

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar
Next steps for social security reform in Scotland and policy to tackle poverty

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 29th November 2018

Venue: Dovecot Studios, 10 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh EH1 1LT



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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 and Client Experience, Social Security Scotland
- 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 and Client Experience, Social Security Scotland
- 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 **Poverty in Scotland: scale and policy options**
Emma Congreve, Senior Analyst, Scotland, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 11.25 - 12.10 **Latest thinking on tackling poverty in Scotland: employability, housing and next steps for policy**
Sally Thomas, Chief Executive, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
Satwat Rehman, Director, One Parent Families Scotland
Rona Hunter, Chief Executive Officer, Capital City Partnership
Questions and comments from the floor with **Emma Congreve**, Senior Analyst, Scotland, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 12.10 - 12.55 **Priorities for child poverty: early intervention, raising attainment and supporting families**
Dr John Montgomery, Chair, Govan SHIP Project
John Dickie, Director, Child Poverty Action Group, Scotland
Dr Morag Treanor, Senior Lecturer, Sociology, University of Stirling
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