

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar

Next steps for STEM education and training in Scotland:

widening participation, improving delivery and meeting the needs of business

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 26th June 2018

Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Iain Gray MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education, Skills and Science, Scottish Labour
- 9.05 - 9.15 **Key priorities for Scotland's STEM strategy**
Senior representative, policy
- 9.15 - 9.55 **'Making Scotland a STEM nation': key perspectives on the STEM strategy**

Professor Lesley Yellowlees, Convener, Learned Societies' Group on Scottish STEM Education

Polly Purvis, Chief Executive, ScotlandIS

Questions and comments from the floor with senior representative, policy
- 9.55 - 10.35 **Widening participation in STEM education and careers: changing perceptions and improving diversity**
Zoe Thomson, Depute Headteacher, Woodmill High School, Fife
Talat Yaqoob, Director, Equate Scotland
Dr Matson Lawrence, Senior Policy and Analysis Officer, Scottish Funding Council
Peter Finegold, Head of Education Policy, Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Iain Gray MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education, Skills and Science, Scottish Labour
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Clare Adamson MSP, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology
- 11.15 - 12.00 **Policy priorities for improving delivery of STEM education and training: new pathways into teaching and supporting the existing workforce**
Tom Renwick, Director, Maths on Track
Martin McGuire, Principal, New College Lanarkshire
Alastair MacGregor, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Schools Education Research Centre
Senior representative, teacher training
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.50 **Moving forward with the STEM strategy: best practice and innovative approaches**

Melinda Matthews Clarkson, Chief Executive Officer, CodeClan

Paul Allford, Standards and Qualification Policy Manager, CITB Scotland

Ken Edwards, Education Programme Lead, Skills Development Scotland

Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 - 12.55 **Closing remarks**
Senior representative, policy
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Clare Adamson MSP, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences