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Fringe Programme



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Saturday 27 April LUNCHTIME



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Lowther Room, Level -1, EICC

12h45 – 13h45

Scots Under Pressure – The Struggle To Make Ends Meet

Join Citizens Advice Scotland for Scots Under Pressure – The Struggle To Make Ends Meet, a lively discussion about why the money in people's pockets isn't going far enough, and the impact of austerity in many of our communities. Money expert, writer and broadcaster Fergus Muirhead will chair the discussion with Citizens Advice Scotland CEO Derek Mitchell, Shirley Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, Dr Philippa Whitford MP and Councillor Mhairi Hunter.

Speakers:

Derek Mitchell, CEO of Citizens Advice Scotland
Shirley Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People
Dr Philippa Whitford MP
Councillor Mhairi Hunter

Chaired by: Money expert, writer and broadcaster Fergus Muirhead



**GDPR
SESSION**

Saturday 27 April

Menteith Room, Level -1, EICC

12h45 – 13h45

GDPR Myths and Realities

GDPR for Office Bearers, Campaigners and Activists.

It's nearly a year since the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR came on to the scene with a torrent of largely unnecessary emails marking the moment. Since then, a number of myths have arisen about GDPR, such as the requirement for explicit consent for everything you do. Political parties can process voter data as part of their role in 'democratic engagement' with the electorate. Member data can be processed using a number of lawful means.

This session is aimed at explaining what the new Data Protection regime is actually about and how that affects you in your role as local office bearer, candidate, election agent, campaigner, activists or member.

Speakers:

Laura Irvine, Partner, Davidson Chalmers LLP and Data Protection Specialist
Scott Martin, Solicitor the SNP and Data Protection Officer

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Tinto Room, Level 0, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

Scotland's Wave and Tidal Energy Potential

The event will cover the exciting potential of the wave and tidal electricity generation industries in Scotland. A recent report has demonstrated that Scotland could create thousands of jobs, billions of pounds worth of exports, generate gigawatts of electricity and displace millions of tons of harmful emissions with increased marine technology utilization for electricity generation. It is essential that we do not miss out on this opportunity.

Speakers:

Gavin McPherson, Nova Innovation
Hannah Smith, Scottish Renewables
Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands
Deidre Brock MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson for Environment and Rural Affairs



THE COALITION FOR GROUSE MOOR REFORM

Saturday 27 April
Moorfoot Room, Level 0, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

Grouse Moors, Land Reform and Power: How the Scottish National Party Can Change The Face of Scotland

Almost a fifth of Scotland is kept barren to maximise the number of grouse – so they can be killed for sport.

Less than 500 people own over half of Scotland and while the Scottish Government has taken some important steps, shooting estates for the few are a dominant land use. Hundreds of thousands of animals die to protect grouse for shooting and the environmental damage puts Scotland's international reputation for its wild beautiful landscape under threat.

Grouse moors are not only the least moral use of our land, they're the most unproductive. The power is in your hands to change the face of Scotland for our People, our Environment and our Wildlife.

Speakers:

Robin McAlpine, Director of Common Weal
Max Wiszniewski, Campaign Manager for Revive
Dr Ruth Tingay, Raptor Persecution UK
Chaired by Ruth Maguire MSP





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**EDINBURGH
CENTRAL SNP**

Saturday 27 April
Kilsyth Room, Level 0, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

EU Citizens' Rights in a Broken Brexit Britain

At the time of writing, Britain is balanced on a knife edge. How will Brexit affect the rights of those EU citizens who have made their home here, and those of Scots faced with losing their four freedoms? How will human rights be affected by the mess that Brexit has made? And how can independence enhance citizens' rights? Come and hear leading players in the Brexit debate discuss the implications.

Speakers:

Joanna Cherry QC MP, Shadow SNP
Spokesperson for Justice and Home Affairs

Alyn Smith MEP

Vanessa Glynn

Chaired by Joan McAlpine MSP, Convener of the
Scottish Parliament's Culture, Tourism, Europe
and External Affairs Committee



SNP TRADE
UNION
GROUP

**SCOTTISH HAZARDS AND
SNP TRADE UNION GROUP**

Saturday 27 April
Carrick Room, Level +1, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

Tackling the Problem of Corporate Homicide – A Political Win/Win

The Scottish Trade Union campaign to tackle Corporate Homicide is as old as the Scottish Parliament. From 2006 the received wisdom has been because any Act would relate to H&S, which is not devolved, the Scottish Parliament may not have legislative competence.

This view was clearly politically motivated at the time but it has remained received wisdom within the civil service.

The Trade Unions' campaign however will not go away. Trade Unions' believe there is a solution using a previously untested section of the Scotland Act.

We call upon the political will of the Scottish Government to look at this alternative and right the political wrongs of previous Scottish Executives – it is a win-win.

Speakers:

Patrick McGuire, Legal Advisor to Scottish Hazards
Lynn Henderson, President, Scottish Trades Union
Congress

Chris Stephens MP, Shadow SNP Spokesperson
for Fair Work and Employment

Chaired by Greg McCarra, Convener, SNP Trade
Union Group





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Harris 1, Level +1, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

Tackling Pupil Indiscipline; Getting it Right for Everyone

One of the top concerns raised by teachers across Scotland is the impact of pupil indiscipline. This fringe will explore what the issues are and how we might work to address them for the benefit of all.

Speakers:

Jane Peckham, National Official (Scotland)
Rona Mackay MSP

Chaired by Richard Bell, NASUWT National Executive Member



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Ochil Room, Level +1, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

Agriculture and The Environment – Meeting Climate Change and Food Production Challenges Together

Join NFU Scotland, WWF Scotland and crofter Lynn Cassells for a discussion on the future of Scotland's land for adaptation and mitigation to climate change. Chaired by Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, the speakers will explore opportunities, challenges, and benefits of working together in the fight against climate change.

Speakers:

Dr Sheila George, Food and Environment Policy Manager, WWF Scotland
Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy NFU Scotland
Lynn Cassells, Lynbreck Croft
Fergus Ewing MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy





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SNP WOMEN

Saturday 27 April
Sidlaw Room, Level +3, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

SNP Women's Discussion

Come join the Women's and Equalities Convener for a discussion about the priorities within the SNP for 2019, what work we've been doing and how we can make our party as inclusive as possible.

Speakers:

Fiona Robertson, SNP National Women's and Equalities Convener

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ORGANISERS' SURGERY

Saturday 27 April
Harris Room 1, Level +1, EICC
14h30 – 15h30

A drop-in session for Organisers, with a chance to ask questions and discuss ideas with Stacy Bradley, Organisation Convener.

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Lowther Room, Level -1, EICC

17h30 – 18h30

Social Security & Poverty: Stemming The Rising Tide

With over 1 million people living in the grip of poverty in Scotland, it is more important than ever to look at what more can be done to loosen that grip. This event will reflect on the progress made and successes achieved in building the Scottish social security system, and will look at what more can be done to use Scotland's social security powers to tackle poverty.

Speakers:

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People

Emma Congreve, Senior Economist, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Peter Kelly, Director, Poverty Alliance

John Dickie, Director, CPAG in Scotland

Kevin Pringle, Sunday Times columnist & Former SNP Special Adviser



Saturday 27 April

Menteith Room, Level -1, EICC

17h30 – 18h30

Realising Our Right to A Healthy Environment

In December 2018, the First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership recognised that everyone has a right to a healthy environment. This event will explore what this means in terms of the Scottish Government's commitment to maintaining and enhancing environmental standards. Central to the discussion will be the Scottish Government's commitment to Scotland's first ever Environment Strategy and ambitions to taking a strategic approach to environmental protection. The event will bring attention to the inextricable links between the environment, wellbeing and social justice, and foster a discussion about how this can be realised in Scotland.

Speakers:

Professor Campbell Gemmell,
LINK Honorary Fellow

Professor Elisa Morgera, University of Strathclyde
Charles Dundas, Woodland Trust Scotland

Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform





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**SNP WESTMINSTER JUSTICE
AND HOME AFFAIRS TEAM**

Saturday 27 April
Tinto Room, Level 0, EICC
17h30 – 18h30

Blueprint for A Better Refugee Protection System

The SNP Justice and Home Affairs team at Westminster are delighted to unveil the results of research on how Scotland could deliver a more humane and effective system of refugee protection. The research, presented by Helen Baillot, builds on international best practice and makes a series of practical proposals touching on a range of issues including: a national Migration and Mobility Commission, independent decision making and refugee integration which we are sure will provoke a lively discussion.

Speakers:

Joanna Cherry QC MP, Shadow SNP
Spokesperson for Justice and Home Affairs
Stuart C. McDonald MP, Shadow SNP
Spokesperson for Immigration, Asylum and
Border Control
Helen Baillot, Independent Researcher
Kirsty Thomson, Director of JustRight Scotland
Gary Christie, Head of Policy, Communications &
Communities Scottish Refugee Council



Saturday 27 April
Kilsyth Room, Level 0, EICC
17h30 – 18h30

Not Just Violence: Ending Domestic Abuse in Scotland

The new domestic abuse act provides Scotland with gold standard legislation for tackling coercive control, this fringe will look at what's next in terms of the campaign to end domestic abuse.

Speakers:

Elaine MacLennan, Survivor
Heather Williams, Fife Women's Aid
Linda Rodgers, Edinburgh Women's Aid
Christina McKelvie MSP, Minister for Equalities
and Older People
Gavin Newlands MP





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Carrick Room, Level +1, EICC
17h30 – 18h30

India – Scotland relations

To discuss culture, politics and business with a view to assessing interest for establishing an SNP Friends of India Group.



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17h30 – 18h30

Active Travel For All

The Scottish Government has committed to increasing the levels of walking and cycling in Scotland for transport and leisure. Join RNIB Scotland and Cycling UK to discuss how new active travel infrastructure can encourage more people to get active and be designed in a way that is safe and accessible for all.

Speakers:

James Adams, Director of RNIB Scotland
Suzanne Forum, Head of Development (Scotland) Cycling UK
Sandra Wilson, Chair of RNIB Scotland
Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands
Chaired by: Stuart McMillan MSP, Convener of Cross Party Group on Visual Impairment





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17h30 – 18h30

Scottish Countryside Alliance

The use of packs of hounds to flush out foxes to be shot remains a significant pest control measure, both to control the general level of foxes in an area as well as to address particular problems affecting a farm or estate.

The Scottish Government seek to make legislative changes driven by the outcome of the Lord Bonomy review of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002. We have invited a range of speakers to debate whether they believe the use of foxhound packs to flush foxes in order they are shot, to be legitimate wildlife management.

Speakers:

Jamie Stewart, Director Scotland Countryside Alliance

Robbie Rowntree, Scottish Hill Packs

Megan Roland, Gordanbush Estate

Louisa Cheape, Scottish Veterinary Association for Wildlife Management

Emma Harper MSP



SNP EQUALITIES

Saturday 27 April
Moorfoot Room, Level 0, EICC
17h30 – 18h30

SNP Equalities Discussion

Come join the Women's and Equalities Convener for a discussion about priorities within the SNP for 2019, what work the different Equalities groups have been doing and how we can make our party as inclusive and accessible as possible.

We'll also be talking about the importance of shared solidarity, how to build links between groups and support each others' work.

Speakers:

Fiona Robertson, SNP National Women's and Equalities Convener

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Lowther Room, Level -1, EICC
09h00 – 10h00

Local Governance Review - Next Steps

The Local Governance Review was launched jointly by COSLA and the Scottish Government in December 2017, involving communities and public sector partners. It focuses on all public services in Scotland as well as both the local and national spheres of government, exploring what might be achieved to strengthen local decision making and democratic governance in ways that improve outcomes, grow Scotland's economy for everyone's benefit, support communities to focus on their priorities and help new ideas flourish.

This event will allow delegates to hear from our speakers about the progress made so far and what the next steps will be.

Speakers:

Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

Professor James Mitchell, Professor of Public Policy, Edinburgh University

Councillor Graham Houston, Vice President of COSLA

Chaired by Councillor Ellen Forson, SNP Local Government Convener



SNP COLLEGE.ORG

Sunday 28 April
Menteith Room, Level -1, EICC
09h00 – 10h00

activate.snp.org – Filters 101

Filters in activate.snp.org allow you to identify particular groups of voters and enable you to make specific contact with voters on a range of different issues that are important to them.

This session will provide you with a broad overview of how filters in activate.snp.org work, providing you with the basics of filter building and equipping you with the knowledge to go back to your own constituencies and create filters that will support your campaigning goals.

Speakers:

Lorraine Reid, Campaign Services Manager, SNP HQ

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Tinto Room, Level 0, EICC
09h00 – 10h00

Understanding Open-minded Voters in Scotland

New polling and research organisation Progress Scotland has published the first findings from its inaugural large-scale opinion poll showing that one fifth of respondents have changed how they would vote on Scottish independence or their views have changed a bit and they are not sure about how they would vote on Scottish independence.

Progress Scotland aims at understanding the views of people who are open-minded or undecided about Scottish independence, and will now conduct focus groups of those voters and follow-up polls with repeat questions for longitudinal results and additional questions to widen the research.

Come along and hear about the initial research results and future plans from Progress Scotland Managing Director Angus Robertson and independent polling advisor Mark Diffley.

Speakers:

Angus Robertson, Managing Director of Progress Scotland

Mark Diffley, Independent polling advisor



**BAME MEMBERS
NETWORK**

Sunday 28 April
Moorfoot Room, Level 0, EICC
09h00 – 10h00

SNP – Our Communities; Our Representation

SNP BAME Network fringe event co-chaired by Executive members Kaukab Stewart and Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh.

In times of uncertainty caused by events such as Brexit, inclusion in the political forum is more important than ever before. SNP BAME Network looks at the Scottish Government #StayInScotland Campaign, how we improve positive BAME engagement within the SNP and ensure increased BAME representation at all elections.

Speakers:

Ben MacPherson MSP, Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development

Julia Stachurska, SNP Students Equalities Officer

Councillor Michelle Campbell, Erskine and Inchinnan – Renfrewshire Council

Councillor Danish Ashraf, Cumbernauld North – North Lanarkshire Council

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DISABLED MEMBERS GROUP

Sunday 28 April
Kilsyth Room, Level 0, EICC
09h00 – 10h00

SNP Disabled Members Group Meeting

Please join us to meet with Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People. We will have an update on Social Security Scotland and a Q & A with Shirley-Anne. We will also have a brief session on what issues/barriers stop you moving forward to apply as a candidate for Elected Office and what our group and the Party can do to remove barriers and overcome issues.

Speakers:

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People

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SNP WEBSITE AND SNP MEMBERS' HUB

Sunday 28 April
Carrick Room, Level +1, EICC
09h00 – 10h00

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

Come along and find out more about getting the latest news, supporting campaigns, joining interest groups, finding the latest policy information, managing events and branch administration. At this session we'll run through the most common activities, answer any questions and help you to get the most out of the new system.

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**CHRISTIANS FOR
INDEPENDENCE**

Sunday 28 April

Harris Room 1, Level +1, EICC

09h00 – 10h00

We are a multi-denominational group of Christians supporting Scottish Independence. We invite you to an Ecumenical Service of worship and prayer led by members of Christians For Independence.

Everyone welcome.

www.christiansforindependence.scot

Speakers:

Rev Edward Andrews



 **Electoral
Reform
Society**
Scotland

Sunday 28 April

Ochil Room, Level +1, EICC

09h00 – 10h00

Citizens Assemblies – Tackling Constitutional Change

Citizens Assemblies are often set up in times of constitutional change to advise on solutions to thorny issues. They could be used to great effect in Scotland as we approach a second independence referendum. Many members will have heard of the Constitutional Convention and Citizens Assembly that paved the way to the successful equal marriage and abortion rights referenda in Ireland, but what do they do that is so different and how do they work?

This panel discussion will look at how citizen assemblies could help create the vision for an independent Scotland reflecting Scotland's guiding constitutional principle that sovereignty lies with the people.

Speakers:

Willie Sullivan, Electoral Reform Society Scotland

Joanna Cherry QC MP, Shadow SNP
Spokesperson for Justice and Home Affairs

Dr Oliver Escobar, What Works Scotland

Lesley Riddoch, Journalist and Campaigner

Chaired by Chris Hanlon, Elected Member of SNP
National Council



ORGANISERS' SURGERY

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11h00 – 12h00

A drop-in session for Organisers, with a chance to ask questions and discuss ideas with Stacy Bradley, Organisation Convener.

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NATIONAL TREASURER

Sunday 28 April
Ochil Room, Level +1, EICC
11h00 – 12h00

Launch of Treasurers Handbook

The role of Branch or CA Treasurer is a statutory one with statutory responsibilities. With sometimes frequent changes in office bearers the need has been identified to provide more detailed and relevant guidance for the new Treasurer and a ready reference for the more experienced Treasurer. The launch of the Treasurers Handbook will begin the process of providing a meaningful and useful reference tool.

Speakers:

Colin Beattie MSP, National Treasurer
Elizabeth Young, Assistant National Treasurer

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**GREENOCK AND INVERCLYDE
SNP BRANCH**

Sunday 28 April
Lowther Room, Level -1, EICC
12h00 – 14h00

Is it Time to End The “War on Drugs?”

Scotland experienced 934 drug related deaths in 2017. That is more than double the number in 2007. We currently have a massive increase in the spread of HIV. Attempts to establish a Drug Consumption Room have been unsuccessful due to Westminster's intransigence. It has been said that the misuse of drugs act 1971 has been the cause of more damage than the drugs it sets out to control. This event will investigate the problems, the cause of the problems and look at building solutions.

Speakers:

Ronnie Cowan MP for Inverclyde
Neil Woods, Ex undercover Police Officer and author of “Good Cop, Bad War” and co-author of “Drugs Wars”.
Fiona Gilbertson, CEO of Recovering Justice



**ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC
SERVICE EXCELLENCE**

Sunday 28 April
Menteith Room, Level -1, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

New Municipalism and Community Wealth Building

How can Local Authorities deliver affordable housing, cheaper energy, jobs and skills within diminishing budgets?

In this session APSE will explore the benefits of adopting a community wealth building approach to local council services, looking at how local authorities can deliver affordable housing, cheaper energy, jobs and skills within diminishing budgets.

Speakers:

Paul O'Brien, Chief Executive of APSE
Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning
Elena Whitham, Depute Leader, East Ayrshire Council
Chaired by Cllr Les Sharp, APSE Scottish Chair





SUPPORTING
year of young people
bliadhna na h-òigridh
2018



Sunday 28 April

Tinto Room, Level 0, EICC

12h45 – 13h45

Year of Young People Gathering

We invite you to come and hear brave tales from young people across Scotland about the impact of YOYP 2018. Get involved with us to build a real and lasting legacy from what was an incredible showcase of our youth generation. This will be an interactive fringe event led by young people themselves so expect to get active, share the learning from the year and discuss innovative ways we can ensure the legacy from this year continues at local and national level.

Speakers:

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Children and Young People



Sunday 28 April

Moorfoot Room, Level 0, EICC

12h45 – 13h45

Local Democracy: How can we get Real Power to Communities?

Following years of community and civic engagement there are suggestions for a new, radical way to organise Scotland's Local Government. What should the SNP do?

Speakers:

Lesley Riddoch, Journalist and campaigner

Robin McAlpine, Common Weal

Aileen Campbell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government

Councillor Laura Brennan-Whitefield, South Ayrshire Council

Chaired by: Willie Sullivan, ERS Scotland





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Friends at the End
Promoting end of life choices 

**DIGNITY
IN DYING
SCOTLAND.**

 **Humanist
Society
Scotland**

Sunday 28 April

Kilsyth Room, Level 0, EICC

12h45 – 13h45

It's Time for the SNP to Support Assisted Dying

With nearly 90% of Scots supporting assisted dying, it is time for the SNP to back safe and compassionate new laws for our dying citizens. We'll look at how the Scottish Parliament can lead the way in ending suffering and providing real choice at the end of life.

Speakers:

George Adam MSP

Heather Williams, Friends at the End

Fraser Sutherland, Humanist Society Scotland



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The Educational
Institute of Scotland

Sunday 28 April

Carrick Room, Level +1, EICC

12h45 – 13h45

Empowered Schools

An exploration of the Empowered School model and how they could deliver improved pupil outcomes and greater teacher agency.

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

Speakers:

Larry Flanagan, EIS General Secretary

John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Chaired by: Alison Thorton, EIS President





**ORGANISERS'
GET TOGETHER**

Sunday 28 April
Harris 1, Level +1, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

An opportunity to share new ideas, feedback on experiences, make connections and get advice from your fellow Organisers.

Hosted by Stacy Bradley, Organisation Convener.
All Organisers welcome.

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2019 | INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
Indigenous Languages

Sunday 28 April
Ochil Room, Level +1, EICC
12h45 – 13h45

Bliadhna nan Cànanan Dùthchasach

San Dàmhair dh'aontaich am pàrtaidh ri moladh a chomharraich Bliadhna Eadar-Nàiseanta nan Cànan Dùthchasach, agus a thuirt gum bu chòir cothroman cruinneachaidh a bhith ann airson luchd-labhairt na Gàidhlig is cànanan dùthchasach eile am-bliadhna. Mar thoiseach-tòiseachaidh, tha an Rùnaire Nàiseanta air tachartas a chuir air dòigh gus beachdan nan Gàidheal sa phàrtaidh a thomhais, air nas urrainn a dhèanamh gus cleachdadh na Gàidhlig a bhrosnachadh taobh a-staigh agus taobh a-muigh a' phàrtaidh.

In October, delegates agreed a resolution marking UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages. This Gaelic language networking event will look at opportunities for promoting the language both within the party and wider society.

Speakers:

Dr Aonghas Mac Leòid, Rùnaire Nàiseanta SNP