

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar:

The future for apprenticeships in Scotland

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 12th 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, Energy 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**
Lorna Trainer, Director, I&g learning
Dr Ken Thomson, Principal, Forth Valley College
Stephen McNab, Documentation, Conformance, MRB and Apprentice Leader, GE Aviation Caledonian
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Fulton MacGregor MSP, Member, Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee
- 10.20 - 10.45 Coffee
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Convenor, Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee
- 10.50 - 11.35 **Priorities for Foundation Apprenticeships: effectiveness, funding certainty post-2020 and learning from best practice**
Gregor Scotland, Principal Policy Adviser, CBI Scotland
Sandy Campbell, Founder & Director, Working Rite
Senior representative, school
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**
David Brown, Head of Government and Public Sector, PwC
Ian Hughes, Strategic Partnership Director, CITB Scotland
Julie Strachan, Head of Learning and Teaching Development, Robert Gordon University
Dr John McGurk, Head of Regional Policy and Insights, CIPD
John Rafferty, Assistant Principal, Glasgow Clyde College
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**
Diane Greenlees, Director of Critical Skills and Occupations, Skills Development Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Convenor, Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences