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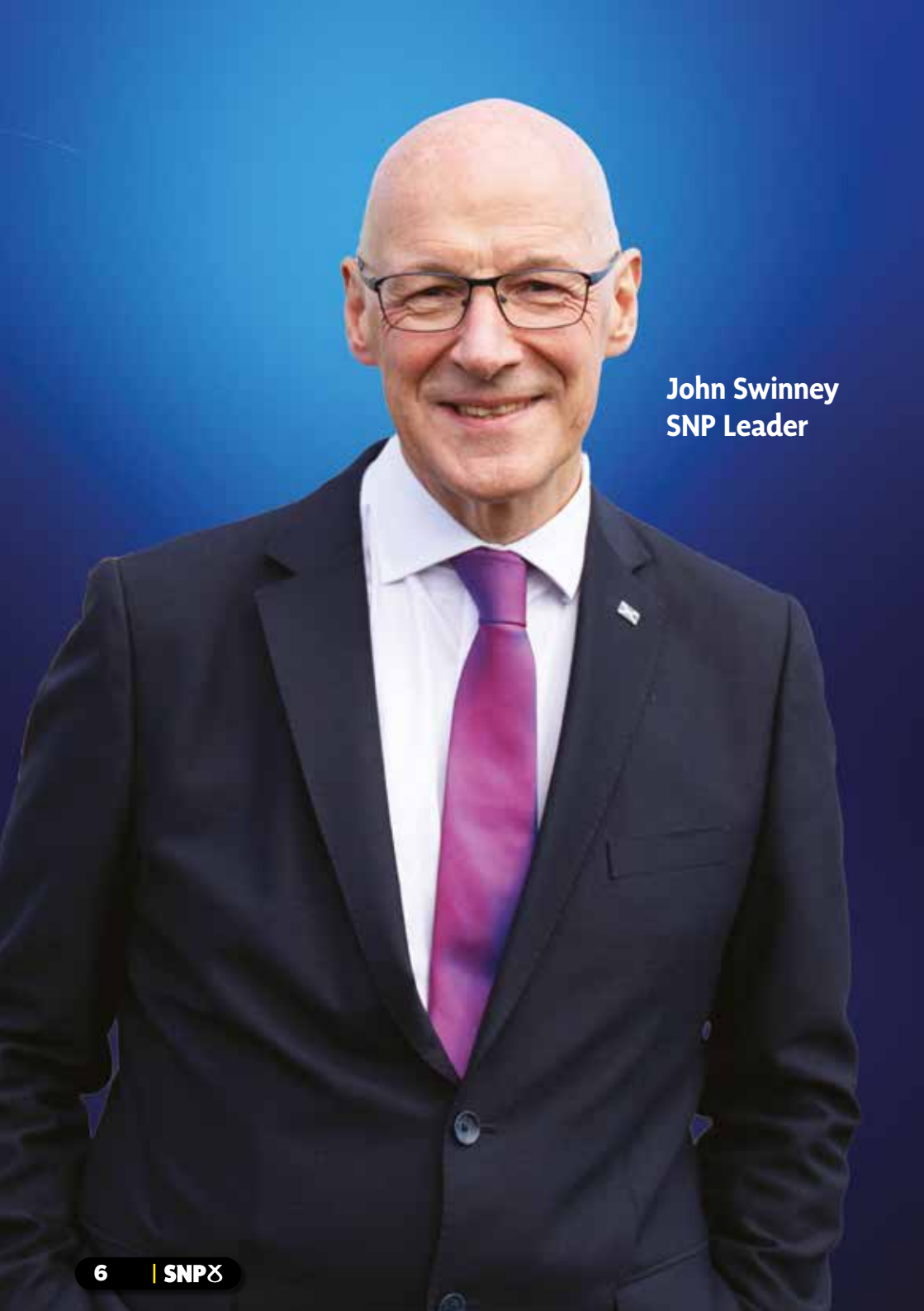


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Welcome





John Swinney
SNP Leader

A very warm welcome to the Scottish National Party's 92nd Annual National Conference.

This Conference is the first time we all come together after winning a historic landslide victory at the Scottish Parliament elections earlier this year - with more than twice the number of SNP MSPs as any other party.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be doing a job I genuinely love. As SNP leader and First Minister, every day brings both the opportunity and the responsibility to make a real difference to people's lives across Scotland. Whether that be by expanding free school meals, reducing NHS waiting times, abolishing peak rail fares, or delivering the strongest cost of living package of anywhere in the UK.

Only last month, I set out my plans to build stronger, more empowered communities across Scotland, improve the lives of people in every part of our country, and modernise our public services, including our NHS.

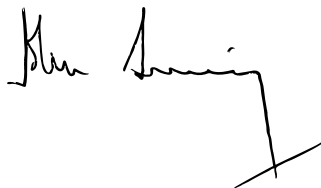
All of this is part of the SNP getting our country's independence ready by demonstrating, through what we do, that decisions about Scotland are best taken by the people who live here.

And it means standing firm on the principle that Scotland's right to choose its own future cannot simply be dismissed, cackhandedly, by politicians who fear the prospect of independence.

Now, more than ever, we must demonstrate proudly and confidently that we have the values and ideas to build the Scotland we know is possible. A thriving, caring and ambitious country.

The next three days are an important opportunity for our party to celebrate our success, share ideas, and help chart the course for Scotland becoming a fairer, thriving independent nation.

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Thursday 15 October

Session 1

- 10h30** Welcome Address –
Stephen Flynn MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport
- 10h40** Report of the Conferences Committee
- 10h50** Resolutions
- 11h30** Fresh Perspectives Panel Session with New SNP Parliamentarians
- 11h50** Resolutions
- 12h30** Close of session

RESOLUTIONS

01 YES, AND HERE'S HOW: THE MODERN CASE FOR INDEPENDENCE

Conference notes that support for independence is strong and enduring, but that many undecided voters remain to be persuaded, and that the questions most often raised by those voters concern the economy, their pensions, their mortgages, their household security, currency, and the public finances.

Conference believes that these are legitimate questions that deserve clear, honest, and specific answers. That the evidence based case for independence is strong, stands up to scrutiny, and should be made with confidence rather than shied away from. That this case is best built and communicated with the public over time, well ahead of any future referendum campaign, rather than during it, and that equipping members and supporters to answer these questions is essential groundwork for winning.

Conference further believes that independence is the essential foundation for the fairer, greener, and more prosperous Scotland this party seeks. That securing it means persuading those not yet convinced, not only those who already agree, and that we cannot ask people to take a leap of faith when what they want is certainty, and it is our job to provide it.

Conference resolves that the SNP should prioritise the development of clear, accessible, evidence-based resources addressing the economic and practical questions undecided voters most commonly ask. That these resources should be made widely available to members, activists, and the wider Yes movement to support everyday conversations with undecided voters. That the party's leadership, elected representatives, and spokespeople should actively make and promote these arguments at every opportunity, so that undecided voters hear the case made clearly and

with confidence, and are persuaded by it. That this work should draw on economic and academic expertise to ensure it is credible and robust; and that the party should treat building public confidence in the economic case for independence as a continuing priority in the period before any future referendum.

Conference commends Young Scots for Independence for its work in this area and calls on the party, its elected representatives, and the wider movement to take forward this preparation with urgency and seriousness, because the dream of a better, independent Scotland is too important to lose twice.

YOUNG SCOTS FOR INDEPENDENCE

02 SCOTLAND'S JOURNEY TO EU MEMBERSHIP

Conference reaffirms its belief that Scotland's best future lies as an independent state in the European Union. Conference praises the work of activists, branches and representatives to continue making the case for Scotland's EU membership and to promote closer ties with the European Union.

Conference believes in the importance of an independent Scotland fulfilling the Copenhagen Criteria as a precondition towards successful membership of the European Union.

Conference further acknowledges and congratulates the key work of civil servants and ministers to ensure harmonisation with the EU acquis through the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, which ensures that in areas of devolved competence the Scottish Government remains aligned with EU legislation.

Conference notes that such a step is vital to ensure a smooth accession process as well as demonstrate our good faith towards our European neighbours. Conference notes that one of the first steps towards acceding to the EU is the completion of the Screening Questionnaire which is sent to all applicant countries to assess what additional steps are required to ensure alignment with the EU acquis before opening up accession negotiations. Conference further notes that such questionnaires have been sent to states such as Montenegro, Ukraine, Albania and Moldova, all states likely to be EU members within the next 5-10 years.

Conference therefore calls on the party to establish a sub-committee to undertake the work required to complete the screening questionnaire drawing upon publicly available examples, so that the necessary policies, legislation and institutions can be established as far in advance of the application as possible, thereby speeding up Scotland's accession process. Conference calls on this sub-committee to be established by April 2027 and that the sub-committee submits its report by April 2028.

LONDON BRANCH; ALYN SMITH MSP; CRAIGENTINNY & DUDDINGSTON BRANCH



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03 FURTHER DEVOLUTION TO THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Conference believes that Andy Burnham's commitment to devolution must include meaningful further devolution to Scotland.

Conference notes that immigration remains reserved to the UK Parliament, despite its profound impact on Scotland's population, labour market, public services, housing, communities, and effects on the fiscal framework. Scotland deserves a migration system which meets our distinct demographic and economic needs.

Conference is concerned that refugees and people seeking asylum continue to face unacceptable delays, destitution, homelessness, restrictions on the right to work and inadequate support.

Conference therefore calls on Andy Burnham to begin urgent negotiations with the Scottish Government on a comprehensive transfer of responsibility for migration, asylum, refugee resettlement and support for survivors of human trafficking and modern slavery.

Any transfer must include the necessary financial resources and human rights safeguards for Scotland to establish a welcoming and sustainable immigration system tailored to its needs.

GLASGOW EASTERHOUSE & SPRINGBURN BRANCH

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Add at end:

Conference recognises that this and other calls for Westminster to acknowledge and act on the Scottish Parliament as the rightful place for these and other powers called for at Conference have been ignored in the past and may well be ignored again. If no meaningful response has been obtained from Westminster within a reasonable period - not to exceed four weeks after Scottish Government officially calling for discussions on increased powers – then Scottish Parliament should be called upon to act with legislation brought forward as below.

Conference believes legislation can and should be introduced in Holyrood where a direct mandate from the Scottish people would be sought in the form of a referendum on the Scottish Parliament having the ability to refer questions on any increase in its powers directly to the Scottish people by means of future referendums on constitutional matters. A further initial referendum on some specific powers could refer to such matters as energy, immigration and capital taxation where polling has already shown majority support in Scotland for Holyrood holding such powers.

Conference notes there are no decisive legal barriers to taking forward this argument in a Scottish court, if challenged. Letting Westminster's Scotland Act place restrictions on the Scottish Parliament that override our right to decide sets an English assertion of Westminster parliamentary sovereignty over the sovereign rights of Scotland's people and treats Scotland more akin to an annexed territory than a partner in an agreed union.

Conference also notes that if the Scottish people's right to decide this issue by referendum is challenged in a Scottish Court, the approach taken by that court will show whether the present Scottish legal establishment respects either our legal and constitutional traditions or our people's democratic rights. Ultimately, as some legal academic opinion confirms, this is as much a matter of politics as of law.

NEWINGTON & SOUTHSIDE BRANCH

04 ABOLISH THE SCOTLAND OFFICE

Conference notes that spending by the UK Government's Scotland Office has reached record levels in direct contrast to its diminishing role as powers are devolved to the Scottish Parliament.

Conference believes that the Scotland Office and the role of the Secretary of State for Scotland are now just expensive anachronisms from a time when there was no Scottish Parliament to make decisions on Scotland's behalf, and hence serves no useful purpose today.

Conference resolves that the Scotland Office should be closed and the role of the Secretary of State for Scotland be abolished, with all monies saved diverted to the Scottish Parliament.

MILNGAVIE AND BEARSDEN NORTH BRANCH



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Thursday 15 October

Session 2

- 14h00** Address by Dave Doogan MP, SNP Westminster Group Leader
- 14h20** Resolutions
- 15h45** Topical and Emergency Resolutions
- 16h00** Address by Keith Brown MSP, Depute Leader
- 16h30** Close of Session

05 STRENGTHENING SCOTLAND'S GYNAECOLOGY WORKFORCE

Conference notes that:

Women and girls across Scotland continue to experience unacceptably long waits for gynaecological care, with 64,535 waits for an appointment or procedure recorded in November 2025.

The shortage of specialist workforce is one of the factors contributing to these pressures.

Gynaecology is essential to women's health, including the diagnosis and treatment of conditions such as endometriosis, fibroids, menstrual disorders and gynaecological cancers.

The Scottish Government has recognised gynaecology as a priority within the Women's Health Plan 2026–2029 and is developing a National Plan for Gynaecology.

Recruiting and retaining sufficient numbers of doctors into appropriate specialties is essential to ensuring that NHS Scotland can provide timely, high-quality care.

Therefore, Conference calls on the UK Government to Strengthen overseas connections and increase recruitment pathways for foreign students and doctors.

Further, Conference calls on the SNP Scottish Government to:

- A. Establish a targeted Gynaecology Workforce Incentive Scheme to encourage more doctors to enter and remain in gynaecology training and consultant posts in Scotland.
- B. Work with NHS Education for Scotland, NHS Boards, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the medical profession to determine the most effective incentives, including enhanced training opportunities, retention payments and additional support for doctors working in areas experiencing the greatest workforce shortages.
- C. Ensure that the scheme considers flexible and family-friendly working arrangements, career development, training opportunities and measures to improve the long-term attractiveness of gynaecology as a medical career.

- D. Include specific consideration of recruitment and retention in rural and remote communities, where workforce shortages can have a particularly significant effect on access to specialist care.
- E. Set measurable targets for increasing recruitment into gynaecology training and improving retention, with progress reported publicly through the National Plan for Gynaecology.

Conference believes that investing in the specialist workforce is essential to tackling Scotland's gynaecology waiting times and delivering the SNP's commitment to improving women's health and ensuring timely access to high-quality NHS care.

CLLR NICOLA PATRICK; DAVID TORRANCE MSP

06 DEVOLUTION OF RETAIL TAXATION

Conference cautiously welcomes the comments from the new UK Prime Minister to strength and widen devolution and calls on the Scottish Government to constructively argue for the further devolution of taxation to Holyrood, specifically the key retail tax powers over Alcohol, Tobacco and Fuel as well as other emerging taxes in on products such as Vaping and Electric Car Charging.

This Resolution does not propose how we should use or alter these with any new powers but rather that it is for Holyrood and those chosen by the Scottish people to decide what levels they should be set at.

Scotland should not be made to request changes to Taxation to suit or needs but rather should have the power to do so itself.

Currently these taxes bring in around £45bn with the over £3.5bn generated in Scotland roughly equal to Scotland's share of population and UK tax revenues.

Devolving these powers to Scotland would allow Holyrood to shape the taxation in ways that better suit Scotland's particular circumstances and needs, making Holyrood better able to address them.

In addition a widened tax base allows Holyrood the flexibility to reshape already devolved taxes such as Income Tax which are currently too restricted, narrow and limited to allow real change to be achieved.

These changes along with the possibility of a review of the Barnett Formula would allow it to constructively move towards the Party's short term objective of full fiscal autonomy prior to Independence, allowing us to begin the transition from the United Kingdom to a fairer more effect taxation system post Independence.

DINGWALL & DISTRICT BRANCH



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07 A SCOTTISH CONVERSION PRACTICES BAN

Conference notes that the Westminster Government has published a draft Bill aimed at banning conversion practices. Conference further notes that the draft Bill only covers practices including 'serious abuse' and that it fails to adequately protect the expression of an individual's gender or sexuality.

Conference notes that the draft Bill includes an explicit exemption for conversion practices which are 'similar to forms of medical or surgical care', which would exempt both regulated and unregulated professionals and any other health care staff. This would not only make it hard to deal with abuses committed by NHS staff or private care providers but would also encourage other organisations to simply try and pass off their conversion practices as therapy or other kinds of health care.

Conference recognises that all forms of conversion practices, including those performed in medical environments by healthcare staff and those performed in religious settings, are ineffective, harmful, and lead to lasting trauma for those subjected to them.

Conference recognises that this harm and trauma remain evident even for those who report initially 'consenting' to these practices, and that 'consent' to these practices among victims is typically led by systemic misinformation and an attempt to avoid community stigma surrounding an LGBTQIA+ identity or experience.

Conference recognises that conversion practices cause harm and trauma to all members of the LGBTQIA+ community, including trans and non-binary people. Conference therefore identifies that the only acceptable ban on conversion practices is a complete ban that includes medical and religious settings, includes conversion practices inflicted with the 'consent' of the person, and any conversion practiced against trans and non-binary people.

Conference recognises the Scottish Government's resolve to attempt to pass a UK-wide ban first to provide maximum protection to the LGBTQIA+ community, and their resolve to seek to put a bill through the Scottish Parliament if Westminster fails to create an adequate bill by the end of this year.

Conference asserts that the draft bill produced by Westminster is inadequate and will lead to further harm and victimisation of LGBTQIA+ people by creating loopholes under which conversion practices can still be enacted without breaking the law. Conference therefore condemns Westminster's draft bill and calls on the Scottish Government to impose a comprehensive ban on all conversion practices, to be introduced within the first year of this Parliament, in line with the Party's manifesto promises.

This ban must–

- cover all medical and religious settings,

- have no loophole for 'consent', recognising that informed consent to these practices is impossible given their documented harm, ineffectiveness and evidence of coercive control implemented in these environments,
- must include conversion practices targeted at all members of the LGBTQIA+ community, including trans and non-binary people.

Conference identifies that only a complete ban on conversion practices will adequately protect LGBTQIA+ people in Scotland from harm and maintain Scotland's proud tradition of protecting and advancing human rights for all.

OUT FOR INDEPENDENCE; KIRSTY BLACKMAN MP; SADIE MATTHEWS, NATIONAL EQUALITIES CONVENER; MICHAEL GIBBONS, DISABLED MEMBERS CONVENER; EDINBURGH CENTRAL BRANCH

08 SCOTTISH BONDS TO INVEST IN OUR FUTURE

Conference considers that Investing in Ourselves is key to securing the long-term future prosperity of Scotland. It is also consistent with, and required by, the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act 2026.

Conference therefore calls for an SNP-led Scottish Government to ensure that any bonds issued by the Scottish Government should be retail bonds, and should be sold to individuals and institutions domiciled in Scotland.

Conference further proposes that an SNP-led Scottish Government could work with and assist COSLA in creating a Scottish Local Government Bond Unit. This unit would create and provide appropriate templates, instructions and assistance to Scottish councils to enable them to issue Retail Bonds attractive to local residents, for example with the purpose of funding council house building by our councils. The houses built would provide security for the bonds, and the rents paid would cover the interest and capital repayment.

Council bond issuance could enable a large council house building programme while at the same time providing savers with a safe asset paying an attractive interest rate. Likewise, those savers will have the added satisfaction of knowing their savings are being invested in their community and directly benefitting others in their communities. Local authority bonds could also be directed at individuals and public sector pension funds

Conference recommends that when the Scottish Government has control over taxation, Scottish bonds should be made eligible to be held in Scottish ISAs.

SNP TRADE UNION GROUP; WEST FIFE & COASTAL VILLAGES BRANCH



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09 PARITY OF ESTEEM

Conference reaffirms its commitment to parity of esteem between all elected members regardless of the sphere of government to which they are elected, and to addressing barriers to elected office for under-represented groups.

Conference commits its support to the outcome and recommendations of the Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee (SLARC) Review published in February 2022. Conference notes that this review was undertaken with a view to reducing barriers to elected office, with extensive evidence detailing that low pay and financial insecurity has been a significant barrier to recruiting and retaining councillors, and especially those from under-represented groups, including women. While Conference welcomes the progress which has been made to moderately increase councillors' salaries, it believes there is much work still to be done to fully implement the recommendations and to make the role of a councillor as accessible and as appealing as possible, to help attract the best and most diverse talent to stand for election.

Conference notes that both MSPs and MPs have a resettlement grant awarded should they stand down or lose an election, with awards being dictated according to length of service. Conference further notes that a similar resettlement grant was proposed by SLARC and recently agreed at the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) for Councillors, albeit with a caveat that those who stand for re-election but lose a seat might not be able to be covered without primary legislation in time for the May 2027 local government elections.

Conference therefore expresses profound disappointment at the current decision of the Scottish Government not to uphold the agreement at COSLA to implement such a scheme in time for the local government election next May. Consequently, Conference asks SNP MSPs to work with the Scottish Government to reverse this decision and to legislate to implement the SLARC recommendations in full in advance of the May 2027 elections.

Conference believes that resettlement arrangements should be introduced in this timeframe - at an absolute minimum for those who stand down, as agreed at COSLA, if primary or indeed temporary legislation cannot be implemented in time to cover all situations. Conference agrees that this would uphold the SLARC recommendations and demonstrate the SNP's commitment to elected members and their considerable hard work, in all spheres of government.

**ASSOCIATION OF SNP COUNCLLORS; CLLR KATY LOUDON, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENER;
HEATHER ANDERSON MSP**

Friday 16 October

Session 3 INTERNAL

10h30 Constitutional and Internal Resolutions

11h45 Office Bearer Reports

12h30 Close of session

10 BUILDING PARTY CAPACITY

Conference recognises and welcomes that the Scottish National Party has done much to strengthen Governance and improve Party Unity under the Leadership of Party Leader and First Minister John Swinney. There are however further ways to improve how we operate and to make us a stronger and more cohesive Party able to respond to internal and external pressures.

Conference notes that members vote at National Conference to fill a range of officer and committee positions, each for a period of one year. Which means, each year there is the potential for a significant number of successful candidates having to start from scratch. This annual changeover can be detrimental to the operation of the Party if too many new appointments are made all at the same time and if each of these takes a substantial period to understand and get to grips with their role.

Conference recognises that as well as creating a hiatus in Party business there is also the potential loss of knowledge and experience gained by those in post over the previous year if not reappointed. It takes time to build that knowledge and more needs to be done to maximise use of this beyond the current period of one year.

The annual elections and the resulting lack of continuity from year to year hinders utilising the contribution which could be made by hard working and committed members and is detrimental to the Party.

Conference agrees that the Party explores changing annual appointments to two-year appointments, staggered in introduction to ensure everyone doesn't leave at the same time. This will ensure best use is made of accumulated knowledge and experience in relevant positions and limits the year-to-year disruption experienced presently.

SNP WEST DUMFRIES BRANCH; GALLOWAY & WEST DUMFRIES CA



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11 SUPPORTING ISLAND BRANCHES IN ATTENDING ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL COUNCIL

Ensuring delegates from all regions and islands of Scotland are able to attend party decision making events is important – not only to ensure representation from these areas, but also to harness the expertise and knowledge available. It is also valuable for delegates to learn from all the fringe events and activities.

Attending National Council and Annual Conference can be cost prohibitive for Island Branches. It is welcome to note that, this year, attendance will be possible online for those unable to attend. However, for those who wish to attend in person, the cost can be prohibitive for small island branches.

Conference notes and appreciates efforts to help with transport costs – for example the 30% discount on rail fares offered to delegates attending National Conference. For Island groups, we have no train to catch. A train ticket from the south of Scotland to Aberdeen is £114.60 return – so £80.22 with 30% discount. Travel on the Northlink Ferry from Lerwick to Aberdeen is £170.40 and on Loganair from Sumburgh to Aberdeen £249.98. (prices checked online when this resolution was drafted).

Conference asks that the National Executive Committee review the travel cost of attendance for delegates and put in place a support package (such as a form of pooled fare system) to boost attendance for Island Delegates/Branches at Annual Conference and National Council.

SHETLAND BRANCH; NA H-EILEANAN AN IAR BRANCH

AMENDMENT

Insert in final paragraph after pooled fare system “taking account of both geography and members ability to pay, with the expressed intention”

GLASGOW EASTERHOUSE & SPRINGBURN CB

12 EQUALITIES MECHANISM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE SELECTION

Conference reaffirms the SNP's commitment to ensuring that its elected representatives reflect the diversity of the communities and country we seek to represent.

Conference recognises that women, disabled people and people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities remain under-represented within elected local government, and that structural and practical barriers can prevent talented members from progressing through candidate approval and selection processes.

Conference further recognises the experience of equalities mechanisms used in previous local government selection processes and believes that lessons from those processes should inform arrangements for the next local government elections.

Conference mandates that measures designed to address under-representation must be evidence-based, proportionate and transparent.

Conference notes that increasing representation must not result in tokenism. All SNP candidates must continue to meet the standards expected of those seeking elected office and must be selected for their ability, experience, commitment, values and capacity to represent their communities effectively.

Conference therefore instructs the National Executive Committee, prior to the commencement of the local government candidate selection process, to establish and publish an Equalities Mechanism designed to address demonstrated under-representation among SNP local government candidates.

The mechanism shall address, separately and appropriately, the representation of:

- women;
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic members; and
- disabled members.

Conference instructs the NEC to ensure that the mechanism:

1. is evidence-based, using the best available and relevant demographic, electoral and party data to identify and assess under-representation;
2. seeks gender balance across the overall body of SNP local government candidates, while allowing sufficient flexibility to take account of local circumstances, incumbent councillors and the practical operation of multi-member wards;
3. provides for meaningful BAME representation, taking account of regional and local population demographics and demonstrated levels of under-representation;



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4. provides for meaningful representation of disabled members, recognising both the prevalence of disability within Scotland and the limitations of available party data where disability is dependent upon self-identification;
5. seeks improved representation across Scotland, taking account of regional and local demographics and the availability of eligible candidates within individual local authority areas, while avoiding the unnecessary concentration of candidates from under-represented groups in seats with limited electoral prospects;
6. ensures that equalities measures operate alongside robust candidate approval standards, so that the mechanism expands opportunity for capable candidates and does not reduce individuals to representatives or tokens of a protected characteristic;
7. ensures that reasonable adjustments and accessible processes are available throughout application, assessment, selection and campaigning, so that disabled members are not disadvantaged by the process itself;
8. takes account of electoral prospects and opportunities for election, so that increased diversity amongst candidates is capable of translating into increased diversity amongst elected SNP councillors;
9. is developed in meaningful consultation with the relevant SNP equalities organisations, affiliates and office bearers, including those representing women, disabled members and BAME members, together with the Party's local government structures, and requires relevant affiliate or lived-experience representation within the candidate vetting and assessment process; and
10. sets out clearly the evidence, methodology and reasoning upon which any intervention or target is based, allowing members and local parties to understand why particular measures are being applied.

Conference instructs the NEC to put these arrangements in place before local government selections commence and as a matter of urgency.

Conference believes that removing barriers and ensuring that talented members from under-represented groups have a genuine opportunity to become candidates will strengthen the SNP's candidate pool, strengthen our representation in local government and better enable the Party to represent modern Scotland and deliver independence.

SADIE MATTHEWS, NATIONAL EQUALITIES CONVENER; MICHAEL GIBBONS, DISABLED MEMBERS CONVENER

13 PROGRAMME OF RULE REVISAL

Conference notes the successful outcome of the Constitutional Conference held on 22 March 2025, and the further progress made since then in improving Party governance.

Conference believes that, just as democratic government depends upon the rule of law, democratic party governance depends upon modern, clear and accessible rules applied fairly and consistently.

Conference notes, however, that no Rules of the Party have been promulgated to reflect the constitutional amendments agreed in 2025 and subsequently; that many rules were not updated when the Revised Constitution was adopted in 2018; that some rules, including the Code of Conduct for Members, have not been substantially revised or updated since the previous constitutional rewrite in 2004; and that there are bodies of the Party, including Regional Steering Committees, the Policy Development Committee, the Conferences Committee, the National Office Bearers Committee and the Financial Scrutiny, Audit and Risk Committee which do not have rules approved to guide their work.

Conference therefore instructs the National Secretary to lead a comprehensive programme of review, reform, and renewal of the Codes of Conduct, Standing Orders, and Rules of the Party to reflect constitutional changes, modern practice, and recent lessons learned, with fair process, transparency, and good governance as the guiding principles.

Conference also requires the National Secretary, in preparing proposals, to consult appropriately with committees affected by any changes and with other interested members, drawing upon and developing the best ideas emerging from that consultation, before submitting the consultation outcome and result to the National Executive Committee, or other Party body with constitutional authority for approval.

Conference expects that the rule revisal programme will include, as a minimum, the following core components —

- a) with all involved in the management of the Party, preparing a new and comprehensive Scheme of Delegation under Paragraph 32.4 of the Constitution, which will ensure clarity of roles and responsibilities in the management of the Party, including between the Chief Executive, National Office Bearers, the National Office Bearers Committee and the National Executive Committee;
- b) after suitable engagement with delegates, drafting Standing Orders for National Council, with a particular focus on enhancing opportunities for delegates to scrutinise and discuss Party governance as well as policy;
- c) with all involved in the finances of the Party, drafting Rules for the Financial Scrutiny, Audit and Risk Committee under Paragraph 39.3 of the Constitution, to ensure oversight and further transparency in the Party's finances;
- d) after consulting the whole membership, proposing a motion under Paragraph 5.3 of the Constitution to adopt a modernised Code of Conduct for Members, including conduct on social media, establishing clear minimum standards of behaviour expected of members;



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- (e) with the Disputes and Complaints Committee, the Member Conduct Committee and the Conduct Appeals Committee, developing a Standards Breach Policy under Paragraph 6.5 of the Constitution to ensure that where a breach has been found, any sanction is determined under a clear, proportionate and consistent framework, with sanctions sufficient to uphold appropriate standards of conduct and to deter other breaches;
- (f) after adoption of a revised Code of Conduct for Members, and after consultation with the Parliamentary Groups and the Association of SNP Councillors, drafting Codes of Conduct for the other classes of members under Paragraph 5.1 of the Constitution, such as office bearers, candidates and publicly-elected members, where higher standards of conduct are required;
- (g) with the Member Engagement Convener, and after gathering information on best practice for party meetings, proposing considered amendments to the Branch Rules and the Constituency Association Rules to encourage effective, inclusive and participatory meetings under Paragraph 46.2 of the Constitution;
- (h) with the Campaigns Convener, working to regularise the operation of “Other Local Campaign Bodies” under Paragraph 17 of the Constitution, including the Glasgow Regional Association and the Edinburgh City Association;
- (i) with the Policy Development Committee and the Conferences Committee, drafting rules for their operation, to include any joint working arrangements under Paragraph 23.3 of the Constitution, to streamline the process of policy adoption in the party and to assist in its transparency, including in relation to rejected resolutions;
- (j) engaging with the Parliamentary Groups and Association of SNP Councillors to promote greater consistency, clarity and effectiveness in their Standing Orders, with any resulting amendments being presented to the National Executive Committee for approval under Paragraph 45 of the Constitution;
- (k) engaging with affiliates to ensure that all of their constitutions are approved under Paragraph 38.2 of the Constitution, with the Chief Executive providing any assistance needed on membership system support;
- (l) working with the Chief Executive, developing a Privacy Policy for Members that more clearly provides for the appropriate sharing of member and local office bearer contact information where members would reasonably expect such information to be shared.

The National Secretary must report to each meeting of National Council and National Conference on the progress of this programme, including which workstreams have been completed and what work remains to be done, until its completion, with the objective of concluding all rule revisions by the end of the first meeting of National Council in 2028.

EDINBURGH NORTH WESTERN BRANCH

14 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – FINANCIAL SCRUTINY, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

In Paragraph 39.2(c)

Delete all after “retired qualified accountants” and insert

“or have significant Risk Management experience in at least one large organisation, or have substantial experience as a member of a Risk and / or Audit Committee in a large organisation”.

PETER GRANT, NATIONAL TREASURER; ALEX KERR, NATIONAL SECRETARY

AMENDMENT

Replace words after “insert” with “have experience as members of similar committees, or other appropriate qualifications or experience specified in the Rules of the committee”.

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15 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO RAISE CONCERNS

“Paragraph 46 (Rules and Standing Orders) - add new sub paragraph after 46.3(b)

(c) A process by which any member who has concerns about possible misconduct or unlawful conduct by any member or office bearer may raise these concerns in confidence;

and renumber accordingly”

PETER GRANT, NATIONAL TREASURER; ALEX KERR, NATIONAL SECRETARY

16 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Insert at beginning of Paragraph 4.1, “Membership of the Party is open to all who support its Aims, Policy and Direction.”

After Paragraph 4.3(a), add “() act in contravention of a requirement of the Constitution, Standing Orders, Rules, or Policies on member behaviour of the Party”.

After 4.4 (c) add “() leaves a Party Group in the UK or Scottish Parliament, or on a local authority, but does not vacate their seat;” and relabel subsequently.

After Paragraph 4.4, add new sub-paragraph— () Rules of the Party may define other activities, including activities in support of other political parties, which make a member ineligible for membership of the Party.

ALEK KERR, NATIONAL SECRETARY; ANGELA CONSTANCE, SNP CONVENER



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Friday 16 October

Session 4

- 14h00** Fraternal Address from Plaid Cymru –
Sioned Williams MS, Deputy First Minister of Wales
- 14h20** Resolutions
- 15h55** Topical and Emergency Resolutions
- 16h10** Address by Jenny Gilruth MSP, Deputy First Minister and
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government
- 16h30** Close of session

17 IT'S SCOTLAND'S ENERGY

- 1 Conference recognises that reckless political decisions taken at Westminster, such as the Energy Profits Levy, have cost thousands of Scottish jobs in the energy industry; and believes that Scottish industry must be protected from devastating Westminster de-industrialisation that has left scars in many communities.
- 2 Conference acknowledges the generational challenge of the Climate Emergency that is already damaging communities across Scotland and the rest of world and reaffirms Scotland's world-leading commitment to reach net zero by 2045, and play its role in tackling it by becoming a renewable energy superpower, while also reducing high energy bills in an independent Scotland.
- 3 Conference notes that the global energy landscape has evolved significantly in recent years, with geopolitical developments such as the ongoing impact of Russia's war in Ukraine and the crisis in the Middle East causing extreme volatility and risks to energy supplies and prices.
- 4 Conference agrees that Scotland has a bright energy future, particularly in the North East, and agrees that any policy must be built on sustainability and long term planning that takes into account our climate responsibilities and our contribution to our neighbours, especially in the rest of Europe, in providing greater energy security.
- 5 Conference acknowledges that our renewables sector is thriving because of the existing skills, expertise and infrastructure of Scotland's oil and gas industry, but notes that the economic benefit from renewables must be felt by Scotland's communities with meaningful action to lower bills and investment in a just transition that benefits everyone in Scotland.
- 6 Conference demands that all further income from oil and gas resources taken by the UK Treasury is placed in a Future Generations Fund that will grow Scotland's renewables industry,

support the communities who have generated hundreds of billions of pounds in taxation for Westminster, and strengthen the supply chain to ensure ongoing investment and job creation in Scotland.

- 7 Conference notes that Scotland and the wider UK currently relies on oil and gas for our energy needs such as heating, transport and industry, and believes that reducing reliance on hydrocarbons while accelerating the capacity of renewable energy should go hand in hand with protecting jobs, strengthening energy security and supporting a managed and fair transition for workers and communities.
- 8 Conference notes that, in the interests of energy security, protecting Scottish jobs, and securing funding to accelerate growth in renewables, the utilisation of domestic production, reviewed by climate compatibility assessments, is clearly preferable to importation, where international imports have a bigger carbon footprint. And agrees that the SNP should champion policies that safeguard Scottish jobs and skills, reduce reliance on imported fuels and use the economic benefits of Scotland's remaining oil and gas resources to help fund the transition to a net-zero economy.
- 9 And finally, calls for Scotland's energy to be in Scotland's hands, not controlled by Westminster, so we can power a system that truly delivers for the people who live here.

STEPHEN GETHINS MSP; JACK MIDDLETON MSP; LARA BIRD MP

AMENDMENT

Insert after article 8 a new 9, and renumber subsequent articles:

9. Conference notes that carbon pollution has a global impact and that the Scottish Government has already adopted principles such as accepting the climate emergency, the need for a net-zero economy, a "polluter pays" principle on all pollution, and the need for a Just Transition.

Therefore conference asks the Scottish Government to call upon the UK Government to increase profit levies on fossil fuel extractors and on polluting industries to match the social cost of the pollution caused by these activities. If the UK Government will not do this, the Scottish Government should explore any and all devolved powers (such as land taxes, a Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT), new environmental levies, or individual wealth taxes) as well as non-tax powers such as planning permission and public procurement to the same effect.

Conference calls for such revenue accruing to the Scottish Government or Local Authorities to be invested in accelerating Just Transition (especially in the north east) and zero-carbon housing retrofits.

SNP TRADE UNION GROUP



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18 SCOTLAND NEEDS TO INCREASE ITS FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Conference recognises that national food security is a broad concept related to ensuring all people have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food. Food self-sufficiency is a narrower idea that focuses specifically on a nation's ability to produce enough food domestically to meet its population's needs without relying on imports. While the UK ranks ninth in the world for food security (Finland, Ireland and the Netherlands are in the top five), about 11% (280,000) of households in Scotland experience low food security.

Conference commends the Scottish Government for its response to food insecurity, underpinned by the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 and introduction of 'Cash First', a £1.8 million, two-year scheme that aims to reduce reliance on food banks by providing direct financial assistance to households.

Conference notes however, that the UK is absent from the list of the top 50 most food self-sufficient nations. European countries such as Latvia, Romania, Estonia and Croatia appear in the top 20.

Conference believes the climate change catastrophe will require food production to be developed on an industrial scale across the whole of Scotland with the Netherlands' huge glasshouses providing an example of how this might be accomplished.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to work with farmers and their representatives, academia, researchers and specialist companies to develop urgently a national strategy and detailed action plan to encourage and enable Scotland to greatly increase self-sufficiency in domestic food production.

BRAIDBURN BRANCH

19 ENDING AN OUTDATED MODEL OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

Conference recognises that Community Councils were established over fifty years ago to provide a mechanism for local community engagement, but that they operate within a governance model designed for a very different social, democratic, and technological context.

Conference notes that Community Councils have no statutory powers, highly variable levels of activity and effectiveness, and are frequently uncontested or poorly attended, resulting in low participation and limited representativeness, while formal recognition of their role can give disproportionate weight to the views of a small and unrepresentative minority.

Conference further notes that the continued reliance on Community Councils can duplicate or complicate other forms of engagement now used across Scotland, including participatory budgeting, place-based engagement, citizens' panels, and digital consultation, potentially diverting resources and attention away from more inclusive and accessible approaches.

Conference agrees that effective community engagement should be modern, inclusive, transparent, and representative of the full diversity of Scotland's communities, and that public participation should not depend on uneven or outdated structures that vary significantly by geography.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to explore bringing forward proposals to establish a modern, consistent framework for local democratic engagement, ensuring that any framework strengthens participation, broadens access, and supports Scotland's wider objectives on housing delivery, climate action, and community empowerment.

ELGIN BRANCH

20 STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST THE FAR RIGHT, ISLAMOPHOBIA AND RACISM

Conference notes with deep concern the rise of far right activity, Islamophobia, racist abuse, discrimination and attacks on minority communities across Scotland, including a 17% year on year rise in recorded racist hate crime, the highest level in twenty years, and a series of stabbing attacks in Edinburgh in June 2026 which left five men injured, several outside a mosque, with the accused subsequently charged with terrorism offences.

Scotland has long seen itself as a welcoming and inclusive country, yet many Muslims, Black and minority ethnic people, refugees, asylum seekers and migrants increasingly feel unsafe in their own communities. Conference condemns those who exploit economic hardship, pressure on public services and political frustration to divide people and scapegoat minorities, including



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the organised far right activity seen at protests against asylum accommodation in Falkirk and Perth, and welcomes the First Minister's willingness to consider measures such as buffer zones in response.

Conference believes that Islamophobia, racism, antisemitism, xenophobia and all forms of hatred must be challenged wherever they appear. No one should fear going to work, taking their children to school, attending a place of worship or walking through their community because of their race, religion or background.

Conference also recognises the powerful role of the media and public figures in shaping opinion. Inflammatory headlines, misinformation, stereotyping and the repeated portrayal of Muslims, migrants and refugees as threats can create a climate in which hatred becomes normalised. Freedom of the press must be protected, but it must also come with responsibility.

Conference believes that legitimate public debate about the speed, transparency and fairness of the asylum and immigration system, and about illegal entry and enforcement, is a separate matter from organised racism and political violence, and that the party must be able to hold both positions clearly, without either one crowding out the other.

Conference calls on the Scottish Government to:

1. Bring forward, in consultation with Police Scotland and local authorities, buffer zone measures to prevent intimidation and harassment around accommodation used to house asylum seekers and refugees, and to set out clearly how such measures would be defined and enforced.
2. Work with Police Scotland and the Crown Office to improve the recording, investigation and reporting back of hate crime, with specific measures to address the currently low reporting rate, around one in five incidents, among Muslim and refugee communities.
3. Press the UK Government to reduce the asylum backlog and reliance on hotel accommodation through faster decision making, to strengthen action against the organised criminal gangs behind illegal Channel crossings and trafficking, and to ensure the fair and swift removal of those found to have no right to remain in the UK.
4. Establish a clear, published protocol requiring meaningful local consultation before any decision is made to use a community for asylum accommodation.

Conference further calls for investment in housing, public services, employment and measures to tackle poverty and inequality, so that communities are supported rather than turned against one another, and for stronger support for community organisations, anti-racism education, youth work and programmes that bring communities together.

Conference resolves that the SNP will work with trade unions, faith groups, anti-racist organisations and community organisations to oppose the far right, will ensure that those most affected by racism and Islamophobia are heard, and will engage directly and honestly with public

concerns about the immigration and asylum system, rather than leaving that debate to be owned by those who exploit it for division.

Conference sends a clear message. Scotland belongs to all of us. We will not allow fear, division and hatred to define our country. There is no place in Scotland for the politics of hate.

SCOTS ASIANS FOR INDEPENDENCE

AMENDMENT

Amend Paragraph 2 first sentence – after Black– delete “and minority ethnic people,” and Insert and People of Colour, people from racialised minority communities, to read as follows:

Amend paragraph 3 – after “Islamophobia,” delete Black, and insert “Anti-Black racism,”

Amend paragraph 4 – second sentence – after Muslims, migrants, insert Black and Peoples of Colour from racialised minority communities, before “and refugees” to read as follows:

Delete at paragraph 3 “Black and minority ethnic communities and replace with “Racialised minority communities, Black and Peoples of colour”

Insert new Paragraph 3 “Conference notes the community summit held by community leaders and the STUC to address the crisis of racist mobilisation in our streets; commends anti-racist and anti-fascist counterprotesters and highly commends the emergence of local community-led anti-racist initiatives – for example as Falkirk for All and anti-racism groups in Springburn, Maryhill, Govanhill and Possil in Glasgow, and Edinburgh North and Leith”

Bullet point 2: Insert after Muslim “, Racialised minority, Black and Peoples of Colour,”

Delete in bullet point 3 “and to ensure the fair and swift removal of those found to have no right to remain in the UK.”

Insert new bullet points 5 and 6:

5. Make representation to press and media organisations as regards their prejudicial and negative representation of Muslims, refugees, and of Black and Peoples of Colour from racialised minority communities in their reporting – in particular around the late Cambridge and Glasgow Professor Jason Arday.

6. Support community-led anti-racism community initiatives with funding in the Programme for Government as more effective rather than funding further policy research into the effects of racism.

GLASGOW EASTERHOUSE AND SPRINGBURN BRANCH



Agenda

Saturday 17 October

Session 5

10h30 Resolutions

11h30 President's Prize

11h40 Our Right To Decide – Panel Session on the Pathway to Independence
Chaired by Keith Brown, Depute Leader. With Guests, Tommy Sheppard,
Gordon Macintyre-Kemp (Believe in Scotland), and Gillian Mackay (Scottish Green Party)

12h30 Close of Session

21 DEVELOPING PLANS FOR A SYSTEM OF LAND TAXATION IN SCOTLAND

Conference recognises wealth inequality as one of the major issues of our time, and believes the balance of taxation needs to be altered to better target wealth.

Conference is appalled that Westminster has not devolved the powers to Scotland that would allow us to properly address wealth inequality – and recognises that only with the full powers that will come with self-government will we be able to design a system that fully meets Scotland's needs.

Conference recognises that land ownership is a form of wealth, and that while there has been significant progress made in land reform in Scotland by the SNP Scottish Government, that a land tax tailored to Scotland's needs would be a useful tool to help reduce the unacceptable concentration of land ownership in Scotland.

Conference believes that community-led entrepreneurship and locally-led economic regeneration are key to unlocking community wealth, and understands a land tax design for Scotland could support further community ownership, local development and economic growth.

Conference reiterates the importance of the principles of full transparency for land ownership in Scotland, as power over land use and sale decisions should not rest with an elite minority whose identities are too often hidden behind offshore trusts.

Therefore, that Conference supports the Scottish Government in developing plans for a system of land taxation, based on international examples of best practice, recognising appropriately taxing land can benefit the whole of society, while protecting and growing rural employment and community-owned estates and assets.

HANNAH MARY GOODLAD MSP; JENNY GILRUTH MSP

AMENDMENT

Add after paragraph 5:-

Conference urges early action by the Scottish Government:-

- To ensure compliance by two thirds of the 1500 foreign firms owning Scottish land who are absent from the Land Register including a radical increase of penalties for failure to comply with registration of beneficial ownership.
- To resource prosecutions for non-compliance

GLASGOW KELVIN & MARYHILL BRANCH; LARGS BRANCH

22 PSO/AIR DISCOUNT SCHEME

Conference recognises the support provided by Scottish Government to the communities of Barra, Tiree and Campbeltown through their Public Service Obligation (PSO) contract, and welcomes the fact that 50% of the cost of eligible airfares across other island routes are paid for by the Scottish Government through the Air Discount Scheme for island residents.

Conference however notes with concern the extreme costs that continue to face island residents and family members whether it be travelling for work, hospital appointments or family occasions. Conference also notes the ongoing uncertainty facing some of the seemingly less commercially viable routes on the current network, despite the critical nature of these transport connections, with a commercial operator in the position at present of making decisions on lifeline services.

Combined with the challenges of demographic change, the difficulties of ferry and road travel due to weather disruption in the winter, as well as the opportunities inherent in the local revitalisation and repopulation improved transport links would bring, Conference believes that examples should be drawn from other countries who successfully provide lifeline air services to their islands and rural areas.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to develop a long-term aviation strategy for Scotland's Highlands and Islands, with a view to expanding the number of island air routes that are designated as PSOs and ensuring routes and timetables meet passenger needs, increasing reliability and long-term sustainability of air services, while lowering costs for passengers.

Conference further notes that the ADS was introduced more than two decades ago and believes that the time has come to modernise and integrate the scheme within a wider set of reforms to Highlands and Islands air travel, to ensure that island residents pay a fair and sustainable price for vital air travel.

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LONDON BRANCH; CRAIGENTINNY & DUDDINGSTON BRANCH**



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23 RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA USE

Conference is appalled by the revelations earlier this year that Grok AI, integrated into X (formerly twitter) has been producing abusive content, including non-consensual deepfake nudes of women and sexualised images of children.

Conference believes that responsible use of social media is essential for any party, public-facing service, or public entity to maintain public trust and demonstrate their values. Conference notes the potential reputational harm in campaign messages appearing alongside abusive content.

Conference also believes that the party, our elected representatives, councils, Scottish Government, and other public bodies have a responsibility both to the public and to their employees to not make use of harmful platforms that harbour abusive content necessary to access information or communicate with the public.

Conference notes that many publicly owned services, such as ScotRail and CalMac, continue to conduct their comms, emergency announcements, and customer service near-exclusively on X, where this essential information requires logging into a platform that hosts and produces abuse imagery.

Conference further notes that, as viewing of indecent images of children is a strict liability offence, continuing to use X as the predominant communications platform puts our candidates, elected representatives, the public and workers at risk due to the way X's algorithm makes it impossible to control how your content appears and what a user sees.

Conference therefore:

- Resolves that HQ should review the party's social media policies and, in particular, mandate that candidates, branches, elected members, and other relevant bodies withdraw from X
- Supports a UK-wide ban on X and Grok AI
- Calls for public bodies and nationalised services like Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, ScotRail and CalMac to move from X to alternative platforms
- Calls for the Scottish Government to remove itself from X
- Calls for the Scottish Parliament Corporate Body to remove Scottish Parliament-linked accounts from X

SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL BRANCH; LOCHABER AND NORTH LORN BRANCH; PRESTON, SETON AND GOSFORD BRANCH; MICHAEL GIBBONS, DISABLED MEMBERS CONVENER; SADIE MATTHEWS, EQUALITIES CONVENER; OUT FOR INDEPENDENCE

Saturday 17 October

Session 6

- 14h00** Resolutions
- 14h45** Topical and Emergency Resolutions
- 15h05** Address by John Swinney MSP, Party Leader and First Minister
- 16h00** Close of Conference

24 MAKING PLANNING WORK FOR COMMUNITIES

Conference notes that the pace of onshore renewable energy development in Scotland is a key part of a just transition, but has placed growing pressure on local planning systems, and has contributed to increasing public concern around transparency, community ownership, and environmental impact. Conference recognises that while planning teams expose public-facing portals for publishing planning applications, these platforms can be difficult to navigate, and are not well-suited to visualising the scale or wider impact of proposed infrastructure.

Conference believes that planning transparency is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring that infrastructure development, including renewable energy projects, proceeds in a way that is open, accountable, and beneficial to affected areas. Communities should be able to easily understand what is being built and the impact on their local areas, and should be able to readily access environmental assessments, visualisations, and community benefit commitments.

Conference therefore calls on the Scottish Government to work with local planning teams to develop a national framework for modernised, accessible planning portals, with minimum standards to ensure that:

1. Planning applications are presented in clear, user-friendly formats with interactive maps, timelines, and visual tools
2. Historical and cumulative development data can be browsed and compared by the public and community groups
3. Information on community benefit provisions, developer engagement, and environmental assessments is transparently published and archived
4. Local authorities are supported with funding, technical guidance, and capacity-building to implement reforms effectively

Conference believes that improving public access to planning data is a practical, low-cost reform that will empower communities, improve decision-making, and strengthen confidence in the planning system as Scotland continues its transition to renewable energy.

WEST FIFE & COASTAL VILLAGES BRANCH



Agenda

25 GROWING SCOTLAND'S FORESTS, BROADENING SCOTLAND'S OWNERSHIP

Conference notes that:

Post-war governments rightly supported productive woodland through grants and favourable tax treatment. Today, Scotland's woodland market has changed fundamentally, attracting institutional and carbon offset investment. Scotland accounts for around 85% of the UK market for land suitable for woodland creation, while the Scottish Land Commission reports forestry land values rose about 73% between 2021 and 2022. The Royal Society of Edinburgh has called for an end to commercial conifer subsidies and a review of woodland tax reliefs.

Conference further notes that:

Despite decades of land reform, Scotland's rural land remains among Europe's most concentrated, and concentration is increasing. Andy Wightman's 2024 analysis found 433 landowners owned half of privately owned rural land; the Scottish Land Commission's latest figures put the number at just 408 individuals, corporations, asset-management groups and foreign trusts. Scotland has no shortage of reports. What Scotland needs is delivery.

Conference therefore affirms that:

- Public investment in woodland should support Scotland's climate ambitions and its land reform ambitions.
- Climate action should widen opportunity, not narrow ownership.
- Public money should not unintentionally reinforce the concentration of land ownership.
- Land reform should shape every policy that materially affects the ownership and value of Scotland's land.

Conference therefore calls upon the Scottish Government to:

1. Establish a cross-government Ministerial Taskforce, led by the Minister responsible for Land Reform and reporting to Cabinet, to deliver within twelve months an integrated Woodland and Land Reform Strategy aligning woodland grants, fiscal incentives, climate goals and land reform.
2. Restrict woodland creation grants to projects where public support is necessary, ensuring taxpayers do not subsidise commercially viable investments. Require repayment where public funding contributes to significant commercial gains on disposal, with recovered funds recycled into community woodland, farm woodland, native woodland creation and land buyout programmes.
3. Develop measures of success that assess not only woodland creation, carbon sequestration and biodiversity, but also diversity of ownership and wider public benefit.
4. Make formal representations to the UK Government seeking reform of reserved forestry tax reliefs where they materially undermine Scotland's devolved land reform objectives.

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The Coalition for Fisheries Transparency

The Coalition for Fisheries Transparency is a global network of more than sixty civil society organisations that work together to improve transparency and accountability in fisheries governance and management. Open Seas, ClientEarth and the Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF) are leading the Coalition's efforts in the United Kingdom to accelerate the adoption of the Principles of the Global Charter for Fisheries Transparency. Our work aims to help the UK champion effective fisheries governance globally to strengthen the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

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Includem

Includem is a Scottish charity that supports children, young people and families facing some of the most challenging circumstances in their lives. Founded in 2000, we provide intensive, relationship-based support that is tailored to individual needs and built on trust, persistence and respect. Working across communities throughout Scotland, we help people affected by trauma, poverty, exploitation, family breakdown and involvement in the justice system. Through our evidence-informed framework, A Better Life, we support positive change, strengthen resilience and improve wellbeing. Our aim is simple: to help every child, young person and family build a better future.

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Aberlours Children's Charity

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Shetland Islands Council

Shetland Islands Council represents Scotland's most northerly community of 23,000. With unique culture, history and geography, Shetland combines thriving industries in energy, food, drink and space with challenges like fuel poverty and connectivity, requiring strong representation and collaboration with national governments.



Exhibitors

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Friends of Insch Hospital & Community

Friends of Insch Hospital are campaigning for the hospital site to become a Community Health & Care Hub, delivering an integrated model of rural healthcare designed around local needs. Developed with local clinical expertise, the proposal brings together community health services, prevention, diagnostics, rehabilitation, intermediate and palliative care, alongside training opportunities. With £500,000 already available and a commitment to raise further funds, the Friends believe Insch could demonstrate a modern, sustainable approach to rural healthcare. We are calling on the Scottish Government to pause disposal of the site and ensure this credible, community-led alternative is properly considered

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Independent Age

Independent Age is the national charity for older people on a low income. Our Helpline and expert advisers offer free information and advice to older people without enough money to live on. Through our grants programme, we support local organisations working with older people in financial hardship across Scotland and the rest of the UK. We use the knowledge and insight gained from our support services and partnerships to highlight the issues experienced by older people in poverty and campaign for change. No one should face financial hardship in later life. Visit our stall to hear more.

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Our Power Campaign

Our Power is calling on the Scottish government to make sure people in Scotland get a fair share of our energy wealth. It brings together Scottish communities, workers and organisations to raise the ambition of the next government and create a fairer energy system in Scotland, one that makes us all better off. All the changes we are calling for are practical, popular and in the power of the Scottish government. Join us at Stand A9 for a chat about making sure the shift to renewables delivers more wealth to communities and the country and more opportunities for workers and businesses.

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Terrence Higgins Trust and Waverley Care

Terrence Higgins Trust and Waverley Care are Scotland's leading HIV charities. We support people living with HIV to live well, provide factual information on HIV and sexual health, deliver testing services and advocate for the bold action needed so that Scotland can be the first country in the world to end new transmissions of HIV. Supported by Gilead Sciences who provided funding.

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Crisis Scotland

Crisis Scotland is the national charity for people experiencing homelessness. We help people directly out of homelessness, including through best practice work across Scotland and our Skylight service operating in Edinburgh and the Lothians. We research and campaign on a national basis for the social changes needed to end homelessness altogether. Our central campaign is to end homelessness for everyone in Scotland by 2040, with a priority on preventing anybody from experiencing homelessness from happening in the first place.

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Unison Scotland

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Inclusion Scotland

Inclusion Scotland is a national disabled people's organisation working to achieve positive changes to policy and practice, so that disabled people are fully included throughout all areas of Scottish society. Our Access to Elected Office Fund supports disabled people who are standing in elections by covering any additional impairment-related costs. Administered on behalf of the Scottish Government, we work with candidates across all parties and all levels of elected office, aiming to build a more representative democracy by ensuring disabled people can participate in politics on a level playing field.

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inclusion-scotland

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BHF Scotland and NCD Alliance Scotland

British Heart Foundation is the UK's leading independent funder of cardiovascular research, investing up to £64 million in lifesaving research in Scotland. More than 800,000 people in Scotland live with cardiovascular disease, often facing long waits for diagnosis and treatment. We are working to keep hearts healthy for longer.

NCD Alliance Scotland brings together 26 health organisations united by a shared vision of a healthier, fairer Scotland. We work to prevent ill health and reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases, championing action on tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy food, and advocating for action on the commercial drivers of ill health.

LinkedIn: [British Heart Foundation – Scotland](https://www.linkedin.com/company/british-heart-foundation-scotland)

Instagram: [the_bhf](https://www.instagram.com/the_bhf)

Facebook: [British Heart Foundation – Scotland](https://www.facebook.com/BritishHeartFoundationScotland)

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HM Government of Gibraltar

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HM Government of Gibraltar is delighted to support the SNP Conference and to mark the long-standing friendship between Gibraltar and Scotland. The two nations share deep historical and cultural ties, and HM Government of Gibraltar welcomes the opportunity this conference provides to strengthen those bonds further. We look forward to continued cooperation with the SNP and its representatives. Gibraltar will be represented at the conference stand throughout the event, and we look forward to welcoming delegates at our now established annual reception.

Website: www.gibraltar.gov.gi

Facebook: HM Government of Gibraltar

X: @GibraltarGov

Instagram: @gibraltargovernment

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REVIVE

REVIVE is a unique coalition of animal welfare, environmental and social justice organisations who have been looking to change the way huge swathes of Scotland is owned and managed for the benefit of our people, wildlife and the environment. It's aims are to promote fairer land ownership and management, influence land reform policy and ensure land use delivers greater public benefit.

Bluesky: @revivecoalition.bsky.social

X: @ReviveCoalition

Facebook: Revive the coalition for grouse moor reform

Instagram: revivecoalition

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Scottish Swimming

Scottish Swimming

Scottish Swimming is the national governing body for swimming, para swimming, diving, high diving, artistic swimming, water polo, open water swimming and masters swimming. Scottish Swimming represents clubs, swim schools, aquatic disciplines, athletes, teachers and thousands of talented and committed volunteers across the entire swimmer pathway. We are focused on delivering in the following key areas of our corporate plan to reach our vision to ensure that everyone can swim: More Swimmers; Stronger Clubs; Supporting Athletes; Active Communities.

Further information is available at www.scottishswimming.com

Facebook: ScottishSwimming

Instagram: @scottishswimming

X: @ScottishSwim

LinkedIn: Scottish Swimming



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Polimapper

Polimapper

Data visualisations for public affairs impact. Polimapper provides services to help public affairs professionals obtain relevant data, and visualise it through a bespoke stakeholder engagement platform, which utilises interactive constituency maps and dashboards for impactful communications with MPs.

More information:

Website: www.polimapper.co.uk

LinkedIn: polimapper

X: @polimapper

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**SNP Friends of Palestine,
supported by PSC and MAP**

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British Red Cross

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The British Red Cross has been a lifeline for people over the last 150 years as the UK's largest voluntary and community sector emergency response organisation. We are part of the world's largest humanitarian network, helping millions of people get the support they need when disaster strikes. The Red Cross has a strong presence in Scotland, achieving goals through service delivery and advocating for structural change. Priorities involve:

- supporting people in crisis during emergencies
- supporting people seeking and granted refugee protection in the UK
- helping people get home from hospital and reducing delayed discharge
- providing humanitarian assistance across the world

LinkedIn: British Red Cross

X: @RedCrossPolicy

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Stroke Association

Stroke Association

Stroke is the leading cause of adult disability across Scotland and the UK. 1 in 4 people who have strokes are of working age, 1 in 3 of whom will have to give up their jobs. But stroke is also investable, treatable and recoverable. By prioritising improvements to Scotland's stroke services, we can save lives and significantly improve outcomes for survivors. The Stroke Association is the UK's largest charity dedicated to standing up for people impacted by stroke. Drop by our stall to find out how services look in your health board area and what you can do to help.

X: @strokescotland

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Asthma + Lung UK Scotland

Asthma + Lung UK Scotland is the nation's leading lung health charity representing the 1 in 5 people living with a lung condition. We endeavour to improve the nation's lung health by advocating and campaigning for better diagnosis, treatment, management, and prevention of lung diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchiectasis, and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Lung disease is the third biggest killer in Scotland. Lung health is everybody's problem yet thousands of Scots with lung conditions and breathlessness are not getting the help they need or deserve.

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Guide Dogs

Guide Dogs is here to help the two million people living with sight loss in the UK live the life they choose. Our expert staff, volunteers and life-changing dogs help people with sight loss to live actively, independently and well. Come along to hear about our campaign to ensure all streets are accessible so that every street is for everyone.

Facebook: Guide Dogs Campaigns

Instagram: GuideDogsUK

TikTok: GuideDogsUK

LinkedIn: The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

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Scottish Federation of Housing Associations

Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) is the collective voice of housing associations and co-operatives across Scotland. Housing associations don't just rent safe, warm, affordable homes for life – they also support tenants with a range of needs and exist to tackle poverty and inequality.

LinkedIn: scottish-federation-of-housing-associations

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Electrical Safety First

Electrical Safety First is a campaigning charity that aims to reduce deaths and injuries caused by electricity in UK homes. We do this by working closely with Government, the electrical industry, manufacturers, retailers and consumer safety organisations to improve safety regulation and standards. We run media and digital campaigns to share advice and guidance with consumers that will help them to stay safe in their homes.



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Royal College of Psychiatrists

As the professional medical body for psychiatry in Scotland, we set standards and promote excellence in psychiatry and mental healthcare. We lead, represent and support psychiatrists nationally to Government and other agencies, aiming to improve the outcomes of people with mental illness, and the mental health of individuals, their families, and communities. We are a devolved council of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. We have over 1,500 Members, Fellows, Affiliates and Pre-Membership Trainees in Scotland.

Website: www.rcpsych.ac.uk

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Heineken

HEINEKEN UK is based in St Andrew Square in Edinburgh and is the largest brewer and cider maker in the UK - owning 230 pubs and employing around 500 colleagues in Scotland. Heineken® 0.0 is the UK's leading alcohol-free lager and is helping consumers moderate their alcohol consumption. The 0.0 beer serves as the official Global Beer Partner of Premier Padel in a multi-year sponsorship starting in 2026. Come and try your hand at a virtual game of padel and top the leader board to win.

Website: heineken.co.uk

Facebook: [heinenuknews](https://www.facebook.com/heinenuknews)

Instagram: [@heinenukcompany](https://www.instagram.com/heinenukcompany)

LinkedIn: [heineken](https://www.linkedin.com/company/heineken)

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Independence

THE SNP MAGAZINE

Independence Magazine

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indymag@saltiregraphics.scot

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Movember

For over 20 years, Movember has been changing the face of men's health, raising over £945m and funding 1,320+ projects worldwide. From mental health and cancer to tackling isolation, online harms and helping men seek support sooner, we're driving research, changing behaviours and championing better health systems for men and their loved ones.

Instagram: [@movember_uk](https://www.instagram.com/movember_uk)

X: [@movemberUK](https://twitter.com/movemberUK) (for X)

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SNPX

SNP Store

The SNP Store offers official SNP merchandise. Visit or look online at: www.snystore.org

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WWF Scotland

WWF Scotland is working for a cleaner, fairer, flourishing environment where people and nature thrive. We're tackling the main causes of nature loss and climate change, including energy emissions, land use and our food systems. We're finding solutions to bring our world back to life.

Come along to our stand to learn more.

Website: www.wwf.org.uk/scotland

Instagram: @wwfscotland

Facebook: WWFScotland

Bluesky: @wwfscotland.bsky.social

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Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland

Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland is here to ensure no one has to face chest, heart and stroke conditions, or Long Covid, alone. Led by the people living with our conditions and their loved ones, we offer a range of support including advice, support and community-based services that help people recover, self manage their conditions and live life to the full. Visit our stand for a free blood pressure check and to find out more about how our new partnership with the Scottish Government is bringing Healthy Heart & Lung Checks to communities facing the greatest barriers to good health.

LinkedIn: [chsscotland](https://www.linkedin.com/company/chsscotland)

Instagram: @chsscotland

Facebook: CHSScotland

YouTube: @CHSScotland

TikTok: @chsscotland

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breakfast**
fuel for learning

Magic Breakfast

Magic Breakfast is the UK's leading school breakfast charity, making a difference to over 350,000 children and young people by partnering with schools to provide breakfasts and expert advice across Scotland and England. Currently, over 7% of young Scots can access a "magic" breakfast every school morning supporting educational equity, reducing barriers to learning, and delivering for busy families. Our mission is to ensure that every child and young person in Scotland is nourished, empowered, and able to thrive.

Facebook: Magic Breakfast UK

Instagram: [magicbreakfast_uk](https://www.instagram.com/magicbreakfast_uk)

X: @magic_breakfast

LinkedIn: Magic Breakfast UK

YouTube: MagicBreakfastUK



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SAMH

SAMH (Scottish Action for Mental Health) is Scotland's mental health charity. We're here for your mental health, providing mental health support and accessible, practical information. We listen to what matters locally and we campaign nationally – for the changes, big and small, that can make all the difference in life. Because now, more than ever, we need to make change happen. We're taking action for Scotland's mental health, particularly around mental health stigma, and are working to urgently close the life expectancy gap which sees people with mental illness dying on average 15 years earlier than people without.

Facebook: @SAMHmentalhealth

Instagram/TikTok: @samhscotland

LinkedIn: @samh

Website: www.samh.org.uk

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Marie Curie

Marie Curie is the UK's leading end of life charity. We're here for anyone with an illness they're likely to die from, and those close to them. We bring 75 years of experience and leading research to the care we give at home, in our hospices and over the phone. And we push for a better end of life for all by campaigning and sharing research to change the system. As the largest third sector provider of palliative care for adults in Scotland, supporting over 8,000 terminally ill people in 2022-23. Marie Curie delivers expert support and advice through its two Hospices in Glasgow and Edinburgh, and Hospice Care at Home Service across almost all Local Authorities.

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RNIB

The Royal National Institute of Blind People Scotland supports blind and partially sighted people of all ages live as fully and independently as possible. It provides advice, support, training and information about equipment. Through its campaigning RNIB Scotland gives people with sight loss a voice.

Website: rnib.org.uk/Scotland | @RNIBScotland

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**SSE PLC**

Headquartered in Perth, SSE is spearheading a record £25 billion investment across Scotland - backing skilled jobs, strengthening energy security and helping position the country as a clean energy powerhouse. From offshore wind and electricity networks to pumped hydro storage and emerging technologies such as CCS, we are building the infrastructure Scotland needs for a cleaner, more secure and affordable energy future. We employ more than 7,500 people across Scotland and support tens of thousands more through our supply chain and contractors. To help develop the next generation of Scotland's energy workforce, we have also announced a £150 million transmission training centre in Aberdeenshire.

LinkedIn: SSE plc**Instagram:** @sseplc**Facebook:** SSE plc**Bluesky:** @sse.com**YouTube:** @sseplc

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**Sight
Scotland****Sight Scotland
Veterans****Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans**

Sight Scotland and Sight Scotland Veterans are Scotland's largest vision impairment organisation. For over 230 years, we have supported people through sight loss via education, braille services, community support, and specific services for visually impaired veterans. Visit sightscotland.org.uk and sightscotlandveterans.org.uk or call 0800 024 8973.

Facebook: @SightScotland @SightScotlandVeterans

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**Coalfields Regeneration Trust**

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust helps communities that powered the country through coal mining to move forward. We strengthen communities, improve health and build better prospects for the future. We build industrial units for SMEs with the income re-invested to benefit coalfield areas through long term community regeneration. This creates a long term funding stream for 25-30 years tied to the life of the building. In Scotland, we work with and support grassroots organisations. We also operate community consultations, family hubs, training and employment programmes and free sports sessions. We have been funded by the Scottish Government since 1999.

Facebook: Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Scotland | Kincardine**LinkedIn:** Coalfields Regeneration Trust



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Cancer Research UK

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

Instagram: @cr_uk

TikTok: @cancerresearchuk

X: @CRUK_Policy

Facebook: Cancer Research UK

Linkedin: Cancer Research UK

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European Movement in Scotland

The European Movement in Scotland (EMiS) is Scotland's largest independent voice campaigning for EU membership for Scotland. We are a voluntary organisation, funded by members' subscriptions and donations. The role of EMiS is to keep the flame of Europe burning bright in Scottish policy and public opinion. We assert Scotland's deep-rooted European identity, campaigning for the closest alignment with EU values and policies, whatever the constitutional and political context; with the overall aim to rejoin the Single Market and the Customs Union as full members.

Facebook: @EuroMoveScotland

Instagram/Threads/TikTok:

@euromovescot

BlueSky: @euromovescotland

LinkedIn: @euromovescotland

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StepChange Debt Charity Scotland

We're Scotland's leading debt charity and for more than 30 years we've helped people with debt problems take back control of their finances and their lives. We provide free, impartial help and advice - online and over to the phone - to thousands of people every year.

We're authorised and regulated by the FCA, and have a dedicated team of expert debt advisers based in Glasgow ready to help. Our vision is a society free from problem debt, and we work to break debt's stigma and change lives for the better.

Twitter: @stepchange

LinkedIn: stepchange-debt-charity

Website:

www.stepchange.org/scotland

Email: scotland@stepchange.org

Phone: 0800 138 1111

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Educational Institute of Scotland

The Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) is Scotland's largest teaching trade union with almost 65,000 members employed in nursery, primary, special, secondary, further and higher education. The EIS represents over 80% of all teachers and lecturers in Scotland and campaigns to protect and improve their pay and conditions of service as well as seeking to promote "sound learning" across all sectors.

Website: www.eis.org.uk

X: EISUnion **Facebook:** EISUnion

Instagram: eis_union

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Dignity in Dying

Dignity in Dying Scotland campaigns for assisted dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults. In the absence of safe assisted dying legislation, terminally ill people facing a painful and protracted death are suffering unbearably as they die, travelling abroad to access choice, and dying by suicide behind closed doors.

The Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill made unprecedented progress in the previous parliament. Every constituency in Scotland supports law change and, while dying people continue to suffer, this issue will not go away and is certain to return to parliament.

X: @dignityindying

Facebook: dignityindying

BlueSky: @dignityindying.org.uk **Instagram:** @dignityindying

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SGN

SGN is a world class engineering business that designs, builds, finances, operates and maintains energy systems. We are proud to be the gas network for Scotland, distributing natural and green gases to 1.8 million homes and 58,000 industrial and commercial business customers. We operate more than 25,000km of pipeline across Scotland and directly employ around 1,700 people in the communities we serve – communities where 3 in 10 households live in fuel poverty. Over the past three years we have supported some of these communities, including 240,000 Scottish households, with energy advice, debt support and 33,000 crisis fuel vouchers to those who need them most.



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MCS Foundation

The MCS Foundation engages in grants, advocacy, research and programmes to drive the widespread adoption of renewable energy technologies in UK homes. We were founded in 2018 to oversee MCS, the UK's quality mark for small-scale renewables like solar panels and heat pumps. Since then, we've distributed more than £3 million to organisations across the UK, contributed to the development of ambitious government policies and overseen record growth in certified renewable installations.

X/Twitter: @_MCS_Foundation

LinkedIn: The MCS Foundation

Bluesky: @mcsfoundation.bsky.social

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Scots Independent Newspaper

We were the first newspaper that supported the SNP. Why not visit our website at www.scotsindependent.scot which is updated weekly and where you can subscribe to the paper. Alternatively ring 01542 840551 for a subscription form. Come and see us at our stall – Scottish books – Soaps – flags. NEW STOCK

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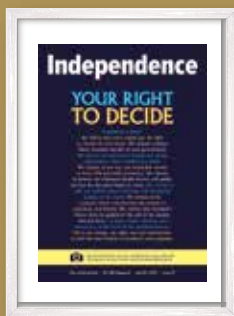
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www.scotsindependent.scot

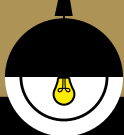


First Bus

Working in partnership with local councils, First Bus provides efficient, low carbon public transport across Greater Glasgow and Aberdeen. Through battery electric and hydrogen buses, our dedicated workforce delivers essential and sustainable bus services that keep communities connected.



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01 Tanya Anina Art

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

Website: tanyaanina.com

02 Ksenia K Art

Ksenia K is a Scotland-based Ukrainian artist creating original paintings, hand-painted lampshades and bespoke art pieces for contemporary interiors. Her work brings fine art into everyday spaces, combining distinctive artistic expression with interior design and transforming functional objects into unique works of art.

Contact: Kseniak.artuk@gmail.com

Instagram/Facebook: [Ksenia_K_Art](#)



03 LumieScents Scotland

Beautifully Crafted. Distinctively Fragrant. Proudly Scottish.

Discover Lumiescents, a Scottish family business creating luxurious, handcrafted home fragrance in small batches. From candles and diffusers to artisan perfumes and gents grooming products every item is thoughtfully made using quality ingredients and beautiful fragrances. We also create bespoke scents and private-label products, helping businesses offer something truly distinctive.

Contact: info@lumiescents.co.uk

Website: www.lumiescents.co.uk

Instagram/Facebook: [@lumiescents_candles](#)

Small Business Marketplace

04 Magic Glass by Magdalena

I design one-of-a-kind stained glass art, all crafted by hand. My pieces bring a warm glow of Scottish tradition and modern charm, adding a spark of colourful magic to anyone's home or garden.

Email: magicglassbymagdalena@gmail.com **Facebook:** [Magicglassbymagdalena](https://www.facebook.com/Magicglassbymagdalena)



05 Cut From the Land

Cut From The Land is a husband and wife team. Barry and Kirsty Cameron, from Banff. We hand make linocut prints, in rural Aberdeenshire, inspired by nature, wildlife, folklore and the Scottish countryside.

Email: cutfromtheland@gmail.com **Website:** www.cutfromtheland.co.uk
Facebook: [cutfromtheland](https://www.facebook.com/cutfromtheland) **Instagram:** [cutfromtheland](https://www.instagram.com/cutfromtheland)

06 Suntime

SunTime is an Aberdeen-based small business creating handcrafted, sustainable soy wax candles in reusable vessels. Each candle is individually made with unique designs and carefully selected fragrances, bringing beautiful scents, colour and atmosphere into everyday spaces.

Instagram: [@suntime.candles](https://www.instagram.com/suntime.candles) **Website:** suntimecandles.co.uk
Email: suntimecandles@gmail.com



07 Venera's Creations

Venera's Creations creates beautiful handmade gift bouquets, combining artificial flowers, chocolates and thoughtful details. We also specialise in handcrafted ribbon flower bouquets, lovingly designed to make every occasion extra special. Unique, long-lasting and made with care, perfect for gifting or celebrating.

Instagram: [venerascreations](https://www.instagram.com/venerascreations) **Facebook:** [venerascreations](https://www.facebook.com/venerascreations)

08 Mulderie Wood Candles

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

Website: www.mulderiewood.co.uk **Facebook:** [mulderiewood](https://www.facebook.com/mulderiewood)
Instagram: [mulderiewood](https://www.instagram.com/mulderiewood)





Exhibitors

TABLE 01



SNP Socialists/ Ukraine Solidarity Campaign Scotland

The Ukraine Solidarity Campaign Scotland (USCS) aims:

- To campaign in the interests of the Ukrainian people, in Ukraine and in Scotland.
- To increase the understanding of the situation of, and the active support for, the Ukrainian people amongst the people of Scotland.
- To support the unconditional right of the Ukrainian people to defend Ukraine's independence and territorial integrity, by any means they deem necessary.
- To raise money for bona fide Ukrainian civil society organisations, to enable them to carry out their aims.

Governed by a constitution agreed by our members USCS is affiliated to the UK's Ukraine Solidarity Campaign (USC) and the European Network for Solidarity with Ukraine (ENSU). To join or affiliate, email uscscotland@gmail.com.

Facebook: USCScotland/

Instagram: uscscotland

X: uscscotland

Website: www.ukrainesolidarity.scot/

TABLE 02



Young Scots for Independence

The YSI is the affiliated youth wing of the SNP: for members aged 15-30.

Email: ysinational@mail.scot

Website: ysinational.scot

Instagram: YSINATIONAL/

TABLE 03



DMG

We are the Disabled Members Group (DMG) of the Party. We are here to represent the disabled members of the party.

Bluesky: [@snp-dmg.bsky.social](https://bsky.social/@snp-dmg)

TABLE 04



SNP Trade Union Group

The SNP Trade Union Group (TUG) is the party's largest affiliate body. We promote independence within Scotland's trade union movement, and trade union solidarity within the SNP and beyond. TUG campaigns actively for workers' rights, pay and conditions. We work collaboratively with the STUC and individual unions, striving for sustainable and high quality public services, just taxation, the redistribution of wealth, a green industrial future, equality for all, and international solidarity. Join and support us on:

Patreon: www.patreon.com/SNPTUG

X/Twitter: @TUG_SNP

TABLE 05



Out For Independence

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

Instagram: @outforindy

BlueSky: [@outforindy.bsky.social](https://bsky.social/@outforindy)

Facebook: OutForIndy

TABLE 06

SNP

Moray SNP

The Moray SNP Whisky Stall is back again this year! A decades-long SNP tradition, our famous raffle gives you the chance to win some fantastic bottles of whisky, including some of the finest produced in Moray, home to Speyside and some of Scotland's best-known distilleries.

Whether you know your whisky or simply fancy your chances, come along and try your luck. There are bottles to be won, and you never know, you could be heading home from Conference with a wee taste of Moray in your bag!

TABLE 07

SNP

Federation of Student Nationalists

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

Instagram: @SNPStudents

Twitter: @SNP Students

TABLE 08



WASPI

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

TABLE 09

SNP

Aberdeen Donside

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

TABLE 10



Association of SNP Councillors

The ASNPC is the SNP Councillors' Association. Our membership is comprised of all SNP councillors and our Executive meets monthly. Our purpose is to represent and campaign for all SNP councillors. We also arrange events throughout the year on subjects of interest to our members, inviting the relevant Ministers, Cabinet Secretaries and others as speakers. We also hold events for members interested in putting themselves forward for the Council elections in May 2027. If interested, please come and visit us at our Conference stall. We look forward to meeting you!

Email: councillors.snp@gmail.com

TABLE 11

SNP

SNP BAME Members Network

represents members of all minority ethnic backgrounds active in the SNP on NEC, at branch, policymaking, conference and community levels. We raise issues of special concern - particularly anti racism and supporting BAME members to go forward for elected office. We aim to make Scotland an inclusive, anti-racist, welcoming independent nation. To join us contact snpbame@hotmail.com or fill this form out: <http://bit.ly/2uqGP7D>

Facebook/Instagram: snpBame

EIS FRINGE MEETING

EDUCATION MATTERS

Mark Smith, EIS President, and Andrea Bradley, EIS General Secretary, discuss the current issues in Scottish Education with Màiri McAllan, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. Followed by a Q & A session.

Date: Saturday 17th October

Time: 12.30 - 1.30pm

Room: Meeting Room 7, 1st Floor, TECA

Lunch and refreshments provided.

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The Educational
Institute of Scotland

Family Fund Fringe Meeting

Getting Early Learning and Childcare right for disabled children and their families: Taking stock ahead of Scotland's future ELC expansion

Family Fund's Policy and Public Affairs Manager Salena Begley MBE and a panel of experts, including Siobhian Brown MSP, Minister for Children, Young People and the Promise, discuss whether early learning and childcare is currently meeting the needs of disabled children and their families, what barriers remain, and how families' experiences should shape future expansion.

**Thursday 15th October,
12.30pm - 1.30pm**

Meeting Room 3, Level 1, TECA

Lunch and refreshments available



Family Fund

A' cuideachadh clann le ciorraman

Helping disabled children

www.familyfund.org.uk

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Fringe Programme



Thursday 15 October

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME



Scottish Swimming

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 1

Scottish Swimming's vision is for everyone to be able to swim

To achieve this vision and ensure young people have opportunities to learn to swim, we need affordable, available and accessible swimming pools and a school swimming programme which gives fair and equal access to swimming. To protect pools we need statutory consultation around potential pool closures and a joint task force which can explore solutions to the looming facilities crisis.

Paralympic medallist Toni Shaw will speak about her own journey through Learn to Swim. Swimming impacts on safety, health and education and we will have an open discussion around the importance of pools and school swimming in ensuring all children have access to basic swimming and water safety skills.

Speakers:

Alison Thewliss MSP, Minister for Community Care

Catering: Yes



REVIVE

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 2

Scotland - a playground for the rich or a land for all of us?

Land reform appears to be going backwards. While the Scottish National Party has made and supported further reforms, now just 408 landowners own half Scotland's private land (less than this time last year) while our wildlife is still being obliterated for sport. Enough is enough.

Scotland now needs a turning point to reverse this trend, and we finally need to tax our land back to life – for our people, wildlife and environment. Join REVIVE as we begin our campaign to unlock our land's potential.

Speakers:

Max Wiszniewski, Head of campaigns for REVIVE

Katherine Pollard, Head of policy for Scottish Land Commission

Robin McAlpine, Founder of Common Weal

Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands

Catering: Yes



Family Fund

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 3

Getting Early Learning and Childcare right for disabled children and their families: Taking stock ahead of Scotland's future ELC expansion

Family Fund's Cost of Caring 2025 research highlighted the financial and wellbeing pressures facing families raising disabled children on a low income in Scotland. Suitable childcare can help parent carers stay in paid work, reduce poverty, and support children's development, but for disabled children, including those with complex support needs it is often unavailable, unaffordable, or unsuitable. Funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) could offer vital support for these families, identified by the Scottish Government as a priority group in tackling child poverty. But is ELC meeting their needs, what barriers remain, and how should their experiences shape future expansion?

Speakers:

Siobhian Brown MSP, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise
Salena Begley MBE, Policy and Public Affairs Manager- Family Fund
Lisa Stewart, Expert by experience
Heather Gray, CEO, The Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairments (Craighalbert)
Carmen Martinez, Policy and Engagement Lead, Scottish Women's Budget Group



Scottish Police Federation

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 4

Policing in Scotland: from pledges to delivery

What has changed for Scotland's police since the SNP won this year's election? The party promised to reduce the time officers spend in courts and hospitals, and ensure they have the kit they need to face life on the front line. Come and hear first-hand from our speakers about whether pre-election promises are translating into real change.

Speakers:

Neil Gray MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice
David Kennedy, General Secretary, SPF

Chair:

Gina Davidson, Scotland Political Editor at LBC



Thursday 15 October

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME



ASNPC

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 5

So You Think You Want to Be a Councillor?

Considering becoming a Councillor, or curious about what the role really involves? Join us for an honest and informative discussion about the expectations of political parties, the public and Councils, and hear directly from serving Councillors about the challenges and rewards of the role in today's climate. We'll also explore the newly proposed reforms to local government and what they could mean for Councillors and communities. There will be an opportunity to engage directly with council and opposition leaders and councillors through a Q&A.



SNP

MEMBERS ONLY

Political Education Officer (PEO) Drop In

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 7



Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 8

Bus Reform is the first step in developing a new metropolitan transport network for the west of Scotland.

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) is the largest of Scotland's seven regional transport partnerships. We run the Glasgow Subway, a host of specialist bus services and are responsible for delivering better public transport for all.

Speakers:

Lloyd Melville MSP

SPT CEO Jamie Ross

SPT head of policy and planning Bruce Kiloh

Final Speaker TBC

Catering: Yes



Marie Curie and The Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 9

Delivering on Integration: Public Service Reform in Health and Social Care

Scotland's health and social care system stands at a critical juncture. Join two of Scotland's leading health organisations as they bring together key voices to explore how genuine public sector reform can turn the promise of integration into reality.

Join Ivan McKee, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform, Marie Curie and the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland as they experts discuss how cross-sector collaboration, sustainable investment, and community-based care can break down silos, improve patient outcomes, and secure a resilient future for Scottish health and care services.

Speakers:

Ivan McKee, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform

FoRE

Thursday 15th October
12h30 - 13h30
Conference Suite 3

Putting Energy To The FoRE

Putting Energy To The FoRE. Panel discussion marking the launch of 'FoRE' – a Forum for Research on Energy, which looks to contribute to and inform policy debate within the SNP on Scotland's future energy choices.

Chaired by former Gordon SNP MP Richard Thomson, a panel of John Underhill (Keep The North Sea Working campaign), Dick Winchester (Columnist for P&J Energy Voice) and Kirsty Blackman MP will give their perspectives on the choices that policymakers should make to deliver the energy landscape that Scotland will need in future.

Polling on Scottish public attitudes to energy will also be available.

Chair:

Richard Thomson

Speakers:

John Underhill

Dick Winchester

Kirsty Blackman MP



Thursday 15 October

THURSDAY EVENING



**More in
Common**

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Thursday 15th October

17h00 - 18h00

Meeting Room 1

Can the SNP hold its coalition together?

Join us for More in Common's flagship deep dive into Scottish public opinion as we explore the SNP's win in the recent Holyrood elections. Drawing on fresh polling and focus group data, we will examine whether the party can keep its coalition together in a climate of declining trust and Reform's rise.

Universities
Scotland



Universities Scotland

Thursday 15th October

17h00 - 18h00

Meeting Room 2

Universities as economic anchors in their place

Join us for a discussion where Universities Scotland, and a panel of experts from both industry and academia will consider the role universities have in supporting economic growth in their regions, now and for the future.

Speakers include Professor Pete Edwards, Principal of the University of Aberdeen and Dave Whitehouse, Chief Executive of OEUK, representing the energy sector and Karen Adam MSP.

Universities Scotland is the sector body representing Scotland's 19 universities.

Speakers:

Professor Pete Edwards, Principal of the University of Aberdeen

Dave Whitehouse, Chief Executive, OEUK

Karen Adam MSP



Co-operatives UK

Thursday 15th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 3

Community Wealth Building: The role of Inclusive and Democratic Business Models in fairer Scottish Economy

With the passage of the landmark Community Wealth Building Act, Scotland has a real opportunity to grow a different economy, one that puts people, communities and planet first.

This Panel will bring together Minister of Public Finance, Hannah Mary Goodlad MSP and sector leaders Co-operatives UK, the Employee Ownership Association, All Together Money and Social Enterprise Scotland to explore how Inclusive and Democratic Businesses can be mainstreamed this Parliament and deliver a fairer Scotland.

Speakers:

Hannah Mary Goodlad MSP, Minister for Public Finance of Scotland

Planet Youth

Thursday 15th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 4

Investing in Scotland's youth; Moving upstream

The toughest challenges facing young people in Scotland – substance use, declining mental health and school disengagement – start long before they're visible. Planet Youth is Scotland's upstream prevention model that tackles the root causes of these issues.

Operating across six local authorities and backed by Scottish Government investment, panellists will share local insights and stories behind real change – from reduced alcohol and drug use to rising community participation – delivering for Scotland's key prevention priorities across children's rights, health and wellbeing, youthwork, and education.

Join Siobhian Brown, third sector and community leaders, and the Planet Youth team to see evidence-led prevention in action.

Speakers:

Siobhian Brown MSP, Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise

Lorraine Gillies, Associate, Planet Youth

Dr Janet Adam, Clackmannanshire Family Wellbeing Partnership

Tim Frew, Chief Executive, Youthlink

Chair:

Richard Orr, Chief Executive, Winning Scotland



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BASC

Thursday 15th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 5

Scotland's Deer

BASC Scotland, represents the interests of deer managers, gamekeepers and those involved in sustainable countryside management. We work to promote responsible shooting, high standards of animal welfare, conservation and thriving rural communities. BASC Scotland engages constructively with the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament, public bodies and rural organisations on issues including wildlife management, deer management, muirburn, firearms licensing, food production and rural employment.

With around 68,000 people participating in shooting-related activities across Scotland, we champion the contribution of shooting to Scotland's economy, environment, culture and communities, while supporting members through advice, training and practical guidance.



Terrence Higgins Trust

Thursday 15th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 6

One Parliament Left: Ending HIV Transmission in Scotland by 2030

This Parliament could be the one to end new transmissions of HIV, making Scotland the first country in the world to achieve this historic feat. Join Minister for Community Care Alison Thewliss MSP, Terrence Higgins Trust and Waverley Care as we discuss what action is required to end new cases of HIV in Scotland by 2030 and ensure that everyone living with HIV in Scotland can live well, free of stigma.

Supported by Gilead Sciences who provided funding.

Speakers:

Alison Thewliss MSP, Minister for Community Care

Catering: Yes



Royal Society of Edinburgh

Thursday 15th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 7

Policy in practice: what it means for the nature and climate crisis

Across voter attitudes and party manifestos alike, the environment appears to have been overtaken by competing policy objectives. Yet no issue presents a greater existential threat than the nature-climate crisis. From growing the economy to achieving social justice, the environment is intrinsic to our society's future success and survival. Over the years, Scotland has introduced a wealth of promising strategies to halt and reverse environmental decline. Through the lens of the RSE's recent report, *Policy in practice: how Scotland can get it right*, this panel discussion will consider the costs of inaction and how Scotland can embody its environmental ambitions.

Speakers:

Prof Des Thompson FRSE (Chair), University of the Highlands and Islands

Prof Pat Monaghan FRSE, University of Glasgow

Prof Clare Bond FRSE, University of Aberdeen

Katie Hagmann MSP

Catering: Yes



The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI Scotland)

Thursday 15th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 8

Working Together for Better Outcomes: Public Service Reform and Life Sciences

Scotland's public services face growing pressure to improve outcomes while making the best use of people, data and public money. This fringe brings together government, NHS and life sciences leaders to explore what they can learn from each other and how partnership could make a practical difference. Panellists will discuss using evidence, working across organisational boundaries, adopting and scaling innovation, supporting the workforce and measuring what works. The conversation will be honest about successes, constraints and lessons from failure, focusing on ideas that can support sustainable public services, a stronger economy and better outcomes for people and communities across Scotland.

Chair:

John Macgill, Journalist and Publisher, healthandcare.scot

Speakers:

Ivan McKee MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform

Mark Cook, Chair, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, and Chair, Life Sciences Scotland Industry Leadership Group

Greig Rooney, Managing Director, Pharma and HealthTech, and CEO Designate, CPI

Catering: Yes



Thursday 15 October

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Scottish Election Study

Thursday 15th October

17h00 - 18h00

Meeting Room 9

Understanding the SNP Voter: Evidence from the Scottish Election Study

Join academic experts from the ESRC-funded Scottish Election Study for a data-driven 2026 election postmortem as they present findings from their large pre- and post-election panel survey, fielded by YouGov. Among other topics, they will discuss changes in voting behaviour, public issue priorities and positions, views of the parties and attitudes to the prospect of another independence referendum.

Speakers:

Dr Fraser McMillan, Edinburgh

Prof Christopher Carman, Glasgow

Prof Rob Johns, Southampton

Alyn Smith MSP, Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education joined by Laura Mitchell MSP to provide a party and government perspective on the data.



Holyrood Communications: Nationwide

Thursday 15th October

17h00 - 18h00

Conference Suite 4

Nationwide: Powering Mutual Growth in Scotland

Nationwide is the world's largest building society, with over 16 million customers, including 1.1 million customers in Scotland. Following its acquisition of Virgin Money, Nationwide is connected with one in three people in Scotland, serving one in five Scottish current accounts and one in five Scottish businesses.

Nationwide employs around 5,000 people in Scotland and operates the country's largest branch network, with all 80 Nationwide and Virgin Money branches protected until at least 2030. As a financial services provider owned by its members, not shareholders, Nationwide's purpose is: Banking - but fairer, more rewarding, and for the good of society.

Speakers:

Hannah Bernard, Director of Business Banking, Nationwide

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing

Catering: Yes



Holyrood Communications: Babcock

Thursday 15th October
17h00 - 18h00
Conference Suite 3

Global Scotland: Strengthening Our Industrial and International Future

In an increasingly uncertain world and rapidly evolving international order, Scotland is playing a growing role on the global stage. Join Holyrood and Babcock, Scotland's largest engineering employer, for a timely discussion on how Scotland's industrial base can strengthen the nation's international standing through its relationships with the EU, NATO, Ukraine and like-minded partners around the world.

As geopolitical tensions reshape security, industrial policy and global alliances, what role can Scotland's world-leading defence, maritime and advanced manufacturing sectors play in driving economic growth, enhancing resilience, accelerating innovation and reinforcing Scotland's reputation as a trusted international partner?

Speakers:

Mandy Rhodes, Editor, Holyrood Magazine

Gareth Hedicker, COO Marine, Babcock International

Speaker TBC

Dave Doogan MP

Stephen Gethins MSP, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy

Catering: Yes

Thursday 15 October

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18h00 - 19h00

Westminster Reception

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19h00 - 20h00

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Conference Suite 1C

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RGU

Friday 16th October
09h15 - 10h15
Meeting Room 1

Learning That Works: Building Scotland's Future Workforce

Scotland's economic success will depend on how effectively we connect learning with the changing needs of people and employers.

This panel will explore how closer collaboration between universities, industry and government can create more flexible routes into and through higher education, embed work and industry experience in learning, and support people to develop new skills throughout their careers.

Drawing on Robert Gordon University's ambition to become the UK's leading Work-Integrated University, the discussion will consider how a more responsive approach to learning can strengthen employability, address workforce challenges, boost productivity and support sustainable economic growth.

Chair:

Karen Adam MSP, Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Education and Gaelic Committee

Panelists:

Alyn Smith MSP, Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education

Professor Steve Olivier, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Robert Gordon University

Michelle Ferguson, Director, CBI Scotland

Jessica Okundaye, recent RGU graduate

Catering: Yes



IPPR

Friday 16th October
09h15 - 10h15
Meeting Room 2

Securing the benefits of offshore wind in Scotland (hosted by IPPR Scotland and Morven Offshore Wind)

Offshore wind in Scotland has enormous potential, both for the volume of clean power it could generate and the economic opportunities it could create. However, Scotwind projects face considerable challenges as they approach final investment decisions.

Inflationary pressures have increased construction costs, compounded by local supply chain uncertainties, the salience of energy bills in the cost-of-living crisis, ongoing contestation over the grid charging regime, and national security concerns.

This event will explore how to contain emerging risks so that the winds over Scotland's seas can fulfil their potential in tackling the climate emergency, supporting jobs and local economies in Scotland.

Speakers:

Stephen Gethins, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy



Future Economy Scotland

Friday 16th October
09h15 - 10h15
Meeting Room 3

Scotland's Renewables: Building Community Wealth

Rapidly transitioning from carbon-intensive to renewable energy is imperative, but Scotland must ensure we capture and build local and community wealth.

In place of profits overwhelmingly flowing out of communities, there is an opportunity to rewire our approach to renewable development and generation, harnessing one that actively builds, retains and redistributes community wealth while enhancing local economic democracy.

This event will bring together leading experts and policymakers to explore what needs to be done to capture the shared benefits of the renewable generation boom, whilst translating it into maximum job creation and meaningful benefits to communities.

Speakers:

Hannah-Mary Goodlad MSP, Minister for Public Finance of Scotland



Friday 16 October

FRIDAY MORNING



MEMBERS ONLY

Friday 16th October
09h15 - 10h15
Meeting Room 4

Towards the Manifesto - Local Government Elections 2027

Join us for this important fringe event, where members are invited to share ideas and help shape the Local Government Election Manifesto. Together, we will explore the priorities that matter most to communities across Scotland and discuss bold, practical and ambitious policies to strengthen our local communities and improve local services.

Your thoughts and experiences will help shape the manifesto and ensure that it reflects the needs of communities across Scotland.

This is your chance to influence party policy, contribute to our vision for a fairer, more prosperous Scotland, and help build a manifesto that puts local communities at its heart.



Child Poverty Action Group

Friday 16th October
09h15 - 10h15
Meeting Room 6

From ambition to action: What's worked, and what's missing, in Scotland's mission to end child poverty?

Scottish devolved social security plays a crucial role in tackling child poverty. Scottish ChildPayment alone is keeping around 50,000 children out of poverty. With the 2030 child poverty targets under review, join members of the End Child Poverty Coalition to consider the actions that are working and explore what should happen next to sustain progress towards ending child poverty.

Speakers:

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing

Peter Kelly, Poverty Alliance

Carmen Martinez, Scottish Women's Budget Group

Chair:

John Dickie, CPAG in Scotland

Catering: Yes



Walking Scotland

Friday 16th October
09h15 - 10h15
Meeting Room 8

The importance of Walking and Wheeling to Scotland's preventative healthcare agenda

Walking Scotland is a charity that helps make walking and wheeling a part of everyday life. We promote the benefits of walking and wheeling on our physical, social, and mental health.

Our programmes connect communities and inspire positive behaviour change. We also improve places and spaces to walk and wheel. We're an advocate for making walking and wheeling inclusive.

We work with partners and local communities to reduce barriers to ensure everyone can walk or wheel everywhere.

By focusing on walking and wheeling, we're helping to solve some of Scotland's biggest challenges, from health inequalities to the climate-nature emergency.

Speakers:

Heather Anderson MSP



Oxfam

Friday 16th October
09h15 - 10h15
Meeting Room 9

Scotland's private jet tax – it's time for take off. Hear speakers explore how we can fairly reduce pollution, raise public funds and pay for climate action, a just transition and poverty reduction

We've seen wildfires tear through the Cairngorms and rivers reach record lows. Meanwhile the cost of living is hitting communities across Scotland hard. Yet, in 2025 nearly 12,000 private jets – one of the most egregious emblems of excess – used Scottish airports.

Join us to explore how Scotland could raise nearly £400 million to pay for climate action, create high-tech jobs for workers, and fund poverty reduction.

Chaired by Oxfam, the panel will bring together Possible, Safe Landing, WEAll Scotland and the Scottish Government to discuss Scotland's private jet tax and how to get it off the ground.



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FRIDAY MORNING



Building a Local Scotland and Electoral Reform Society Scotland

Friday 16th October

09h15 - 10h15

Conference Suite 3

A New Beginning for Local Democracy in Scotland?

Strong communities need a local democracy that gives people a meaningful voice in the decisions affecting their lives.

Scottish Government reforms to health, social care and local government are imminent. It is vital that local decision-making lies at the heart of change.

If Scotland's local authorities become even larger and more remote, how can towns, villages and islands have a strong democratic voice? Building a Local Scotland proposes a Citizens' Assembly to explore how we can devolve power and resources to communities, bringing Scotland into line with the rest of Europe.

Join us to discuss a new settlement for Scottish democracy.

Speakers:

Lesley Riddoch, Director Nordic Horizons

Simon Barrow, SNP Trade Union Group

Dave Watson, Director Jimmy Reid Foundation and expert advisor to the Christie Commission (TBC)

Ivan McKee MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform

Chair:

Joyce McMillan, Journalist

Catering: Yes

Friday 16 October

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME



NASUWT

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 1

Getting it Right for Every Teacher

It is the firm view of NASUWT that if we want to Get it Right for Every Child we need to start by Getting it Right for Every Teacher. Come along to this Fringe where ideas will be explored about exactly what is needed to support teachers and, in turn, help all pupils to achieve their potential.

Speakers:

Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic

Mike Corbett, NASUWT National Official in Scotland

Marie Mcloone, NASUWT National Executive Member

Catering: Yes

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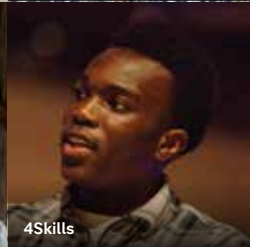
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College of Sexual and Reproductive Health

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 2

The College of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare: 'Better Women's Health. Better NHS. Better Outcomes - How Delivering Scotland's Women's Health Plan Can Strengthen Prevention, Reduce Inequalities and Build a Sustainable NHS'

The College of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (CoSRH) champions high-quality, equitable sexual and reproductive healthcare for everyone. Representing specialist doctors and the wider multidisciplinary workforce, we work with policymakers, professionals and communities to turn evidence into better care. In Scotland, our ambition is simple: every woman should be able to access the sexual and reproductive healthcare support she needs, wherever she lives and without unnecessary delay. By strengthening prevention, tackling inequalities and investing in sustainable services and workforce, Scotland can transform women's health, improve lives and ease pressure across the NHS. CoSRH is committed to helping make that happen.

Chair:

Jo Tanner, CEO, College of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare

Speakers:

Dr Zara Haider, President, College of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare – Prevention in practice: the frontline perspective

Sarah Latto, External Affairs Lead, Voluntary Health Scotland – Women's experiences, access and health inequalities

Professor Anna Glasier OBE, Women's Health Champion Scotland – Women's health as Scotland's prevention opportunity

Maree Todd MSP for Highlands and Islands (Region), Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs

Catering: Yes



Vision
Collaborative
Scotland



Sight Scotland

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 3

Vision Collaborative Scotland: Making sure everyone gets the support they need after sight loss

Too many people in Scotland still aren't receiving the support they need following sight loss. Effective vision rehabilitation can transform lives and help maintain independence.

This event is organised by Vision Collaborative Scotland, the network of charities working to support people with vision impairments in Scotland, and is an opportunity to hear directly from people who have received rehabilitation support.

We'll explore the difference that investment in specialist training, workforce development, and quality standards could make to support after sight loss across Scotland.

Speakers:

Alison Thewliss, Minister for Community Care of Scotland

Susan Shippey, Vision Collaborative Scotland, Sight Scotland & Sight Scotland Veterans

Will Massie, North East Sensory Services

Carla Marchbank, North East Sensory Services

Catering: Yes

RIA

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 4

In Conversation With Lloyd Melville

Please join RIA Scotland, part of the UK's trade association for the supply chain sector within the railway network, for our annual lively hour of conversation with Lloyd Melville and Lee Pounder, Chair of RIA Scotland.

The meeting will be hosted by former journalist Devin Scobie and cover a range of issues relevant to Scotland - and the UK's - vital rail infrastructure.

Catering: Yes



Friday 16 October

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME



SGN

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 5

No Scottish home left behind

Scotland's journey to decarbonised heat must work for every home, not just those where the solution is simplest or most affordable. Despite growing policy ambition and support schemes, the pace of household decarbonisation continues to lag behind targets. This panel will explore the barriers to mass adoption and examine how a diverse mix of technologies and energy solutions can help meet the needs of Scotland's varied housing stock, from urban flats and suburban homes to rural and island communities. The discussion will focus on delivering a fair, practical and affordable transition that reduces emissions while maintaining consumer choice and ensuring that no Scottish household is left behind.

Speakers:

Tony Green, Chief Strategy and Regulation Officer at SGN
Stephen Gethins, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy
Jeff House, Director of External Affairs and Policy at BAXI
Kate Cunningham, Public Affairs Manager at Energy Action Scotland



Shelter

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 7

Rights on Paper, Rights in Practice?

Join Shelter Scotland for a vital discussion on why our rights-based system needs to be protected at a time of rising political extremism.

With housing and homelessness rights being increasingly weaponised in political debate, hear from leading housing and anti-poverty campaigners about why these rights matter to all of us, particularly looking ahead to the 2027 local government elections.

Speakers:

Gordon Llewellyn-MacRae, Interim Director, Shelter Scotland
Peter Kelly, Chief Executive, Poverty Alliance
Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing
Kate Campbell MSP



Advice Direct Scotland

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 8

System efficiency: how the third sector supports public service reform

As governments seek to find efficiencies across public services, the third sector is often left wondering where it fits. We believe it has a fundamental role to play.

Join us for this conversation with Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform Ivan McKee to explore how advice services can serve as the bedrock of a reformed, streamlined public service model that generates savings for the public purse while improving outcomes for citizens.

The 'ask and act' homelessness prevention projects, administered by Advice Direct Scotland with organisations across the country, are an example of what can be achieved.

Speakers:

Ivan McKee MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform

Pamela Stewart, Deputy CEO, Advice Direct Scotland

Craig Tobin, Head of Business Development and Impact, Advice Direct Scotland

Chair:

Alan Roden, Co-CEO, Quantum Communications



Humane World for Animals

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 9

Cage-free pig farming: Grasping the opportunity

You know all about caged eggs, but what about caged pork?

Join Humane World for Animals UK, leading expert in pig welfare Professor Susan Jarvis and free-range pig farmer Simon Price, to learn why higher welfare pig farming must be cage free; the economic boost this could deliver for Scotland's pig farmers; and how we get there.

Please bring your questions for the panel. Refreshments provided.

Speakers:

Stuart McMillan MSP

Professor Susan Jarvis

Dr Andy Butterworth

Simon Price

Sam Magor

Catering: Yes



Friday 16 October

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME



APSE

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Conference Suite 3

Island Economies: A Just Transition.

A new report by APSE and the University of Staffordshire

Scotland is committed to achieving net zero by 2045 as part of its transition to a green economy. Its 2024 Green Industrial Strategy calls on local authorities to maximise the economic benefits of this transition, particularly through investment in green innovation and renewable energy.

New research, produced collaboratively with APSE Scotland and the University of Staffordshire, explores the complex social, economic and environmental geographies of transition for island communities.

Against the backdrop of the policy priorities of the 2026 National Islands Plan, it examines the governance capabilities needed to deliver sustainable and just outcomes, protecting environments, developing circular economies and creating inclusive societies.

Providing evidence on the challenges and opportunities of energy transition, sustainable marine and land use, sustainable tourism, and just communities, this APSE fringe event provides you with an opportunity to discuss the research findings.

Speakers:

Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands

Professor Steve Griggs, University of Staffordshire

Cllr Lynne Short, Convener of the Climate, Net Zero and Environment Committee, Dundee City Council

Catering: Yes



Holyrood Communications: NHS Challenges and Opportunities

Friday 16th October
12h30 - 13h30
Conference Suite 4

Holyrood Health Hub

Holyrood's Health Hub is returning to SNP Party Conference. Join the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, Macmillan Cancer Support, and Arthritis UK Scotland for a discussion on long term conditions and community rehabilitation.

Using insights from lived patient experience, we will explore whether the approach Scotland is taking is supporting those with long-term conditions to live healthier and more dignified lives from diagnosis, during and following treatment.

With outcomes often determined by postcode, the Health Hub will also discuss how the Scottish Government, communities, and the third sector can work collaboratively to deliver consistent high-quality care across the whole country.

Speakers:

Louise Wilson, Political Editor, Holyrood Magazine

Peter Hastie, Scotland External Affairs Manager, Macmillan

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

Lauren Bennie, Head of Scotland, Arthritis UK

Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care

Catering: Yes



Friday 16 October

FRIDAY EVENING



FORTH PORTS & AGS AIRPORT

Friday 16th October

17h00 - 18h00

Meeting Room 1

The Future is Bright for Scotland's Ports

All conference delegates are invited to join Stephen Flynn MSP and Forth Port's CEO, Stuart Wallace, and AGS Airports' CEO, Kam Jandu, for an informal hour of discussion and 'where next' in the aftermath of May's Holyrood elections. Key Minister Stephen Flynn MSP, Stuart Wallace and Kam Jandu will share some news, policy ideas and above all listen to the views of delegates attending. The meeting will be facilitated by former journalist, Devin Scobie.

Speakers:

Stephen Flynn MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport

Stuart Wallace, CEO, Forth Ports

Kam Jandu, CEO, AGS Airport

Catering: Yes



NFUS

Friday 16th October

17h00 - 18h00

Meeting Room 3

Shaping Scottish agriculture over the next Parliamentary Term

Scotland's farmers and crofters produce high-quality food, help to tackle climate change, enhance biodiversity and support rural communities.

Chaired by NFU Scotland President Andrew Connon, our fringe event will look to highlight key issues that are currently facing Scottish agricultural businesses and discuss changes to future policy and how the Scottish Parliament can support this important sector.

Speakers:

Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands

Catering: Yes



SNP Friends of Palestine, supported by PSC and MAP

Friday 16th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 4

Justice for Palestine

Join SNP Friends of Palestine, supported by Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) and Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP,) to hear from guest speakers, including former First Minister of Scotland Humza Yousaf and Lara Bird-Leakey MP.

Panellists will discuss the latest situation in Palestine, and how you can advocate to uphold Palestinians' rights to health, dignity and justice, and campaign for an end to Israel's illegal occupation, apartheid, and genocide.

Speakers:

Humza Yousaf

Lara Bird-Leakey MP



Scotland's International Development Alliance

Friday 16th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 5

Is Scotland a feminist global actor?

What does it mean for Scotland to take a feminist approach to international relations, and what would that look like in practice? Join us to explore how feminist approaches can challenge inequality, shift power and help build a safer, fairer world. Chaired by Katherine May of Oxfam Scotland, the panel will bring together speakers from Water Witness International and ActionAid, campaigner Talat Yaqoob, and International Development Minister Simita Kumar to discuss Scotland's Feminist Approach to International Relations, where progress has been made, and what more is needed to turn ambition into action.

Chair:

Katherine May, Interim Head of Oxfam Scotland and Co-Chair of SIDA Policy Committee

Speakers:

Talat Yaqoob, Co-Editor of Building a Feminist Nation: Scotland in the Era of Polycrisis

Lexi Parfitt, Director of Public and Political Engagement, Water Witness International

Joanne O'Neill, Co-Director of Advocacy and Influencing, ActionAid UK

Simita Kumar MSP, Minister for Equalities and International Development

Catering: Yes



Friday 16 October

FRIDAY EVENING



UNISON

Friday 16th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 6

Public service reform: how will making public services smaller improve them?

UNISON is Scotland's largest union, with more than 150,000 members providing public services in education, local government, the NHS, social care, police services, water, and energy. They are employed in the public, voluntary and private sectors.

Speakers:

Ivan McKee MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform



Movember

Friday 16th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 7

Why the Fk Does Scotland Need a Men's Health Action Plan?**

Scottish men are dying prematurely – overwhelmingly from preventable causes such as cancer, cardiovascular disease and drug misuse – but there is an opportunity to change this. This panel explores what steps can be taken to improve the health and wellbeing of men in Scotland and how a Men's Health Action Plan could turn the tide on premature mortality. Join Movember and partners for a frank conversation on what it means to be a man today, place-based inequality and the case for putting men's health at the heart of Scotland's preventative health agenda.

Speakers:

David Linden MSP (Chair)

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Mental Wellbeing, Public Health, Sport, Alcohol and Drugs

Jimmy Paul, Head of Scottish Violence Reduction Unit

Jamie Rutherford, Director of Men Matter Scotland

Ayesha Ahmed, Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager at Movember

Catering: Yes



Save the Children



JOSEPH
ROWNTREE
FOUNDATION

Save the Children and JRF

Friday 16th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 8

How changing the story on child poverty can help to rebuild trust with the public

The First Minister has reaffirmed that eradicating child poverty is this Scottish Government's number one priority, but achieving this will require a radical shift in both policy commitments and the language we use to talk about the issue.

This event, hosted by Save the Children and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, will explore the way politicians talk about child poverty, and how it can galvanise people – or alienate them. Speakers will include Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing, and the discussion will focus on how we change the narrative, challenge anti-welfare rhetoric and work together to drive forward progress on our shared ambition of driving down child poverty.

Speakers:

Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing



Royal Bank
of Scotland

Royal Bank of Scotland

Friday 16th October
17h00 - 18h00
Meeting Room 9

The Middle Speaks – how Scottish mid-sized businesses can deliver growth

Join the Royal Bank of Scotland, Alyn Smith MSP, Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education, and mid-market businesses as they discuss how Scotland can unlock stronger mid-market business growth.

Chaired by Prosper Chief Executive, Sara Thiam, the discussion will draw on research from the Royal Bank of Scotland's new report 'The Middle Speaks' and will bring together political, business and industry leaders to explore practical solutions to barriers around technology, skills and trade, and identify the actions needed to help more businesses scale and grow.

Chair:

Sara Thiam, Chief Executive, Prosper

Speakers:

Alyn Smith MSP, Minister for Innovation, Technology and Tertiary Education

Catering: Yes



Friday 16 October

FRIDAY EVENING



Holyrood Communications: OEUK

Friday 16th October
17h00 - 18h00
Conference Suite 3

The Future of the North Sea: Unlocking Scotland's Potential

Join Holyrood and OEUK to discuss how policymakers can support an energy transition that protects existing and creates new skilled jobs, delivers sustainable economic growth, whilst growing Scotland's industrial capacity and energy security. The North Sea is one of Scotland's greatest assets, holding the potential to power not only our homes and industries, but a new era of industrial growth and economic resilience. Whether this is realised depends on the decisions we make now. How can Scotland maximise the value of its natural resources, support communities and supply chains, attract investment and ensure the benefits are felt across the country?

Speakers:

Chris Marshall, Deputy Editor, Holyrood Magazine,

David Whitehouse, CEO, OEUK

Donna Sutherland, Head of Commercial, Veri Energy Limited

Stephen Gethins MSP, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy

Catering: Yes

Holyrood Communications: Royal Mail

Friday 16th October
17h00 - 18h00
Conference Suite 4

Drinks with Royal Mail

Our goal is to be Scotland's go to delivery provider. We are on a mission to improve reliability across Scotland. We are undertaking a massive transformation, changing how we deliver the Universal Service to 2.9 million addresses across Scotland via our network of c.245 delivery offices. We also want to see a level playing field across the delivery sector so that it is not just Royal Mail that pays employees a decent wage with pension, holiday and sickness benefits as standard. Join us for a drink to find out more.

Speakers:

David Gold, Director of External Affairs and Policy, Royal Mail

Dave Doogan MP

Catering: Yes

Friday 16 October

FRIDAY EVENING



**HM Government
of Gibraltar**

18h00 - 19h00

Gibraltar Reception

Conference Suite 1C

HM Government of Gibraltar is delighted to support the SNP Conference and to mark the long-standing friendship between Gibraltar and Scotland. The two nations share deep historical and cultural ties, and HM Government of Gibraltar welcomes the opportunity this conference provides to strengthen those bonds further.

Website: www.gibraltar.gov.gi



18h15 - 19h15

Channel 4 Reception

Invitation Only

Channel 4 exists to create change through entertainment. Publicly owned but commercially funded, our remit is to serve audiences with bold, distinctive public service content that reflects the diversity of the UK, takes creative risks and pushes boundaries – all at no cost to the taxpayer.

Social Media: @C4PublicAffairs



18h30 - 19h30

Local Government Reception

Sponsored by: LIME

Invitation Only

Lime is a UK renewable energy company helping homes and businesses make the switch to cleaner, smarter energy. Drawing on years of experience powering thousands of properties, we combine expert advice, quality installations and leading technology to make renewable energy simple and accessible.

Website: lime.online



19h00 - 20h00

Media Reception

Sponsored by: SGN

Invitation Only

SGN is a world class engineering business that designs, builds, finances, operates and maintains energy systems. We are proud to be the gas network for Scotland, distributing natural and green gases to 1.8 million homes and 58,000 industrial and commercial business customers. We operate more than 25,000km of pipeline across Scotland and directly employ around 1,700 people in the communities we serve – communities where 3 in 10 households live in fuel poverty. Over the past three years we have supported some of these communities, including 240,000 Scottish households, with energy advice, debt support and 33,000 crisis fuel vouchers to those who need them most.



Saturday 17 October

SATURDAY MORNING

Rebel Economics Institute



Climate and Environment Group

Saturday 17th October

09h15 - 10h15

Meeting Room 2

Rethinking Economics for a Flourishing Independent Scotland

How would an independent Scotland pay its way? Richard Murphy and Steve Keen (joining by video) will challenge conventional thinking about money, tax and public spending, and explain what a sovereign currency makes possible.

Jennifer Brandsberg-Engelmann, from Regenerative Economics for Secondary Schools, will argue that Scotland also needs to change how economics is taught, so that the next generation learns how the economy really works and how it can serve people and the planet. Together they will make the case that rethinking economics, in policy and in the classroom, is essential to a flourishing independent Scotland.

Hosts:

Chris Hanlon and Andy Lippok

Speakers:

Steve Keen, Rebel Economics Institute

Richard Murphy, Funding the Future

Jennifer Brandberg-Engelmann, Regenerative Economics

Catering: Yes



The Children & Young People's Cancer Association

Young Lives vs Cancer

Saturday 17th October

09h15 - 10h15

Meeting Room 3

The future of cancer care for children and young people in Scotland

Join Young Lives vs Cancer, Teenage Cancer Trust and CCLG: The Children & Young People's Cancer Association for a timely discussion on the future of cancer care for children and young people in Scotland.

Catering: Yes



Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland

Saturday 17th October

09h15 - 10h15

Meeting Room 4

Public Service Reform: Why Success Needs Social Care to Work

Join CCPS (Coalition of Care and Support Providers Scotland) and Ivan McKee MSP (Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform) as we discuss why successful public service reform also needs social care to work.

Speakers:

John Booth, CCPS Treasurer & Director, Hillcrest Futures

Rachel Cackett, CEO, CCPS

Ivan McKee MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform

Iain McKenna, CEO, Archway

Catering: Yes



SNP Trade Union Group

Saturday 17th October

09h15 - 10h15

Meeting Room 5

Building Democratic Local Economies

In conversation with Alex Kerr. Scotland now faces crucial choices regarding revenue generation, local government finance, taxation, the future of the public sector, and the direction of our economy.

Join the vital debate on building local democratic economies, addressing the wealth gap and charting a way forward for our nation with leading trade unionists and key decision-makers.

Organised by the SNP Trade Union Group in collaboration with the STUC.

Speakers:

Alex Kerr MSP

Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, STUC

Lillian Macer, Scottish Secretary, UNISON

Gordon Martin, RMT Scotland Organiser

Joyce McMillan, Building a Local Scotland



GREN

Saturday 17th October

09h15 - 10h15

Meeting Room 7

Heating and Powering Scotland's Cities: Delivering the Next Generation of Affordable, Low-carbon Energy Infrastructure

Scotland has world-leading low-carbon energy resources, but delivering affordable energy and meeting decarbonisation targets requires more than generation alone. From heat networks to integrated local energy systems, the challenge is now infrastructure delivery.

How can local government, investors, developers and anchor institutions work together to build the networks that will power economic growth, reduce emissions, lower bills and keep energy value within Scotland's communities?

Using examples such as Glasgow's Energy on Clyde, Scotland's largest heat network under construction, this discussion will explore the partnerships, investment models and policy frameworks needed to deliver low-carbon heat and power to Scotland's cities.

Speakers:

Hannah Mary Goodlad MSP, Minister for Public Finance

Richard Bell, Leader of Glasgow City Council

Sara Thiam, CEO, Prosper

Matt Baker, Chief Development Officer, Gren UK

Catering: Yes

Saturday 17 October

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME



Scottish
Environment
LINK

REWILDING
BRITAIN



MARINE
CONSERVATION
SOCIETY

Scottish Environment LINK

Saturday 17th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 1

Heat, Fire, Flood: Is Scotland ready for what comes next?

A changing climate is already reshaping Scotland's communities, coasts and food systems. But are we ready for what comes next? Scotland has existing commitments on climate adaptation and nature restoration. The challenge now is turning those commitments into action. What would a genuinely climate resilient Scotland look like and what needs to change to get us there? Hear from experts on the impacts of a changing climate and practical approaches to building resilience, from adapting our coasts and seas to creating more resilient food systems. We'll ask what the Scottish Government needs to do differently over the next 5 to 10 years to prepare Scotland for a changing climate, and whether we are moving quickly enough.

Speakers:

Dan Paris, Director of Policy and Engagement at Scottish Environment LINK
Jacques Villemot, Marine Rewilding Policy and Advocacy Lead at Rewilding Britain
Rachel Ives, Kilburns Farm and member of the Soil Association Scotland Organic Producer Board
Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs

Catering: Yes



Amnesty

Saturday 17th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 2

Scotland 2031: A Human Rights Framework to Tackle Poverty and Inequality

As Scotland continues to face persistent inequality and growing pressure on living standards, there is an opportunity to take a different approach - one that places human rights at the heart of decision-making. This fringe will explore what action the Scottish Government must take to strengthen human rights protections and ensure that transformative progress is made on tackling poverty and inequality by the end of this parliamentary session in 2031.

Speakers:

Simita Kumar MSP, Minister for Equalities and International Development

Lucy Mulvagh, Disability Equality Scotland

Liz Thomson, Amnesty International UK

Chair:

Neil Cowan, Amnesty International UK.

Catering: Yes



Saturday 17 October

SATURDAY LUNCHTIME



National
Autistic
Society
Scotland

SCOTTISH
AUTISM
Embracing difference,
leading change



National Autistic Society

Saturday 17th October

12h30 - 13h30

Meeting Room 3

Delivering on the priorities of autistic people

Autistic people are more likely to be excluded from education, face underemployment or unemployment, be socially isolated, experience physical and mental health problems and die younger than non-autistic people in the UK.

