

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

Next steps for the school curriculum in Scotland following the OECD Independent Review

Timing: Morning, Monday 4th October 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Oliver Mundell MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
- 9.05 **Findings from the Independent Review of Curriculum for Excellence and the steps that should be taken to implement the recommendations**
Beatriz Pont, Senior Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Harnessing the CfE to support improvements in key areas of the Scottish education system - supporting effective catch-up on learning, closing the attainment gap, and driving wider post-pandemic recovery**
Luke Sibieta, Research Fellow, Education Policy Institute
James McEnaney, Freelance Journalist, Author and Lecturer
Simon Hewitt, Principal and Chief Executive Officer, Dundee and Angus College
Matthew Pearce, Headteacher, The Glasgow Academy
Dr Dinah Aitken, Head of Outreach, The Salvesen Mindroom Centre
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 Break
- 10.15 **Improving approaches to the teaching of the curriculum - scope for local flexibility, addressing educational inequality, collaboration, and expanding the depth and breadth of learning**
Rod Grant, Headteacher, Clifton Hall School, Edinburgh
Professor Louise Hayward, Professor of Educational Assessment and Innovation, University of Glasgow
Sue Palmer, Chair, Upstart Scotland
Richard Bell, National Executive Member, NASUWT
Douglas Hutchison, Depute Chief Executive and Director – People, South Ayrshire Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Oliver Mundell MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Michael Marra MSP, Labour Party Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
- 11.25 **The latest in forward-thinking curriculum design - teaching carbon literacy, digital skills and gaming, and diversifying the curriculum**
Khadija Mohammed, Senior Lecturer, School of Education, University of the West of Scotland
Shelley Buckley, Programme Manager, Children, Families and Young People, Mental Health Foundation
Eileen Prior, Executive Director, Connect
Senior representative, school
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **Learning from overseas practice around curriculum design and application**
Anneli Rautiainen, Senior Counsellor of Education, Finnish National Agency for Education (FINEDU)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps forward for the CfE - addressing its current performance and identifying the roadmap ahead**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Michael Marra MSP, Labour Party Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences