

**Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar:  
The future for apprenticeships in Scotland**  
*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018*  
*Venue: Central Edinburgh*



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Fulton MacGregor MSP**, Member, Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Government priorities for apprenticeships policy in Scotland: reducing unemployment and meeting emerging skills gaps**  
**Jamie Hepburn MSP**, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, The Scottish Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.15 **Implementing the Apprenticeship Levy in Scotland - funding, restrictions and issues for SMEs**  
**Professor Chris Warhurst**, Director, Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick  
Senior representative, SMEs  
Senior representative, college  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.20 - 10.45 Coffee
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Jackie Baillie MSP**, Member, Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee
- 10.50 - 11.35 **Priorities for Foundation Apprenticeships: effectiveness, funding certainty post-2020 and learning from best practice**  
**Tracy Black**, Director, CBI Scotland  
Senior representative, school  
Senior representative, third sector  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Next steps for meeting the Government's Graduate and Modern Apprenticeships targets: retention, regional planning and tackling the post-Brexit skills gap**  
**Ian Hughes**, Strategic Partnership Director, CITB Scotland  
Senior representative, policy  
Senior representative, college  
Senior representative, airline  
Senior representative, university  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The future for apprenticeships in Scotland: developing and growing a world-class work-based learning system**  
Senior speaker confirmed from **Skills Development Scotland**  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
**Jackie Baillie MSP**, Member, Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences