

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for qualifications and assessment reform in Scotland**

Timing: Morning, Monday, 4th December 2023

*****Taking place online*****



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Martin Whitfield MSP, Deputy Party Spokesperson on Children and Young People, Scottish Labour
- 9.05 **Developing an effective qualification system for the future - key findings from the Independent Review**
Professor Louise Hayward, Emeritus Professor of Educational Assessment and Innovation, University of Glasgow; and Lead, Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Taking forward the Independent Review's proposals - challenges and opportunities for an SDA, priorities for learners and teachers, meeting the needs of colleges, universities and employers, and equipping learners with digital skills**
Sandy Begbie, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Financial Enterprise
Andy Witty, Director of Strategic Policy and Corporate Governance, Colleges Scotland
Professor Sally Smith, Head of Graduate Apprenticeships and Skills Development, Edinburgh Napier University
Andrea Bradley, General Secretary, Educational Institute of Scotland
Caroline McFarlane, Headteacher, Banff Academy, Aberdeenshire
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 Break
- 11.00 **Priorities for the future of Scotland's qualifications and assessment system - considering the impact of changes in the qualifications landscape and lessons from previous exam seasons**
Fiona Robertson, Chief Executive, Scottish Qualifications Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 Break
- 11.30 **Considering wider proposals for qualifications and assessment reform**
Carole Ford, Member, Commission on School Reform
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Options for reforming and broadening assessment methods - utilising technology, increasing accessibility, remote and digital assessment and invigilation, responding to the rise of artificial intelligence, and preventing malpractice**
Angharad Lloyd Beynon, Policy, Stakeholder and Partnerships Manager (Nations and Ireland), City and Guilds
Cheryl Burnett, Vice Chair, National Parent Forum of Scotland
Dr Jen Ross, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Research in Digital Education, University of Edinburgh
Michael Webb, Director of Technology and Analytics, Jisc
Allan Crosbie, Vice President, Educational Institute of Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Martin Whitfield MSP, Deputy Party Spokesperson on Children and Young People, Scottish Labour
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Scotland Policy Conferences