

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar
Curriculum for Excellence -
implementation and performance, raising attainment, options for reform,
and priorities for the OECD review**

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 6th October 2020

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Shona Robison MSP, former Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport
- 9.05 **Progress of the independent review of Curriculum for Excellence**
Andreas Schleicher, Lead, Independent review of Curriculum for Excellence and Director, Directorate of Education and Skills, OECD (pre-recorded contribution)
- 9.20 **The implementation and current performance of Curriculum for Excellence in Scotland's schools - key findings from the Education Committee**
Clare Adamson MSP, Convener, Education and Skills Committee, Scottish Parliament
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.50 Break
- 9.55 **Raising attainment at secondary level - improving the transition towards the Senior Phase, tackling regional gaps in attainment, and achieving parity of esteem for vocational qualifications**
Denise Crawford, Headteacher, Inverclyde Academy, Greenock
Professor Louise Hayward, Professor of Educational Assessment and Innovation, University of Glasgow
Simon Hewitt, Principal, Dundee and Angus College
Douglas Hutchison, Director of Education, South Ayrshire Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, 2014 – 2018
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Iain Gray MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
- 11.00 **An international case study in curriculum design and reform**
Orlaith O'Connor, Assistant Chief Inspector, Department Of Education and Skills, Republic of Ireland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Priorities for reforming the Scottish curriculum - improving curriculum design, widening the breadth of learning, and raising the consistency of delivery**
Andrea Macfarlane, Acting Head Teacher, Moffat Academy & Beattock Primary Cluster, Dumfries and Galloway
Professor Richard Andrews, Head, Moray House School of Education and Sport, University of Edinburgh
Fiona Robertson, Executive Director, Children, Young People and Partnerships, Midlothian Council
Mike Corbett, National Executive Member - Scotland, NASUWT
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 Break
- 12.20 **Priorities for Scotland's exam system**
Barry Black, PhD Student Researcher, Urban Big Data Centre
Rod Grant, Headmaster, Clifton Hall School, Edinburgh
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Iain Gray MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences