

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar

The future for social security in Scotland: implementing reform, tackling poverty and promoting early intervention in child poverty

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 29th November 2018

Venue: Central Edinburgh



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Tom Arthur MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Basic Income
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Implementing the Social Security Act: the Government vision**
Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Creating the Social Security Agency**
Miriam Craven, Head of Local Delivery, Social Security Agency Implementation Team
- 9.45 - 10.35 **Priorities for Scotland's social security system: ensuring access, value for money and next steps in delivery**
Professor Stephen Sinclair, Professor in Social Policy and Co-Director, Scottish Poverty & Inequality Research Unit, Glasgow Caledonian University
Bill Scott, Director of Policy, Inclusion Scotland
Rob Gowans, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland
Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor with **Miriam Craven**, Head of Local Delivery, Social Security Agency Implementation Team
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Tom Arthur MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Basic Income
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Pauline McNeill MSP, Deputy Convener, Social Security Committee
- 11.15 - 11.25 **Measuring and tackling poverty in Scotland: a context**
Emma Congreve, Senior Analyst, Scotland, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 11.25 - 12.10 **Moving beyond the social security system in tackling poverty - employability, housing and next steps in meeting government targets**
Sally Thomas, Chief Executive, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
Senior representative, employability
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor with **Emma Congreve**, Senior Analyst, Scotland, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Priorities for tackling child poverty in Scotland: promoting early intervention, raising attainment and supporting families**
Dr John Montgomery, Chair, Govan SHIP Project
John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group, Scotland
Senior speaker to be confirmed
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Pauline McNeill MSP, Deputy Convener, Social Security Committee
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences