

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for qualifications and assessment reform in Scotland**
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 2nd April 2025
*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Meghan Gallacher MSP
- 9.05 **Developing an effective qualification system moving forward**
Professor Louise Hayward, Emeritus Professor, Educational Assessment and Innovation, University of Glasgow; and Lead, *Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment*
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 **Assessing proposals in the Education (Scotland) Bill and implementation of the Independent Review**
examining latest legislative developments and key issues being discussed | progress and next steps for Review recommendations | priorities for improving educational outcomes | the proposed Scottish Diploma of Achievement | assessment for Highers and Advanced Highers | priorities for learners and teachers | meeting the needs of colleges, universities and employers | facilitating learner progression | equipping learners with skills for the future
Dr Nicola Kiernan, Head, Chemistry, High School of Dundee
Jocelyne Fleming, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Chartered Institute of Building
Shona Barrie, Director, Admissions and Access, University of Stirling
Anne Campbell, Vice Principal, Skills and Enterprise, Ayrshire College
Graham Hutton, General Secretary, School Leaders Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Meghan Gallacher MSP
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Scotland Policy Conferences
- 11.00 **Implementation of reform and broadening assessment methods**
supporting teacher understanding of new curriculums and assessment methods | continuous assessment methods | Personal Pathways, Programmes of Learning and Project Learning | teacher workload and autonomy | remote and digital assessment and invigilation | role of the Centre of Teaching Excellence | ensuring teacher and learner perspectives are considered
Paul Nisbet, Senior Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh
Drew Burrett, Teacher, Physics, Stewarton Academy; and Member, NASUWT
Sophie Kerrigan MSYP, Member, Scottish Youth Parliament for Stirling
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **The future for use of technology in assessment**
latest developments and best practice | opportunities for efficiency and easing workload | improving accessibility for learners from disadvantaged backgrounds or with additional needs | remote and digital assessment and invigilation | addressing challenges such as bias and impact on the teacher-pupil relationship | workforce upskilling and training | addressing digital inequalities
Ben Mason, Founder and CEO, globalbridge
Professor Judy Robertson, Chair, Digital Learning, University of Edinburgh
Theodore Pengelley, Digital Manager, SQA; and Chair, SQA's AI and Emergent Technology Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
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