Reflecting on these inequalities, our panel will discuss how the 2026-31 Scottish Parliament can deliver meaningful change to improve the lives of autistic people and to begin to address these poor outcomes.

Speakers:

Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy of Scotland

Catering: Yes

Aberlour

Saturday 17th October

12h30 - 13h30

Meeting Room 4

Child Poverty and Public Debt: introducing a public sector debt bill for Scotland

Aberlour is the largest solely Scottish children's charity. Delivering more than fifty services, we work with children, young people and families, providing services and support in communities across Scotland.

We work to overcome the challenges they face, such as the impact of drugs and alcohol, growing up in and leaving care, poor mental health, living with a disability, experience of domestic abuse or the impact of poverty and disadvantage.

We offer compassionate support to children, young people and families and support them in their journey to heal and grow.

Speakers:

Shirley Anne Sommerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice & Housing

Martin Canavan, Head of Policy & Influencing, Aberlour Children's Charity

Emma Jackson, Assistant Director Policy & Research, Citizens Advice Scotland

Further speakers to be confirmed



First Bus

Saturday 17th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 5

Partnership in Action: Delivering Better Public Transport

Better public transport depends on strong partnerships. When operators, local government and transport partners work together and invest with a shared purpose, we can deliver better experiences for passengers and make public transport a more attractive choice.

From our partnership with Aberdeen City Council and Nestrans to our developing partnership in the Strathclyde region, First Bus is working with partners to explore what can be achieved through collaboration.

Join us for a discussion on how partnership can help deliver better public transport, improve passenger experience and support Scotland's wider transport ambitions.

Speakers:

Stephen Flynn MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport.

Barry Watson, General Manager, First Bus

Paul Finch, Director of Nestrans

Paul White, Director of CPT Scotland

Speaker from the Glasgow Bus Partnership (TBC)

Catering: Yes



SAFI

INVITATION ONLY

Saturday 17th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 6

Scots Asians for Independence Lunch Meet

SAFI lunch Connect provides an opportunity for SAFI to bring together and engage with our friends, partners and supporters from across the SNP and beyond.

Over a light lunch, guests can enjoy relaxed and open conversation, strengthen relationships, exchange ideas and discuss the issues and opportunities that matter to our communities.

It's an informal opportunity to catch up with friends, make new connections, hear different perspectives and continue building meaningful partnerships across Scotland.

Come along, have a bite to eat and connect with SAFI.



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EIS

Saturday 17th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 7

Education Matters

EIS Ex-President Adam Sutcliffe, and Andrea Bradley, EIS General Secretary, discuss the current issues in Scottish Education with Màiri McAllan, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills. Followed by a Q & A session. Lunch & Refreshments provided.

Speakers:

Adam Sutcliffe, EIS Ex-President

Andrea Bradley, EIS General Secretary

Màiri McAllan MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Catering: Yes



New Scots

Saturday 17th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 9

New Scots, Scotland's Future: Who Gets a Voice?

What does it take to go from making Scotland your home to feeling that you have a voice in its future?

This fringe is an open conversation about New Scots, belonging and political participation. What encourages people who have made Scotland their home to get involved in political and civic life? What gets in the way? And what could we be doing differently?

With the 2027 local elections approaching, we want to hear directly from New Scots and have a practical conversation about how people move from living and belonging in Scotland to having a real voice in shaping its future.

Chair and organiser:

Irina McLean, Convener of Edinburgh North Western SNP Branch

Speakers:

Cllr Christian Allard

Cllr Martha Mattos Coelho

Natasha Fakhrieva, Ukrainian refugee who came to Scotland in 2022 and has since joined the SNP

Edward Obi, Diverst Bridge, Aberdeen



MEMBERS ONLY

Saturday 17th October
12h30 - 13h30
Meeting Room 9

Finance

Your National Treasurer will be joined by SNP HQs Chief Finance Officer, SNP HQs Head of Fundraising as well as the Assistant to the National Treasurer for a special conference drop-in.

Want to chat about your role as a branch treasurer, have questions about submitting your branch accounts, want more information about how you can support the independence campaign through a bequest in your will or simply want to update your direct debit or make a donation to the party then please pop along for a friendly chat.

Internal session for SNP members only.



MEMBERS ONLY

Saturday 17th October
12h30 - 13h30
Conference Suite 4

Towards the Manifesto - Local Government Elections 2027

Join us for this important fringe event, where members are invited to share ideas and help shape the Local Government Election Manifesto. Together, we will explore the priorities that matter most to communities across Scotland and discuss bold, practical and ambitious policies to strengthen our local communities and improve local services.

Your thoughts and experiences will help shape the manifesto and ensure that it reflects the needs of communities across Scotland. This is your chance to influence party policy, contribute to our vision for a fairer, more prosperous Scotland, and help build a manifesto that puts local communities at its heart.

Internal session for SNP members only.



The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) is proud to bring life sciences to the SNP Conference.

The ABPI exists to make the UK the best place in the world to research, develop and access medicines and vaccines to improve patient care.

Scotland has many of the building blocks needed to be a global leader in the research, development and use of cutting-edge medicines and diagnostics – but only if the right policy choices are made now.

Scan the QR code to read our manifesto for how life sciences can drive health and growth in Scotland.



HOLYROOD

AT SNP CONFERENCE 2026

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Nationwide: Powering Mutual Growth in Scotland

17:00 - 18:00,
CONFERENCE SUITE 4



WITH: Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, *Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Housing*

Global Scotland: Strengthening Our Industrial and International Future

17:00 - 18:00,
CONFERENCE SUITE 3



WITH: Dave Doogan MP, *Leader of the SNP at Westminster*, and **Stephen Gethins MSP**, *Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy*

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Holyrood Health Hub

12:30 - 13:30,
CONFERENCE SUITE 4



WITH: Angela Constance MSP, *Cabinet Secretary for Health and Care*

The Future of the North Sea: Unlocking Scotland's Potential



17:00 - 18:00, CONFERENCE SUITE 3

WITH: Stephen Gethins MSP, *Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy*

Drinks with Royal Mail

17:00 - 18:00,
CONFERENCE SUITE 4



WITH: Dave Doogan MP, *Leader of the SNP at Westminster*

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Standing Orders





Standing Orders

01 Quorum

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

02 Preparation of Agenda

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

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

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

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

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

03 Undischarged Business

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

04 Order of Business

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

05 Emergency Business

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

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

06 Convener

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



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

07 Conduct of Debate

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



Standing Orders

08 Competent Amendments

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

09 Voting

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

10 Dissent

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

11 Suspension of Standing Orders etc.

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

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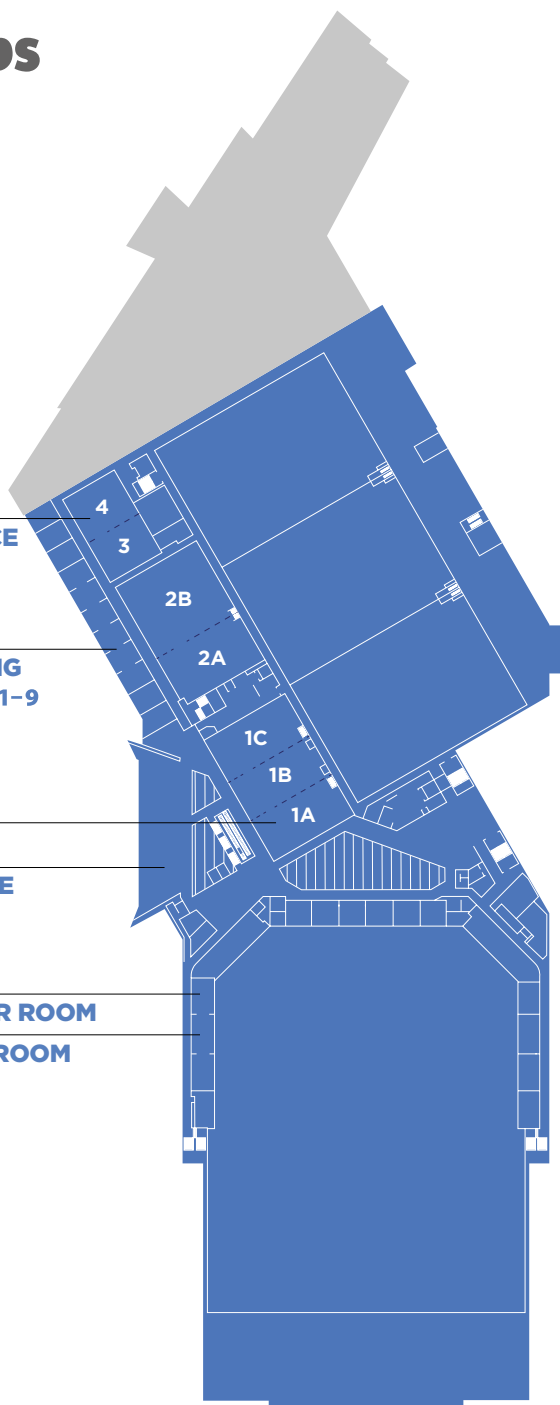
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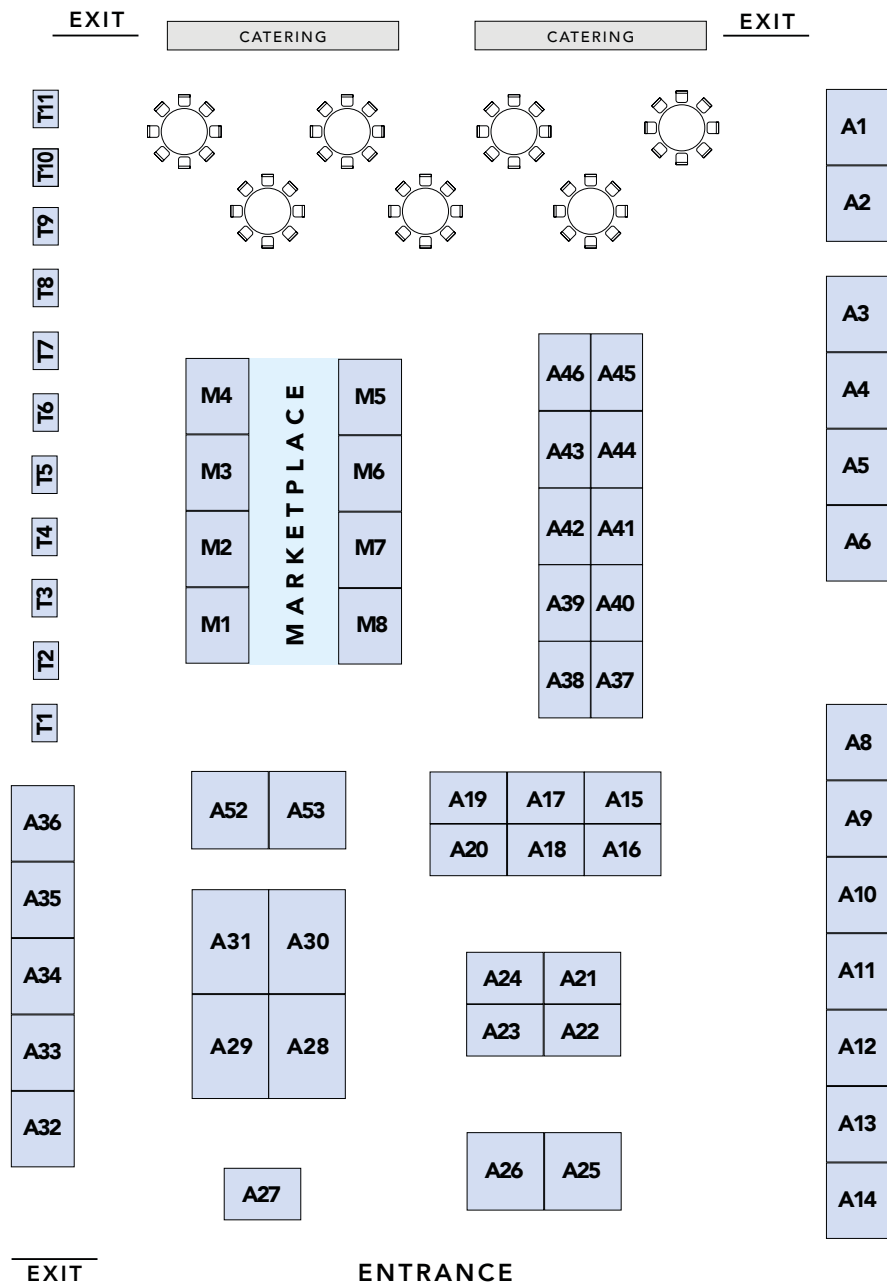
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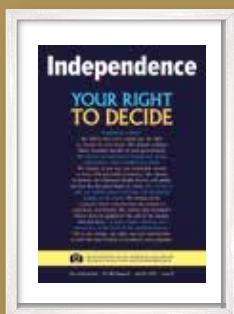
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TIMETABLE

	Doors Open	Exhibition Area	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Thursday 15 October	09h30	09h30 - 17h00	10h30 - 12h30	14h00 - 16h30
Friday 16 October	09h00	09h30 - 17h00	10h30 - 12h30 INTERNAL	14h00 - 16h30
Saturday 17 October	09h00	09h30 - 16h00	10h30 - 12h30	14h00 - 16h00

ADMISSION

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

Please Note:

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

VENUE ADMISSION POLICIES AT P&J LIVE

- No large backpacks, holdalls, or suitcases will be admitted into the venue.
- Entry will be refused if you attempt to enter the venue with a prohibited item.
- There will be no temporary storage facilities for such items within the venue.
- The venue will not be responsible for late admission or non-admission as a result of this policy.
- All bags will be searched.
- Signs larger than A3 are not permitted
- Cameras & recording equipment including iPads and Tablets: the unauthorised use of cameras, video, iPads and Tablets and any other form of recording equipment is strictly prohibited. For the avoidance of any confusion 'professional' cameras with removable and interchangeable lenses are always prohibited. The camera policy for a specific session is typically only confirmed on the day. We would advise that if you choose to bring a small digital camera to the Arena you must be prepared not to use it if requested not to do so.

FRINGE EVENTS

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

The timetable for Fringe Events is as follows:

	Breakfast	Lunchtime	Evening
Thursday 15 October		12h30 - 13h30	17h00 - 18h00
Friday 16 October	09h15 - 10h15	12h30 - 13h30	17h00 - 18h00
Saturday 17 October	09h15 - 10h15	12h30 - 13h30	

SECURITY & SECURITY PASSES

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

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

FIRE SAFETY PROCEDURE

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

HEADQUARTERS DESK

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

WIFI

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



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ACCESSIBILITY AND FACILITIES

Queuing

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

Accessible Entrance

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

Accessible Parking

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

Changing Places Facility

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

Special Medical Needs

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

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

Accessibility

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

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

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

DELEGATES/SPEAKERS

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

TOPICAL AND EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS

Topical and Emergency Resolutions will be displayed on the large screens in Hall C and at https://my.snp.org/#/0/events/92nd_Annual_National_Conference_2026. If, however, you require additional assistance in this regard, please contact a member of the team at the SNP Headquarters desk ahead of the session.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Travel to P&J Live

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

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

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

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

Bus: As well as the Shuttle Bus detailed on page 138, regular services operated by Stagecoach stop throughout the day at P&J Live. Details are available via the Stagecoach website at <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>

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

SNP CONFERENCE SHUTTLE BUS TIMETABLE

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

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

P&J Live to City Centre - Coach 1	08.20
P&J Live to City Centre - Coach 2	08.25
P&J Live to City Centre - Coach 3	08.30

AIRPORT HOTELS				
	Pick up 1	Pick up 2	Pick up 3	Pick up 4
Hampton by Hilton	08.30	09.00	09.30	10.00
Leonardo X2	08.35	09.05	09.35	10.05
Premier Inn, Moxy & Courtyard by Marriot	08.40	09.10	09.40	10.10
Holiday Inn & Crowne Plaza	08.45	09.15	09.45	10.15
P&J Live	08.55	09.25	09.50	10.25

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

CASH FACILITIES

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

USEFUL NUMBERS

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

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

NEARBY RESTAURANTS

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

GUIDE FOR FIRST TIMERS

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

Arriving at Conference

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

Overview

There are three main elements to Conference:

- The plenary sessions located in Hall C are where delegates debate and vote on policy resolutions and listen to keynote speeches from party leaders. Although only delegates can



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contribute and vote in these debates, member visitors are also welcome and encouraged to observe these sessions.

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

Resolutions

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

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

Speaking at Conference

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

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

1. Collect a "Speaker Card" from one of the stewards as early as possible. You can easily identify a steward as they will be pacing up and down the aisles in Hall C.
2. Fill out the card with your details and the details of the resolution you wish to speak on. Remember to tick the box for "First Time Speaker"!
3. Ensure that you have outlined whether you are speaking for or against the resolution and whether you are forwarding or seconding.

4. Return the speaker card to the steward ensuring that you show them your delegate pass. Your card will then go to the Chair of the session - usually the Business Convener.
5. It is advisable that you make your way to the side of the stage at the beginning of your chosen resolution debate so you are ready to ascend the stage if called by the Chair.
6. The Chair of the session will call out those who have indicated they wish to speak in the debate. Please be aware that speakers do not always get called as this is often dependent on the number of people who have submitted cards and the time left in the session.

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

Voting at Conference

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

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

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

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

Social Events

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

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

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