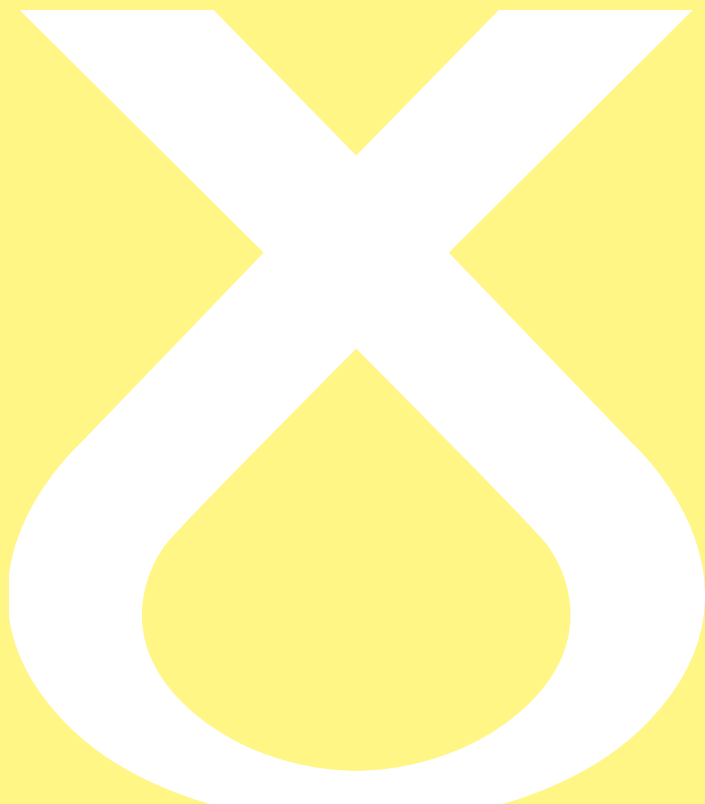
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# Fringe Programme



# Fringe Meetings

**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017** LUNCHTIME

**THE CITY UK**

**TheCityUK**

Sunday 8 October

Leven, 1st Floor, SEC Centre

12:30 – 13:30

**Our Vision for the Industry's Future:  
What next for the financial and related  
professional services?**

This event will provide a unique opportunity to explore our vision of how the financial and related professional services industry can contribute to the success of the whole of the UK after Brexit. We will discuss the areas on which the industry, government and regulators will need to focus if we are to collectively maintain Britain's place as the pre-eminent European and global financial centre in the future. As the UK undertakes its negotiation with the EU to agree the terms of a new partnership, this fringe event will help delegates focus on the role of the industry beyond Brexit.

**Chair**

- Keith Aitken, Journalist and Broadcaster

**Speakers**

- Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
- Hannah Bardell MP, Spokesperson on Trade and Investment
- Nick Collier, Global Head of Government Relations, Thomson Reuters and Chairman of TheCityUK Public Affairs Group
- Lindsay Gardiner, Regional Chairman for Scotland, PwC



**UNISON SCOTLAND  
& THE SUNDAY TIMES**



**THE SUNDAY TIMES**

Sunday 8 October

Morar & Ness, 1st Floor, SEC Centre

12:30 – 13:30

**Brexit, employment and workers rights**

How will Brexit affect employment and workers' rights, and how will the shape of Scotland's workforce change? Will the collective rights and protections of UK workers that are currently enshrined in EU legislation be lost if the UK leaves the single market and the EU? What steps does the Scottish Government intend to ensure the best deal possible

**Speakers:**

Chair, John Boothman, (The Sunday Times); Dave Watson, Head of public affairs (UNISON Scotland); Michael Russell, Minister for UK negotiations on Scotland's place in Europe.



## SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### LEAGUE AGAINST CRUEL SPORTS



Sunday 8 October  
Barra Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Still hunted: an update on the campaign for a real ban on foxhunting in Scotland**

For two years, the League has been campaigning for the Scottish Parliament to strengthen the Protection of Wild Mammals Act, which governs foxhunting. Our investigations have led to the Scottish Government commissioning an independent review of hunting laws, as well as the first convictions under the Act.

Come along to find out more about the campaign, and how you can help us end this cruel 'sport' in Scotland.

#### **Speakers:**

Ruth Maguire MSP and Jennifer Dunn,  
Senior Parliamentary Officer, League Against Cruel Sports



### CENTRICA PLC & AGE SCOTLAND



Sunday 8 October  
Shuna Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Energy innovation and new technology can help older and vulnerable households (so what's stopping them accessing it?)**

Centrica and Age Scotland have come together to look at how energy innovation can help elderly and vulnerable households. We'll explore some of the barriers to them making the most of it. It's our belief that older people deserve to live in a warm, healthy home. We will discuss how energy companies, working with organisations like Age Scotland, can provide innovative solutions to managing energy use and keeping homes warm and safe.

#### **Chair:**

Christina McKelvie MSP

#### **Speakers:**

Paul Wheelhouse MSP  
Steve Crabb, Director, Consumer Vulnerability, Centrica/Scottish Gas  
Jim Eadie, Age Scotland  
John MacNeill, Head of Policy and Communications Scotland



# Fringe Meetings

**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017** LUNCHTIME

## ALYN SMITH MEP



Scottish Centre on  
European Relations

Sunday 8 October  
Castle 1 & 2, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

### **Brexit, Scotland and the EU: what now?**

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#### **Speakers:**

Alyn Smith MEP,  
Dr Kirsty Hughes (Scottish Centre  
on European Relations)



## SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH



Sunday 8 October  
Castle 3, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

### **Going to Be**

Around since 1923, SAMH is Scotland's largest mental health charity and currently operates over 60 services in communities across Scotland. In May, SAMH launched our new children and young people's campaign, Going to Be. Three children in every classroom will have experienced a mental health problem by the time they're 16 with thousands struggling to get the help they need. We believe this has got to change. Our event will cover the changes SAMH wants to see in schools to make sure Scotland's young people get the help they need, when they need it.

#### **Speakers:**

Mark McDonald MSP, Minister for Childcare  
and Early Years  
Billy Watson, SAMH Chief Executive



## SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### POLITICAL EDUCATION MEETING



Sunday 8 October  
Finnieston Suite, Hilton Garden Inn  
12:30 – 13:30

Led by Julie Hepburn – Political Education Convener

An opportunity for Political Education Officers to network, organise and share experiences. We will also be joined by the four candidates for the post of Political Education Convener, and PEOs will have the opportunity to hear what they are offering and ask questions.

### GET INVOLVED – USING ACTIVATE. SNP.ORG: OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS



Sunday 8 October  
Argyll 1, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
14:45 – 15:45

An introduction to the SNP's campaign platform [activate.snp.org](http://activate.snp.org). Learn how to register for an [activate.snp.org](http://activate.snp.org) and about the campaign activities you could help with using the system.

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### SCIENCE OF CAMPAIGNING: OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS



Sunday 8 October  
Argyll 1, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

How the SNP wins elections – an introduction to the SNP's campaign techniques for all members. Learn the rationale for why we do what we do and pick up practical tips for Voter ID and engagement.

# Fringe Meetings

**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017** EVENING

## POPPY SCOTLAND



Sunday 8 October  
Leven, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

### **Supporting Armed Forces Children in Education: Are we making the grade?**

Service children face unique challenges as a consequence of their parents' service in the Armed Forces and mobile lifestyle. Join us for speeches from Keith Brown MSP, Mark Bibbey, CEO Poppyscotland and Colin Flinn, CEO of The Royal Caledonian Education Trust, on how we can better support Service children in schools and learn from existing best practice.

#### **Speakers:**

- Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
- Mark Bibbey, Chief Executive, Poppyscotland
- Colin Flinn, Director, The Royal Caledonian Education Trust



## 38 DEGREES



Sunday 8 October  
Morar & Ness, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

### **DIY Brexit: what do the public want Brexit to look like?**

38 Degrees is one of the country's largest campaigning organisations. Since the EU Referendum, 38 Degrees members have been crowd-sourcing a vision for Brexit. Over 8 million votes have been cast so far, on dozens of different ideas including trade and immigration – and the plan is taking shape.

#### **Speakers:**

- Peter Grant MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Europe
- Laura Townshend, Communications Director, 38 Degrees





## SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017 EVENING

### THE SMITH INSTITUTE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY PENSION FUND FORUM



Sunday 8 October  
Shuna Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **Surely, time for workers on the board?**

The SNP have long championed fairness at work and strengthening workers' rights. The PM claims she's listening and has promised to give workers in listed companies a voice at boardroom level. But will her proposals for a new corporate governance code make a difference; what can be done differently in Scotland; and what should Scotland's politicians and investors, like pension funds, be calling for?

#### **Speakers:**

- Cllr Kieran Quinn (Chair, Local Authority Pension Fund Forum)
- Clare Haughey MP
- Grahame Smith (General Secretary, STUC)
- Maree Todd MSP

**Chair:** Linda Urquhart OBE (Co-Chair, Fair Work Convention) – TBC

### SNP TRADE UNION GROUP



Sunday 8 October  
Jura Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **Workers' Rights, Pay & Equality**

The Tory government's austerity programme puts our essential services at increasingly serious risk whilst the public sector pay cap demoralises and impoverishes many of those who work to provide those services. The policies of austerity push more and more people towards food banks, fuel poverty and debt, causing conflict and division where support, once barely adequate, is now totally withdrawn. The Scottish Government and SNP Westminster Group seek to offer alternative strategies in partnership with trade unions and civil society. The SNP Trade Union Group invites you to take part in this process and to help build a better Scotland.

- Chris Stephens MP
- Lynn Henderson, STUC Vice President & PCS National Officer for Scotland and Ireland
- Nicola Hay, Show Racism The Red Card
- Stewart McDonald MP

# Fringe Meetings

**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017** EVENING

## WEBB MEMORIAL TRUST

### Webb Memorial Trust

Sunday 8 October  
Staffa Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **Rethinking poverty – because traditional ways aren't working**

Despite the word "Unacceptable" so often expressed by politicians today, and vows over 100 years ago to remove poverty in the UK forever, poverty remains– and grows – and yet we live in the sixth largest economy in the world.

This fringe revolves around the publication in September of "Rethinking poverty" by Barry Knight, one of the speakers.

It asserts that the traditional solutions haven't worked. So if we are serious about removing poverty in Scotland what needs to be done, and who needs to do it?

Come to the fringe and join the debate.

#### **Speakers:**

- Neil Gray MP-v/chair All Party Parliamentary Group on Poverty
- Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities
- Dr Sharon Wright – Public Policy, Glasgow University
- Barry Knight – Author of Rethinking Poverty

**Chair:** Mike Parker, Webb Memorial Trust

## SNP FRIENDS OF PALESTINE



Sunday 8 October  
Argyll 1, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **Gaza in Crisis: 10 years of collective punishment**

Gaza has now been subjected to an illegal blockade for over a decade. Cut off from the world by air, land, and sea, the coastal strip has become the world's largest open air prison. The 2 million residents have been denied the most basic of rights and faced three major military onslaughts during this time. Humanitarian agencies, including Save the Children, have declared Gaza unlivable. Join SNP Friends of Palestine for a discussion on what needs to be done to secure the future of Gaza.

#### **Speakers:**

- Ben Jamal – Director Palestine Solidarity Campaign
- Philippa Whitford MP
- Sandra White MSP
- Chair: John Nicolson, broadcaster and former Member of Parliament

## SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017 EVENING

### ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY



Sunday 8 October  
Castle 1, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **Our Democracy: Act As If We Own The Place Supporting Scots to run their own communities**

Join Electoral Reform Society to discuss the movement in Scotland for people to have control over their own lives and communities. How do we help build local structures and shape institutions, new and old, to allow real democracy to flourish?

#### **Contributors include:**

- Lesley Riddoch (Nordic Horizons)
- Willie Sullivan (ERS Scotland)
- Pauline Grandison (Coalfields Regeneration Trust)
- Kevin Stewart MSP (Minister for Local Government and Housing)



### ACTIONAID UK & SNP WOMEN'S GROUP

Change lives. For good.

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Sunday 8 October  
Castle 3, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **A Global Vision for Women's Empowerment**

Empowering women to claim their rights and become agents of change must be a core part of the global effort for gender equality and is fundamental to sustainable international development. Join us to learn about ActionAid's work with women and girls around the world, SNP-led projects in international development and emergencies, and to explore Scotland's role in the global vision for women's empowerment.

#### **Speakers:**

- Tasmina Ahmed Sheikh, National Women's and Equalities Convener
- Angela Crawley MP, Women and Equalities Spokesperson
- Pascaline Kangethe, ActionAid Kenya
- Chaired by Dorcas Erskine, ActionAid UK



# Fringe Meetings

**SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017** EVENING

## **HOLYROOD HEALTH AND CARE HUB**



Sunday 8 October  
Finnieston Suite, Hilton Garden Inn  
17:30 – 18:30

### **Holyrood Health and Care Hub Reception**

Holyrood magazine are proud to launch the Holyrood Health & Care Hub – a new initiative to bring together some of the leading organisations involved in health and social care from across Scotland. The Health & Care Hub Reception will serve as a celebration of some of the outstanding work of these organisations, their members and the broader health and social care community.

#### **Speakers:**

Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport



## **BRANCH ORGANISER'S GET TOGETHER**



Sunday 8 October  
Argyll 2, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

An opportunity for branch & CA Organisers to meet informally, share best practice and build networks. New organisers especially welcome.



### **CHANNEL 4 RECEPTION**

Castle 2, Ground Floor, Crown Plaza  
Monday 17:30 – 18:30

**INVITATION ONLY**

## SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017 EVENING

### CHRISTIANS FOR INDEPENDENCE



Sunday 8 October  
Leven, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
19:30 – 20:30

#### How does faith relate to personal politics?

Why is it that Christians believe the Gospels yet vote for governments that deliver otherwise? Speakers: Councillor Alison Dickie with Dave Thompson



### SNP WESTMINSTER RECEPTION

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Argyll 3, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
Sunday 18:30 – 19:30

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### SNP STAFF RECEPTION

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Argyll 2, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
Sunday 19:00 – 20:00

**INVITATION ONLY**



# Hamilton 1967

*The by-election that  
transformed Scotland*

*In conversation :  
Professor James Mitchell (author)  
Fergus Ewing MSP  
Annabelle Ewing MSP and  
chair: Christina McKelvie MSP*

**Scots Independent and Luath Press Book Launch  
Tuesday 10 October, 12.30 - 1.30pm  
Lomond Auditorium, opposite Hall 5**

# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 MORNING**

## SCOTTISH POLICE FEDERATION



Monday 9 October  
Argyll 2 & 3, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
09:00 – 10:00

### Policing for the Public

Anyone following policing in Scotland over the past few years would be forgiven for thinking that the public were an inconvenient consideration in what was otherwise an accounting, bureaucratic, financially vulnerable political experiment.

Whilst questions over governance and audit are legitimate for any organisation, policing is first and foremost a public service – it's high time that this more than anything else is at the heart of any discussions over the future of policing in Scotland.

Despite what we hear, too many of our citizens feel they have little option but to accept whatever level of police service they are given.

This fringe will discuss how we all have a part to play in designing the police service we want and what we can do to try and get it.

### Speakers:

- Michael Matheson
- Cllr Douglas Reid (East Ayrshire – group leader Cosla)
- Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council



## THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE



Monday 9 October  
Staffa Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
09:00 – 10:00

### 50 years of Emergency Medicine and the future of Unscheduled Care

This year, the Royal College of Emergency Medicine is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the emergency medicine specialty. In that short space of time, emergency care in Scotland has transformed with Scottish 4-hour performance outstripping that of the other UK Nations.

Yet NHS Scotland's medical workforce continues to face a significant challenge to meet the health needs of a growing and ageing population.

Our fringe event will discuss the achievements of unscheduled care in Scotland and the challenges that remain to be tackled, with guest speakers Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport and Eddie Fraser, Director of Health and Social Care at East Ayrshire HSCP.



# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 MORNING**

## CENTRICA PLC



Monday 9 October  
Shuna Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
09:00 – 10:00

### **The leaky pipe: feeding the pipeline of young women into STEM**

Centrica believe diversity within the workforce leads to a successful organisation, and we're keen to ensure our culture and working practices are fit for purpose to attract and retain the best talent, both male and female. We're committed to creating an inclusive working environment and support the SNPs ambitions on STEM, the women and Equalities agenda. We will explore the barriers – perceived or real – to young women taking up career opportunities in STEM. We are delighted to have the participation of Anne Marie Imafidon, co-founder of the Stemettes – the award winning social enterprise working to inspire young women into STEM <http://stemettes.org>

- Gillian Martin MSP, Convener of Scottish Parliament CPG on Women in Enterprise
- Jenny Gilruth MSP
- Susan Grayson, Head of Hydrocarbons Accounting, North Sea, Centrica
- Anne Marie Imafidon MBE, co-founder of the Stemettes
- Julie Dickson, Scottish Gas engineer



## NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS AND MILLIONPLUS



Monday 9 October  
Finneston Suite, Hilton Garden Inn  
09:00 – 10:00

### **Investing in Scotland's future: what next for our universities, colleges and post-16 education?**

Join the National Union of Students and MillionPlus to discuss the challenges facing universities, colleges and students in post-Brexit Scotland.

#### **Speakers include:**

- Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Minister for Further and Higher Education;
- Carol Monaghan MP, Spokesperson for Education;
- Luke Humberstone, NUS Scotland President;
- Shakira Martin, NUS President;
- Professor Nigel Seaton, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Abertay University;
- Chaired by: Russell Gunson





## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 MORNING

### PRINCE'S TRUST SCOTLAND AND HSBC



Monday 9 October  
Alsh A, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
09:00 – 10:00

#### Youth Can Do It

Our Prince's Trust community, made up of young people, private sector supporters, volunteers, staff, public and third sector partners, have an optimism and ambition that's infectious. We believe in the potential of young people, united we transform lives of thousands of vulnerable young people in Scotland. Youth Can Do It is our message to inspire every young person to succeed, no matter their background.

We will hear from John Swinney MSP, Allan Watt (Prince's Trust) and Lee Anne Duffy (HSBC) and more importantly inspiring stories from Prince's Trust Young Ambassadors followed by an audience Q&A session.

#### Speakers:

- Allan Watt, Director of Prince's Trust in Scotland
- John Swinney MSP – Deputy First Minister of Scotland and the Cabinet Secretary for Education
- Lee Ann Duffy, HSBC
- 2 Young Ambassadors – Teddin Hope and Erin Donnelly



### UK FINANCE AND MICROSOFT



Monday 9 October  
Carron A, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
09:00 – 10:00

#### Protecting the economy: working together to build cyber resilience

Traditional espionage, crime and activism are increasingly becoming cyber espionage, cybercrime and hacktivism. Businesses – and especially banks – are a priority target for such actors whose motives range from making a profit, through the theft of data to destabilising the market by damaging payment systems. As the Scottish government's Cyber Resilience Strategy recognised, the threat continues to grow and businesses are exploring new ways to defend themselves and their customers. New technologies such as cloud computing and AI create new variables which must be considered from a cyber risk perspective. With Scotland's banking and growing fintech expertise our panel will look at what the public and private sector must do together to protect themselves.

#### Speakers:

- Kirsty Blackman MP, SNP Economy Spokesperson
- Nick Van Benschoten, Financial Crime Policy Director, UK Finance
- Jenny Kalendaridis, Enterprise Product Group Director, Microsoft
- UK Finance Member
- Mark Diffley – Director of Mark Diffley Consultancy and Research Ltd



# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 MORNING**

## **HOLYROOD MAGAZINE AND THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION**



Monday 9 October  
Orkney Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
09:00 – 10:00

### **Brexit, Scotland and financial services**

This **invitation only** roundtable debate will bring together policy makers and business leaders to discuss the potential implications of Brexit for the financial services sector in Scotland. Please email [sarah.duffy@holyrood.com](mailto:sarah.duffy@holyrood.com) for more information.



## **RESOLUTION FOUNDATION**

Resolution  
Foundation

Monday 9 October  
Leven, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
09:00 – 10:00

### **How can the SNP improve living standards across Scotland?**

Leading experts come together to discuss how the SNP can improve living standards. Is Scotland an equal society that's fair for people of all ages? Do families get enough support? Do we have enough good jobs to go around? Speakers will touch on these points before an audience Q&A. Refreshments provided.

### **Speakers:**

- Jeane Freeman MSP, Minister for Social Security
- Jim McCormick, Associate Director Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- David Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, STUC
- Torsten Bell, Director, Resolution Foundation (chair)



## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 MORNING

### NOURISH SCOTLAND



Monday 9 October  
Dochart A, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
09:00 – 10:00

#### **Good Food Nation: Scotland's opportunity**

10% of Scotland's children are growing up in food insecure households, while 5% of our people have Type 2 diabetes primarily because of our unhealthy diet. Meanwhile, farmers need to know what society wants them to deliver, and how financial and market support will operate if we are taken out of the EU and the Common Agricultural Policy. Scotland's Good Food Nation bill has the potential to be world-leading, embedding our country's approach to food in our commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, of which about half are connected with the food system. It will read across agriculture, health, social justice, environment and climate change and will strengthen economic social and cultural human rights.

Come and contribute your ideas for how this Bill can help Scotland's food be fairer, healthier and greener.

**Chair:** Emma Harper, MSP

**Speakers:** Pete Ritchie and Elli Kontorravdis, Nourish Scotland



### HOLYROOD HEALTH AND CARE HUB



Monday 9 October  
Morar & Ness, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
09:00 – 10:00

#### **Holyrood Health and Care Hub Debate**

Holyrood magazine are proud to launch the Holyrood Health & Care Hub – a new initiative to bring together some of the leading organisations involved in health and social care from across Scotland. The Health & Care Hub Debate will offer a forum to discuss some of the leading challenges facing the health and social care sector with an audience of experts and Minister for Public Health and Sport.

#### **Speakers:**

- Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Public Health and Sport
- Pennie Taylor, Health Journalist and Broadcaster



# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 MORNING**

## ORGANISER'S SURGERY: OPEN TO SNP BRANCH AND CA ORGANISERS



Monday 9 October  
Carron B, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
09:15 – 10:00

An opportunity to ask the Organisation Convener for advice on any aspect of running a campaign.

## CAMPAIGN IN A BOX: OPEN TO SNP BRANCH AND CA ORGANISERS



Monday 9 October  
Lomond Auditorium, SEC Centre  
11:30 – 12:30

An introduction for branch Organisers to the evidence-base for the SNP's successful campaign techniques.  
Learn about the structures and tools needed to run a campaign.

Housing for

**Older People**

**fringe event**

In the next 20 years 1 in 4 of all Scots will be over the age of 65.

Ahead of the publication of the forthcoming Planning Bill and the National Older People's Housing Strategy this fringe event will consider the housing needs of older people.

**Speakers:** Jonathan Fair, McCarthy & Stone; Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Housing; Jim Eadie, Age Scotland; Richard Jennings, Places for People; and chaired by Councillor Kelly Parry (Midlothian).

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### Invitation

Please join us at: **Morar Room, SEC**  
On: **Tuesday 10th October 12.30-1.30pm**  
\* lunch will be provided

#### Topics include:

- issues facing older people's housing
- what older people want in housing policy
- the Government's response to this challenge

## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### ALYN SMITH MEP



Scottish Centre on  
European Relations

Monday 9 October  
Argyll 1, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Scotland in Europe: Why EU membership is best for Scotland**

Join Alyn Smith MEP as he launches the definitive guide to Scotland in Europe. A limited number of print copies will be available, so make sure you arrive on time to pick up yours! The Scotland in Europe book is your handy guide to the facts, stats and infographics surrounding Scotland's membership of the European Union, and what we're going to lose if the UK continues with a reckless Hard Brexit.

**Speaker:** Alyn Smith MEP



### PROSPECT MAGAZINE SUPPORTED BY TUC

**Prospect**

Monday 9 October  
Dochart B, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **The Great Jobs Agenda: How do we get more of the sort of work that works for everybody**

As policy-makers, businesses and workers navigate the challenges of the modern workplace, how can we ensure all jobs are great? Join Tom Clark, Editor of Prospect magazine; Chris Stephens MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Trade Unions and Workers' Rights (tbc); Hannah Bardell MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson and Trade and Investment (tbc), and Frances O'Grady, General Secretary of the TUC, to examine the UK's ever-evolving employment landscape.

# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME**

## SMART ENERGY GB



Monday 9 October  
Boisdale A, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### How could energy data help to improve home based healthcare?

With every home in Great Britain being offered a smart meter by 2020, a rich stream of energy data will be created which has the potential to open up many new opportunities to access innovative services in the future.

This event will explore the emerging trends in digital healthcare and how this could be transformed by smart meter data.

We will be joined by a panel of speakers who will consider the challenges and opportunities to realise the potential of smart healthcare, and discuss the role for smart meters in the world of digital health.

### Hosted by

Clare Haughey MSP

**Chaired by** John MacNeil, Smart Energy GB



## APSE (ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE)



Monday 9 October  
Boisdale B, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### Home Grown – How Councils Can Develop Sustainable Housing for Their Neighbourhoods and Communities

One of the biggest challenges currently facing Scotland is meeting the demand for affordable housing. The Scottish Government has committed to its 'More Homes' target of building 50,000 homes by 2021, and Local Authorities will be key to achieving this goal. What can councils do to build housing that is affordable, sustainable, and that communities and neighbourhoods can feel at home in?

### Speakers:

- Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing
- Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive, APSE
- Councillor Elena Whitham, Deputy Leader of East Ayrshire Council and Cabinet member with responsibility for Housing and Communities

## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### JUSTICE



Monday 9 October  
Jura Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **The Future of Policing – what's right for Scotland?**

The merger of national police forces into the single force Police Scotland has raised questions about police accountability and oversight, and whether there has been increased harm to the public through the use of stop and search, armed officers and emerging policies around custody, personal data and other operational decision making. This session will discuss how to ensure appropriate control, accountability and oversight mechanisms to maintain policing by consent of the Scottish public.

#### **Speakers:**

- Shelagh McCall QC, Chair of JUSTICE Scotland
- Rona Mackay MSP
- Calum Steele, General Secretary of the Scottish Police Federation
- John Scott QC, chair of the Independent Advisory Group on the Use of Biometric Data



### BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION SCOTLAND



Monday 9 October  
Shuna Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Social Science: Why Particulate Matter, particularly matters**

Join the British Heart Foundation for a lunchtime insight into our world leading research programme. The British Heart Foundation funds £70 million worth of world-class research across Scotland and is the leading independent funder of cardiovascular research across the UK. We will be joined by Dr. Mark Miller from the BHF Centre of Research Excellence at the University of Edinburgh as he shares with us his research into air pollution and links with cardiovascular research. Mark's research findings have received extensive coverage in the national and international media and his work contributed to the Department of Cardiology's Queens Anniversary Award 2014-16 for outstanding contribution to scientific research.

**Hosted by:** Kylie Barclay, BHF Scotland

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Mark Miller, BHF CoRE University of Edinburgh



# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME**

## **THE SMITH INSTITUTE AND PROSPECT**



Monday 9 October  
Staffa Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

### **Tomorrow's world: are our science and innovation plans fit for purpose in Scotland?**

The SNP manifesto stated that “the UK government’s Draft Industrial Strategy doesn’t deliver for our manufacturing industries. The SNP will work with partners to deliver a strategy that takes account of Scotland’s economic challenges”. A core part of that alternative strategy must be to increase investment in science and innovation. But, against the backdrop of Brexit and fiscal austerity what actions are needed to meet this objective? How can the SNP help increase R&D spending; how can the chronic skills shortages be addressed; what more can employers and unions do; and how can we build a consensus for lasting change?

### **Speakers:**

- Clare Adamson MSP, Convener, Cross Party Group on Science and Technology
- Carol Monaghan MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson on Education and Member of the Science & Technology Select Committee
- Martin Docherty-Hughes MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson on Industries for the Future
- Sue Ferns, Deputy General Secretary, Prospect

### **Chair:**

- Bristow Muldoon, Head of Policy, Royal Society of Edinburgh & Public Affairs, Royal Society of Chemistry



## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### TRANSPORT TIMES



Monday 9 October  
Castle 3, Ground Floor Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Choked Britain: How to tackle pollution and congestion?**

This is an **invitation only** discussion in association with Greener Journeys welcoming our attendees to discuss the latest plans to tackling pollution and the role that public transport must play in delivering cleaner air for our towns and cities. Please contact [kirsty.walton@transporttimes.co.uk](mailto:kirsty.walton@transporttimes.co.uk) if you are interested in attending.

- Humza Yousaf, MSP, Minister for Transport and the Islands (tbc)
- Prof David Begg Chief Executive, Transport Times (Chair)
- Claire Haigh, Chief Executive, Greener Journeys
- Giles Fearnley, Managing Director UK Bus, First Group (tbc)

### EDF ENERGY



Monday 9 October  
Carron A, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Scotland's energy strategy – what's the plan?**

EDF Energy is the UK's largest producer of low-carbon electricity, meeting around one-fifth of the country's demand and supplying millions of customers and businesses with electricity and gas. In Scotland EDF Energy operates two nuclear power stations; Hunterston B in North Ayrshire and Torness in East Lothian which together employ more than 1,000 staff and around 500 contracting partners. EDF Energy also employs more than 200 office based staff in East Kilbride. Our joint venture, EDF Energy Renewables, is one of the UK's leading renewable energy companies which operates 319 MW in Scotland. These assets generate enough electricity to power almost 4.5 million homes.

**Chair:** Sara Thiam, Scottish Director, Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)

**Speakers:** Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy

- Professor Andrew Kerr, Executive Director, Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation, University of Edinburgh
- Michael Rieley, Head of Policy, Scottish Renewables
- Lesley Riddoch, Broadcaster & Journalist
- Paul Winkle, Scottish Business Director, EDF Energy

# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME**

## NFU SCOTLAND



Monday 9 October  
Aish B, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### **Change – A New Agriculture Policy for Scotland Post-Brexit**

NFU Scotland invites you to a lunchtime discussion to celebrate Scotland's fantastic larder and discuss a future policy to support Scottish farmers and crofters post-Brexit.

NFU Scotland's proposals for change seek to empower farmers to take more back from the marketplace and develop themselves and the next generation – allowing less reliance on public support.

The discussion will be chaired by the President of NFU Scotland, Andrew McCormick, with the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity, Fergus Ewing MSP offering his views and the NFU Scotland Director of Policy, Jonnie Hall, giving a brief presentation of NFU Scotland's proposals.

## RAIL DELIVERY GROUP

### **Rail Delivery Group**



Monday 9 October  
Leven, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### **One railway: how can the Railway deliver for Scotland?**

Our railway is more important than ever to Scotland's growth. With over £50bn in investment we are working together to build a faster, more reliable railway. Join the Rail Delivery Group to discuss how we are investing to improve now and for generations to come.

#### **Speakers:**

- Alan Brown MP, SNP Spokesperson for transport
- Paul Plummer, Chief Executive, Rail Delivery Group
- Stuart Patrick, CEO, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
- Alex Hynes, Managing Director, ScotRail Alliance



## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### HOLYROOD MAGAZINE AND THE INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION



Monday 9 October  
Morar & Ness, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Can Scotland be a global centre for financial services post Brexit?**

Discussion with Keith Brown MSP, Michael Russell MSP and Chris Cummings from the Investment Association, chaired by Holyrood editor, Mandy Rhodes.



### NASUWT



Monday 9 October  
Inspiration 2, Village Hotel  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Freedom or Free for All?**

The Government's Education Governance: Next Steps document outlines the intention to provide increased freedom and powers for school leaders. This fringe will explore whether this will result in more or less freedom for classroom teachers.

#### **Speakers:**

- John Swinney MSP, Cabinet Secretary
- Mike Corbett NEM (Chair) NASUWT
- Jane Peckham National Official NASUWT

# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME**

## UK IN A CHANGING EUROPE



Monday 9 October  
A1sh A, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### Scotland and Brexit

Scotland's answer to the question, 'Should the UK remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?' was rather different from that of the UK as a whole. The process of negotiating Brexit has also looked very different from London and Edinburgh. This event offers political and academic insight into the questions raised so far.

How should repatriated powers be managed? What does Brexit mean for communities and industries previously supported or regulated by Brussels? Where now for 'Independence in Europe'?

Join an expert panel for a discussion of what Brexit means for Scotland, devolution and the Union.

- Stephen Gethins MP
- Prof Anand Menon, Director, UK in a Changing Europe
- Prof Nicola McEwen, Associate Director, Centre on Constitutional Change

## CRISIS



Monday 9 October  
Argyll 2, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

### A life in Limbo – reducing the use of unsuitable temporary accommodation for homeless people

The event will outline the problem of homeless people being left for long periods of time in unsuitable temporary accommodation such as unsupported hostels or B&Bs. While the legislation is changing to ensure families and pregnant women will require to be moved on from unsuitable temporary accommodation, single people can be left there for months and in some cases years as councils are using this type of accommodation as part of their housing stock. Often people are left without access to kitchen or laundry facilities, have to share bathrooms and are subject to time restrictions such as evening curfews. Living in limbo in this way can have an impact on an individual's mental health and can prevent them in moving forward with their lives. This situation needs to end.

Join Ben Macpherson MSP and others.



## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### SNP YOUTH



Monday 9 October  
Argyll 3, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Under-18s and the Armed Forces: Rights, Welfare and Social Mobility**

The UK is the only NATO and European country to recruit people as young as 15 years and seven months into the armed forces despite criticism from the UN, youth and human rights groups. From votes at 16, to gaining skills, and long term prospects, there are many misconceptions about under-18s in the armed forces. Join us with an expert panel to discuss the armed force's questionable recruitment tactics and the real dangers to recruits' welfare and human rights.

#### **Speakers:**

- Bruce Adamson, Child and Young People's Commissioner Scotland
- Rachel Taylor, Child Soldiers International
- and additional special guest

### CHEST HEART & STROKE SCOTLAND AND CHARTERED SOCIETY OF PHYSIOTHERAPY



Monday 9 October  
Barra Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **REHABILITATION MATTERS – Supporting rehabilitation after a life-changing illness.**

More people than ever in Scotland are living with long term conditions and need ongoing support in order to live independently and regain their quality of life. Following a life-changing illness such as stroke, or a diagnosis of heart and lung disease, community rehabilitation and support is vital. Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland and the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy warmly invite delegates to view a short film about why rehabilitation matters, and hear directly from health professionals and people living with long-term conditions about the personal and system-wide challenges to providing – and receiving – rehabilitation.

**Chair:** John Wilson, Interim CEO Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

#### **Speakers:**

- Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Public health and Sport
- Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland service users
- Sara Conroy MCSP (Chartered Society of Physiotherapy)

# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016 LUNCHTIME**

## COLLEGES SCOTLAND



Monday 9 October  
Dochart A, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

**“Education is the premise of progress,  
in every society, in every family.”  
– Kofi Annan**

A new study by the Fraser of Allander Institute, “The Value of College Graduates to the Scottish Economy” commissioned by Colleges Scotland, demonstrates the benefits that college education provides for individuals, including better employment prospects, increased earning potential, a lower likelihood of unemployment, and opportunities for upskilling and retraining. The report finds that every college graduate in Scotland boosts economic productivity by an additional £55,000.

Join us for a lively discussion on the importance of college graduates to economic growth and the prosperity of Scotland.



## MY SNP MEMBERS HUB TRAINING



Monday 9 October  
Lomond Auditorium, SEC Centre  
12.45 – 13.30

MySNP members' hub is here to help you to manage your membership, get campaigning and, if you're an office bearer, communicate with members.

Come along and find out more – at this session we'll run through the most common activities, answer any questions and help you to get the most out of the system.

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## ORGANISER'S SURGERY: OPEN TO SNP BRANCH AND CA ORGANISERS



Monday 9 October  
Castle 3, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
14.45 – 15.45

An opportunity to ask the Organisation Convener for advice on any aspect of running a campaign.

## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016 EVENING

### SOCIAL MARKET FOUNDATION, RBS AND CIFAS



Monday 9 October  
Jura Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **Digital security: How do we keep our money – and ourselves – safe online?**

More than ever, people are living their lives on the internet. However, over 90% of fraud and scams happen online. Scams leave consumers at risk from losing money, causing stress and inconvenience. Join the SMF, RBS and Cifas to discuss how we can keep our money and ourselves safe online.

#### **Speakers:**

Speakers include Paul Wheelhouse, MSP for South Scotland and Minister for Business, Innovation & Energy.

### OXFAM SCOTLAND



### BritishRedCross

Monday 9 October  
Staffa Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **Reuniting refugee families in safety: The need for Angus MacNeil's Refugees (family reunion) Bill**

Right now over 65 million people have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict, violence or persecution. Around half of these people are children; many of whom also face the added difficulty of being separated from their families.

Current UK rules leave refugee families facing impossible decisions: bring some family members to safety but leave others behind, often at even greater risk. The rules need to change, Angus MacNeil MP is proposing a Bill to bring about this change.

Our organisations support Angus MacNeil's Bill, come hear why this Bill is needed and what impact it will have in helping bring families together and what more we can do to support reunited refugee families in Scotland.

**Speakers:** Jamie Livingstone, Head of Oxfam Scotland, (Chair and Panel Member)  
Angus MacNeil MP  
Speaker from Scottish Refugee Council (with a refugee background)  
Speaker from British Red Cross

# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016** EVENING

## **SANTANDER UK AND THE ENTREPRENEURS NETWORK**



Monday 9 October  
Alsh B, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

### **Promoting the Ecosystem for Scottish Entrepreneurship**

Santander and The Entrepreneurs Network will be hosting an event focused on entrepreneurship and how we can work on building the right ecosystem to help businesses start and grow – and will prompt discussion on areas such as the tax system, enterprise education and how we can continue to encourage female entrepreneurship.

Join Alison Thewliss MP and others.



## **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**



Monday 9 October  
Boisdale, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

### **Scotland: leading the world in human rights?**

Scotland has an increasing presence and role on the international stage. Amnesty International and Cable Magazine are jointly hosting this fringe event to explore how Scotland can be a positive force for human rights internationally but also at Westminster in influencing the UK's foreign policy. Experts from Amnesty, Cable Magazine and elected members from Holyrood and Westminster will give insight from their unique perspectives and discuss how Scotland can be a world leader for human rights and how this should shape an emerging Scottish foreign policy.

### **Speakers:**

- David Pratt, Foreign Editor The Herald / Sunday Herald (chair),
- Kate Allen, Director of Amnesty International UK,
- John MacDonald, Editor, Cable Magazine,
- Stephen Gethins MP, International Spokesperson for SNP Westminster Group,
- Christina McKelvie MSP, Convener of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee





## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016 EVENING

### CBI, SUPPORTED BY THE BVCA



Monday 9 October  
Leven, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **A new era: The role of business in delivering growth and prosperity**

CBI, supported by the BVCA, are hosting a panel discussion on the role of business in delivering growth and prosperity in post-brexit Britain.

**Chair:** Ken Symon, Editor, Scottish Business Insider

#### **Speakers**

- Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (TBC)
- Josh Hardie, Deputy Director General, CBI
- Lisa Hayley-Jones, Director, Political and Business Relations, BVCA

### COCA-COLA EUROPEAN PARTNERS



Monday 9 October  
Morar & Ness, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

Environment Secretary, Roseanna Cunningham, MSP, in conversation with Mandy Rhodes, editor of Holyrood magazine.



### LIBERTY



Monday 9 October  
Aish A, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

#### **Brexit and Beyond**

Question Time-style panel chaired by Martha Spurrier (Liberty Director) with Stuart McDonald MP, Jo Cherry MP, and Michael Russell MP.



# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016** EVENING

## **CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TAXATION AND INSTITUTE FOR FISCAL STUDIES**



Monday 9 October  
Carron B, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

### **The changing world of work – how should government respond to the growth of self-employment and the gig economy?**

What challenges and opportunities do the UK and Scottish Governments face as a result of changing employment trends, the growth of self-employment and the rise of the gig economy? What will this mean for future tax receipts and sustainable economic growth?

#### **Speakers:**

- SNP elected representative Jamie Hepburn MSP
- Anne Fairpo, Chartered Institute of Taxation
- Tom Pope, Institute for Fiscal Studies

#### **Chair:**

- Moira Kelly, Chartered Institute of Taxation

## **IPPR & BT**



Monday 9 October  
Barra Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

### **Tech Literacy: setting the next generation up for success in a digital world**

#### **Speakers**

- John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
- Jim Donnelly, Rio Ferdinand Foundation
- Mark Dames, Head of Public Affairs, BT Scotland
- Vonnie Sandlan, Colleges Scotland
- Lucy Murdoch, Managing Director – Global Corporate Citizenship, Accenture



## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016 EVENING

### WOODLAND TRUST SCOTLAND



Monday 9 October

Dochart B, 1st Floor, SEC Centre

17:30 – 18:30

#### Scotland's Tree-naisance

Forestry contributes a billion pounds to Scotland's economy every year, the industry is growing, and dedicated forestry legislation has been introduced to the Scottish Parliament for the first time in its history. However, what does the future hold? Brexit puts the future of forestry grants into question. Our aspirations are high, but is there enough land available to plant new woodland on? Do we have the right policy and regulatory structures to support growth? How can communities get involved in managing our woods?

Join the Woodland Trust's Fringe for answers to all of these questions – and a buffet.

- Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity;
- Anne McCall, Director of RSPB Scotland;
- Shireen Chambers, Director of the Institute of Chartered Foresters;
- Jon Hollingdale, Chief Executive of the Community Woodlands Association.
- Chaired by Charles Dundas of Woodland Trust Scotland.



### CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION & SCVO



Monday 9 October

Shuna Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza

17:30 – 18:30

#### How generous is Scotland? The status of charitable giving and what can be done to improve the environment for charities

CAF and SCVO kindly invite you to join us at SNP conference to discuss Scotland Giving, a new report by CAF that looks into how people give to charity in Scotland, and how they compare with the UK.

This is the first report of its kind, and we invite you to join our discussion of the findings about giving in Scotland, including the ways people give, the amount given, and what causes are most popular. We will be joined by a lively panel who will also discuss what the Scottish Government can do to ensure the generosity of those in Scotland is having its highest impact, and how trust in charities can be improved.

#### Panellists:

- John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister
- Susan Pinkney, Head of Research (and author of the report), Charities Aid Foundation
- SCVO representative

# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016** EVENING

## JOSEPH ROWNTREE FOUNDATION



Monday 9 October  
Argyll 2, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

### **Inclusive Growth: achieving fair work in Scotland?**

City Region and Growth Deals emerging in Scotland are a rare chance to shape long-term investment in order to boost employment and progression opportunities. But will these benefit people and places traditionally left behind by economic growth? What will inclusive growth mean for low-paid or skilled workers in sectors like care, hospitality and retail? How will we measure progress? This event will focus on policy ideas to make the most of emerging regional partnerships in Scotland's cities and Ayrshire.

Further information and list of speakers please visit [www.jrf.org.uk/events](http://www.jrf.org.uk/events)

## INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS



Monday 9 October  
Finnieston Suite, Hilton Garden Inn  
17:30 – 18:30

### **Economic myths and opportunities for an independent Scotland**

The question of Scottish Independence remains at the top of the political agenda. A question that is only made more pressing by the continued success of the SNP and the UK's impending exit from the EU.

What opportunities exist for a Scotland and how could the country beat the critics to ensure economic success and prosperity outside of the union? What challenges are on the horizon, will Scotland be better able to tackle them as a sovereign nation or as part of the historic union?

- Mark Littlewood, Director General IEA
- George Kerevan, Journalist and Commentator, former SNP MP
- Pete Wishart MP, SNP Westminster Constitution Spokesperson

## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016 EVENING

### UNIVERSITIES SCOTLAND



Monday 9 October  
Argyll 1, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
17:30 – 18:30

#### Business-Minded

Join Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP (Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science), Prof Andrea Nolan (Convener of Universities Scotland and Principal of Edinburgh Napier University) and others to discover how Scotland's world class higher education institutions and businesses are working together to improve Scotland's economic outlook and well as ensuring the next generation are equipped with entrepreneurial skills .

Business-minded aims to demonstrate how the higher education sector has delivered on its innovation action plan, which is now part of the Scottish Government Innovation Scotland Forum action plan. Join us for hear more.



**CIA** | Chemical  
Industries  
Association

#### DIPLOMATS RECEPTION

*Kindly sponsored by*  
Chemical Industries Association

Carron A, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
Monday 17:00 – 18:00

#### INVITATION ONLY

**LLOYDS  
BANKING  
GROUP**



#### MENTAL HEALTH RECEPTION

Castle 1, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
Monday 17:00 – 19:00

# Fringe Meetings

**MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016** EVENING



**HM Government  
of Gibraltar**

## **GIBRALTAR RECEPTION**

Kindly sponsored by Her Majesty's  
Government of Gibraltar  
Dochart A, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
Monday 18:00 – 19:00

HM Government is once again  
delighted to be in Scotland and to  
share the experiences of both our  
countries to build on our strong ties.  
As Brexit unfolds we each have a  
different experience and our future  
no doubt lies in developing on these  
bonds economically and culturally.

Invitation only, refreshments provided.  
Hosted by: Fiona Hyslop MSP



**SCOTTISHPOWER**

## **HOLYROOD RECEPTION**

Kindly sponsored by Scottish Power

Argyll 3, Ground Floor,  
Crowne Plaza  
Monday 19:00 – 20:00

**INVITATION ONLY**

## **ANOTHER EUROPE IS POSSIBLE**

# **ANOTHER EUROPE IS POSSIBLE**

Monday 9 October  
Carron B, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
19:30 – 20:30

## **Scotland, Brexit and the Future of Europe – where now for the pro European left**

The Brexit vote has left half of the UK, and  
a big majority of Scots, reeling. But how  
should the pro European left respond?  
Can and should we try to stop Brexit? If it  
happens, how do we fight for a progressive  
deal for Scotland and the rest of the UK?  
How can we build alliances with progressive  
forces across the continent? Join Another  
Europe is Possible speakers including  
Tommy Shepherd MP, for a discussion of  
what comes next.

Join Tommy Shepherd MP and others.

## MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2016 EVENING

### GET INVOLVED – USING ACTIVATE. SNP.ORG: OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS



Monday 9 October  
Lomond Auditorium, SEC Centre  
17:30 – 18:30

An introduction to the SNP's campaign platform activate.snp.org. Learn how to register for an activate.snp.org and about the campaign activities you could help with using the system.



### ANNUAL CONFERENCE KARAOKE

Annual Conference Karaoke  
Organised by SNP Youth

Monday 9 October – 19:00 – Late  
Inspiration Suite,  
Village Hotel  
£10 Entry Fee



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Argyll 1 & 2, Ground Floor,  
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# Fringe Meetings

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 MORNING**

## CORE CITIES



Tuesday 10 October  
Leven, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
08:00 – 09:00

### **Harnessing our cities' potential:**

#### **Building a stronger, fairer Scotland**

Cities have proven to be key drivers to the Scottish economy and growth. In the context of Brexit, Scottish urban areas have a good story to tell in terms of delivering innovation and a stronger and more equal Scotland. Harnessing our cities' potential: Building a stronger, fairer Scotland will look at the successes of Scotland's cities and examine how they can deliver inclusive growth for the country. As the UK negotiates its exit from the European Union, we will ask how to lift the barriers to Scottish cities unlocking their economic potential.

#### **Speakers:**

- Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council
- Andrew Carter, Chief Executive of Centre for Cities
- Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Community, Social Security and Equalities (Invited)
- Alison Thewliss MP, Shadow Spokesperson for Cities (Invited)
- Cllr Stephen Flynn, SNP Group Leader of Aberdeen City Council (Invited)

## THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCOTLAND (EIS)



Tuesday 10 October  
Argyll 3, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
09:00 – 10:00

### **Investing in Teachers**

Education is a central part of the government's plans and legislative programme, with fundamental changes in education governance and funding being proposed. The EIS believes that more must be done to support and empower teachers.

Speakers from the EIS and the SNP will provide their perspectives.

#### **Speakers:**

- John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister & Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
- Nicola Fisher, EIS President

#### **Chair:**

- Alison Thornton, EIS Vice-President





## TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 MORNING

### PEOPLE'S POSTCODE LOTTERY



Tuesday 10 October  
Inspiration 1, Village Hotel  
09:00 – 10:00

#### Securing More Funds for Local and National Charities

Join People's Postcode Lottery for our breakfast fringe meeting to learn more about our work and how you can help your favourite local and national charities secure more vital funding.

#### Speakers:

- Jo Bucci, Managing Director, People's Postcode Lottery
- Mary Glasgow, Acting CEO, Children 1st
- Additional Speakers TBC

**Chair:** Malcolm Fleming, Public Affairs Manager, People's Postcode Lottery.



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### ORGANISER'S SURGERY: OPEN TO SNP BRANCH AND CA ORGANISERS

Tuesday 10 October  
Morar, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
09:15 – 10:00

An opportunity to ask the Organisation Convener for advice on any aspect of running a campaign.

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### GET INVOLVED – USING ACTIVATE. SNP.ORG: OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Tuesday 10 October  
Lomond Auditorium, SEC Centre  
10:15 – 11:15

An introduction to the SNP's campaign platform [activate.snp.org](http://activate.snp.org). Learn how to register for an [activate.snp.org](http://activate.snp.org) and about the campaign activities you could help with using the system.

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### CAMPAIGN IN A BOX: OPEN TO SNP BRANCH AND CA ORGANISERS

Tuesday 10 October  
Argyll 3, Crowne Plaza  
11:30 – 12:30

An introduction for branch Organisers to the evidence-base for the SNP's successful campaign techniques. Learn about the structures and tools needed to run a campaign.

# Fringe Meetings

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017** AFTERNOON

## EUROPEAN FREE ALLIANCE



PREMIER  
FRINGE

Tuesday 10 October  
Argyll 1, Ground Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

### Scotland and Wales – the Brexit Scenarios

The European Free Alliance (EFA) gathers 49 political parties around Europe which have as a common ground the defence of the right to Self-determination of peoples. Join us at this fringe meeting that will elaborate on the possible scenarios for Wales and Scotland resulting from the completion of Brexit, particularly focusing on the effects of Brexit on devolution of powers to these two Nations. This fringe meeting will be chaired by MEP Ian Hudgton and the panel of speakers will include the Welsh MEP Jill Evans (Plaid) and SNP MP Stephen Gethins.



## ACTION FOR CHILDREN



Tuesday 10 October  
Ness, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### Scotland's Care System: Achieving Life Goals and Ambitions

Action for Children Scotland supports over 800 children and young people in care across its 84 services in Scotland. In March 2017, we asked them to tell us what works in Scotland's care system, what needs to change, and what are their hopes and aspirations. Almost 500 responses were collated. 50 care experienced young people also met with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP to discuss their responses. Now, Action for Children Scotland has worked with the children and young people in care that we support to develop a vision statement. Together, we will improve Scotland's Care System – ensuring that Scotland is the best place to achieve life goals and ambitions for all.

### Speakers:

- John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
- Paul Carberry, Director of Action for Children Scotland
- Care Experienced Young People supported by Action for Children Scotland



## TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 AFTERNOON

### CHILDREN 1ST



Tuesday 10 October  
Alsh A, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Childhood adversity and unresolved trauma: the greatest threat to Scotland's children?**

We believe that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are the single biggest health and social care issue affecting children and families in Scotland today. The fringe event will continue the nationwide discussion that is currently building momentum to talk about how we can prevent ACEs and develop trauma recovery that is accessible to all who need it. It will be an opportunity to explore how we can work collaboratively to make sure that both policy and practice in Scotland is relational, restorative and trauma-informed in order to prevent inter-generational cycles of trauma.

#### **Speakers:**

- Chair – Mary Glasgow, Acting Chief Executive, Children 1st Panel
- James Dornan MSP (Convener, Education and Skills Committee), Laura Beveridge, Dr Suzanne Zeedyk



### GLOBAL JUSTICE NOW & UNISON SCOTLAND



Tuesday 10 October  
Alsh B, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Trading with Trump: why Scotland must have a voice on international trade deals**

The UK government has started talks with a number of countries, including the US, about post-Brexit trade deals. UK government trade secretary Liam Fox has made it clear that consulting Scotland on these deals is not a foregone conclusion. When trade deals could have a huge impact on devolved policy areas such as health, education, agriculture, the environment and food safety – and could threaten Scotland's opposition to GM crops and fracking, as well as its public services – then it's absolutely vital that Scotland has a place at the table and its voice is heard. Find out more at our fringe meeting.

#### **Speakers:**

- Hannah Bardell MP, SNP Spokesperson on Trade and Investment
- Nick Dearden, Director, Global Justice Now
- Stephen Smellie, Depute Convener, UNISON Scotland

#### **Chair:**

Kathleen Nutt, freelance journalist

# Fringe Meetings

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME**

## BRITISH PARKING ASSOCIATION



Tuesday 10 October  
Orkney Suite, 1st Floor, Crowne Plaza  
12:30 – 13:30

### Everything you wanted to know about parking but were afraid to ask!

Come along to our Parking Clinic for Free Advice and let our panel of experts answer your questions on issues relating to parking and traffic management.

The BPA is the largest, most established and trusted professional association representing parking and traffic management in Europe. The Association is the recognised authority within the parking profession which uses its influence to represent the best interests of the sector. The BPA also provide an extensive range of membership services to support parking professionals and organisations in their day-to-day work.

Pick up your Free Parking Advice Guide only available at these events.



## CANCER RESEARCH UK & OBESITY ACTION SCOTLAND



Tuesday 10 October  
Carron A, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### Scaling Down Obesity in Scotland

With the Scottish Government's diet and obesity strategy expected later this year, we're discussing how to tackle the nation's weight problem.

Did you know overweight and obesity is linked to 13 types of cancer? This event coincides with Obesity and Cancer Awareness Week (9th-15th October 2017), a new joint initiative by Cancer Research UK and Obesity Action Scotland to raise awareness of the link between obesity and cancer.

Join the conversation at this fringe event with guest speakers including:

- Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Public Health
- Lorraine Tulloch, Obesity Action Scotland
- Jyotsna Vohra, Cancer Research UK
- Professor Leigh Sparks, University of Stirling
- Dr David Blane, Academic GP
- Chaired by Claire Stevens, Voluntary Health Scotland

## TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION SCOTLAND



Tuesday 10 October  
Carron B, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Mental Health in the Workplace – Surviving or Thriving?**

Would it surprise you that 40% of employers say they wouldn't hire someone with a mental health problem? Join us for a frank discussion with representatives from government, business and the trade union movement about how we can create more mentally friendly workplaces to improve wellbeing and what should be done to support people with mental health problems stay in work and find work.

- Maureen Watt MSP, Minister for Mental Health
- Lee Knifton, Head of Mental Health Foundation Scotland
- Peter O'Connell, Head of Stations and Infrastructure, Scotrail and Nadya Kuhl, Occupational Health Manager, Scotrail.
- Joan Tasker, Trade Unionist, Unite the Union
- Chaired by Richard Walker, Consultant Editor, The National



### CITIZENS ADVICE SCOTLAND



Tuesday 10 October  
Inspiration 1, Village Hotel  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Your bus, your say – creating better journeys**

This event will discuss the future of bus travel in Scotland and the work that Citizens Advice Scotland is undertaking with the Citizens Advice Bureaux network to improve the experiences of bus passengers in Scotland. This work continues our previous campaigning on this issue, engaging with our CAB network and public transport stakeholders in order to: raise awareness of the issues facing consumers; to influence policy, and promoting examples of best practice. Our work seeking to build on a project undertaken by Kincardine and Mearns Citizens Advice Bureau and will feed into a CAS Passenger Rights Charter to ensure all consumers know what they can expect when they are using bus transport.

#### **Speakers:**

- Drew Hendry MP
- Cllr Dennis Robertson
- Keith Dryburgh, Policy Manager – Citizens Advice Scotland
- Lucy Manson, Community Action Manager – Citizens Advice Scotland

# Fringe Meetings

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME**

## THE LAW SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND



Tuesday 10 October  
Dochart A, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### **Avoiding a cliffedge? Citizens' rights after Brexit**

The UK Government has pledged to safeguard the rights of EU citizens in the UK and UK citizens in the EU, but with the UK leaving the jurisdiction of the European Courts, how will these rights be enforced? Is a 'no deal' scenario a realistic possibility and what would it mean for citizens on exit day and beyond? And what opportunities and threats does Brexit present for citizens, businesses and institutions in Scotland? Join a panel of senior party members and experts from the legal profession to consider the impact of Brexit on citizens in Scotland and beyond.

#### **Speakers:**

- Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, Michael Russell MSP
- Joanna Cherry MP



## CARERS SCOTLAND



Tuesday 10 October  
Leven, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

### **Building fair work and carer supportive employment; Working with employers, Government and carers**

A third of Scotland's 750,000 carers combine paid employment with caring. This event explores how Government and employers can work together to ensure that supporting carer employees is a core element of fair work, the Scottish Business Pledge and building a more inclusive economy.

Jamie Hepburn MSP, (Minister: Employability and Training), Deirdre Brock MP (Shadow SNP Spokesperson: Fair Work and Employment), Sue McLintock (Carers Scotland), Jackie Barlow (Scottish Gas).

#### **Chair:**

Joan McAlpine MSP, Cross Party Group on Carers



## TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME

### AGE SCOTLAND AND MCCARTHY & STONE



Tuesday 10 October  
Morar, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Older People's Housing: Can we meet the needs of our ageing population?**

This fringe event will take place ahead of the publication of the Planning Bill and the updated National Older People's Housing Strategy. It will hear from the housing minister, Kevin Stewart MSP, and others to discuss:

- the housing crisis facing Scotland's older people,
- what older people want in housing policy
- the government's response to this challenge

#### **Speakers:**

- Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Housing;
- Jonathan Fair, McCarthy & Stone;
- Jim Eadie, Age Scotland;
- Richard Jennings, Places for People;
- Councillor Kelly Parry (Midlothian) (Chair)



### STOP CLIMATE CHAOS SCOTLAND



Tuesday 10th October  
Boisdale A, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### **Scotland's Climate Bill on a global stage**

"We have a moral responsibility to tackle climate change and an economic responsibility to prepare Scotland for the new low carbon world" – Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland.

Join Scotland's coalition of civic organisations concerned about climate change to hear what similar nations are doing to reduce their emissions and discuss how Scotland can lead the global fight against climate change. National parliaments around the world, including Sweden and Catalonia, have recently passed climate laws setting target dates for reaching zero climate emissions. So how can our Climate Change Bill respond to the Paris Climate Agreement and keep Scotland in a position of global leadership?

With: Chair, Lesley Riddoch  
Ben Macpherson MSP  
Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, past Chair of the COP20 Climate Conference, former Peruvian Environment Minister



# Fringe Meetings

**TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 LUNCHTIME**

## SCOTS INDEPENDENT & LUATH PRESS

### Scots Independent

Tuesday 10th October  
Lomond Auditorium, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### Hamilton 67

Prof James Mitchell's new book exploring the background and legacy of Winnie Ewing's famous victory in the Hamilton by-election of 1967.

#### Chair:

Christina McKelvie MSP

#### Panel:

Prof James Mitchell, Fergus Ewing MSP & Annabelle Ewing MSP

## SNP BRAIDBURN BRANCH

Sunday 10 October  
Boisdale B, Ground Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

The UK's nuclear deterrence policy is unlawful.

Resolution 15 "urges the UK Government to implement a policy of no first use of nuclear weapons as a first step towards compliance with international law".

How is the UK's deterrence policy unlawful? Why no first use? Why change policy now?

Short presentations, based on recent peer-reviewed research. Plenty of time for your questions and comments.

## HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY



Tuesday 10th October  
Dochart B, 1st Floor, SEC Centre  
12:30 – 13:30

#### What does the future hold for the oil and gas industry?

Heriot-Watt University undertakes world-leading research and modelling of global oil and gas reserves and sustainable energy sources. Come and hear from our expert panel as they discuss what the future holds for the oil and gas industry across the world and its position in the array of energy sources. What role can Scotland play in the development of a sustainable energy future and what role does our oil and gas play in that? The panel will look at the benefits and role of research and innovation and how cutting-edge technology can help transform energy sectors. Refreshments will be available.

#### Speakers:

- Professor Patrick Corbett, BG Group Professor of Petroleum Geoengineering, Heriot-Watt University
- Graeme Dickson – Energy expert and former Scottish Government official
- And Industry Representatives





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## TOPICAL AND EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

Topical and Emergency Resolutions for consideration on Monday 9 October and Tuesday 10 October must be submitted by 09h30 on the respective dates by email to [national.secretary@snp.org](mailto:national.secretary@snp.org) or by lodging at the SNP Headquarters desk in the Exhibition area.

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